

EQUIPMENT AND MERCHANDISE

REQUIRED KIT AND EQUIPMENT

For your first few weeks with the Saints, we will not be running kitted sessions and only appropriate exercise clothing is required.

The club can provide a limited amount of equipment for players but it is strongly encouraged that should you wish to commit to the sport, that you begin to acquire your own equipment.

There are many different styles and fits available so it is important that the equipment you use is suitable to you. Staff and veteran players will be happy to advise you on kit and allow you to try on different items so you can get an idea of sizing.

There are also various places in the UK you can acquire American Football equipment, with 'starter packs' being a popular entry level choice.

MANDATORY SAFETY EQUIPMENT

When the team moves into kitted practice the essential kit required is below:

- Helmet
- Mouth guard
- Shoulder pads
- Knee/Thigh pads
- Hip/Cox pads
- Practice pants
- Practice jersey
- Belt
- Socks
- Studded boots



UNIFORM POLICY

It is important for all players to observe and respect our uniform policy.

To ensure we maintain a professional appearance, there are certain requirements we encourage you to consider when buying any equipment.

HELMET

Helmets must be white with a white facemask. When ordering a helmet from a UK retailer, you will be asked to choose which colour helmet and facemask.

Ensure you choose WHITE, otherwise you'll need to arrange for it to be re-sprayed/re-painted.

The club will provide the team logo and fit them to the helmet for you.



PRACTICE JERSEY/PANTS

The club will provide you with our game jersey and game pants on game days, but you will require a practice jersey and practice pants for training sessions.

These are widely available in a variety of colours but you should seek the following:

Practice jersey = WHITE, NAVY or BLACK.

If you are expecting to play a position primarily on **Offense**, choose a WHITE jersey. Otherwise, NAVY or BLACK for **Defense**.

You can acquire plain practice jerseys and pants from various retailers but you can also get an official Saints practice jersey from our team store here if you prefer

<http://www.mycustomteamwear.co.uk/oxford-saints/1208-oxford-saints-printed-practice-jersey.html>



BASELAYERS/OTHER CLOTHING

You'll need something to wear under your shoulder pads and most players choose to wear a vest or baselayer.

Many options are available from well known brands such as Under Armour and Nike, along with a variety of others. Sports Direct or Decathlon will have them too.

Any visible compression tops/baselayers/leggings should be either **WHITE** or **NAVY**.

You can acquire official Oxford Saints compression vests/baselayers through [Football America](#).



SOCKS AND BOOTS

Socks on game day should be plain **white**. Branded socks are permitted and they can be long length or normal.

There are no current rules around boot colours but if you have no preference, consider using our team colours where possible and the best choices would be **WHITE**, **NAVY** or **BLACK**

Some players will prefer standard soccer boots but there is also wide range of American Football boots available in the UK at [Football America](#).

The choice between high, mid and low fit boots is often personal preference and some may be better for certain positions than others.



GLOVES

There no current colour rules around gloves (which are optional themselves)

If you are unsure it is always encouraged that you go with team colours where possible and the best choices would be **WHITE**, **NAVY** or **BLACK**.

There is a wide range of American Football gloves available in the UK at [Football America](#). Some gloves are position specific (such as gloves intended for lineman and gloves for receivers, but many are multi-purpose).



WHERE TO BUY AMERICAN FOOTBALL KIT IN THE UK

Our preferred retailer is Football America UK – <http://www.footballamerica.co.uk/en/>

They have been established for many years and provide the largest range of American Football equipment in the UK, along with providing our custom team merchandise.

Football America UK also have a showroom in Leicester where you can visit and shop for gear in person.

Their trained staff will be happy to help you find all the equipment you require and ensure it is a suitable fit.

Veteran players may have equipment available to sell. There is also a popular facebook group for buying/selling kit in the UK - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1400778326851997/>



WHERE TO BUY SAINTS MERCH

- We have two suppliers who manufacture and deliver Oxford Saints apparel.
- We have a range of casual clothing suitable for exercise and game day.
- You can choose from a range of shorts, hats, gloves, hoodies, t-shirts, jackets and other accessories.
- There are also t-shirts in women's and kids sizes.
- Our main store is with Football America – <http://www.mycustomteamwear.co.uk/350-oxford-saints>
- We also use Kitlocker who provide a premium Nike collection - <https://www.kitlocker.com/yourclub/club/other-sports/oxford-saints-american-football>

WHEN YOU PLACE AN ORDER IT IS FULFILLED COMPLETELY BY EITHER FOOTBALL AMERICA OR KITLOCKER. PRODUCTION AND DELIVERY OF YOUR ITEMS CAN TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS.

