## TASO SOFTBALL UNIFORM POLICY

## 2017-18

Our uniform is our first opportunity to make a good impression and gain the respect of the coaches, players, and fans. Uniforms should be clean and pressed at all times. All officials on the field shall be dressed in the same uniform configuration and color.

<u>Shirt</u>: Powder blue, No logo. **Optional** – a USA flag on the left sleeve, centered on the seam and 2 inches down. If an undershirt is worn, it shall be all white with no visible design and short sleeved. If a long-sleeve undershirt is worn, it shall not be exposed.

**Optional:** Navy blue, No logo. **Optional** – a USA flag on the left sleeve, centered on the seam and 2 inches down. If an undershirt is worn, it shall be **navy blue or black** with no visible design and short sleeved. If a long-sleeve undershirt is worn, it shall not be exposed.

<u>Trousers</u>: Heather gray (non-pleated with western cut pockets.) Plate style trousers are recommended when working behind the plate. **Optional**: Navy blue (non-pleated with western cut pockets.)

<u>Cap</u>: The navy blue cap with NEW white TASO logo is mandatory. Note: The cap will never be worn backwards

<u>Jacket</u>: 2017 – The navy blue jacket pullover with two powder blue stripes over each shoulder will be mandatory.

## Equipment

<u>Mask</u>: Required. Throat protector is recommended. A one-piece hockey-style helmet/mask combination may be worn. If so, the wearing of the cap is required to the game and up to the first pitch and after the end of the game.

**Chest Protector**: Inside-style. This is strongly recommended.

Leg (shin) guards: Trousers should fit comfortably over them. This too is strongly recommended.

**Shoes**: All black with black laces. The plate umpire shoes should offer the maximum in protection with a hard shell or steel reinforced toe and steel or reinforced tongue.

**<u>Belt</u>**: Black leather, 1 ½" with an appropriate silver buckle.

**<u>Ball bag(s):</u>** Navy blue, Mandatory and only for the plate umpire.

Socks: All black or navy blue.

Sunglasses: If necessary, plain.

Indicator: Both umpires should use a ball/strike indicator and plate brush

**Cup (protective):** Male umpires shall wear a protective cup.

**Jewelry**: None except for medical alert bracelets and necklaces.