

The Uniform

On the next page you will find a historically recreated representation of a uniform that would have been worn by a member of a ___ (year you are representing) _____ a club's "Playing Nine". This model consists of the following elements:

Pants: Grey, heavy cotton straight-leg pants that would have a button fly and belt loops, however, wearing a belt will be the option of the ballist. There can be either piping or a two inch wide length of material, coordinating with the shirt color, which runs along the outside seam of the pant legs. This reflects the embellishment seen on uniforms from the Civil War.

Jersey top: Beige heavy cotton in a pullover style with "V" neck and collar. The jersey would have had piping at shoulder seams-note how the shoulder seams hang just below the top of the shoulder. There are no cuffs, the wrist holes are a straight cut design.

Accessories and colors were chosen that reflect the ancestry and lifestyle of the inhabitants of the area. A dark green sash is worn around the waist, tied in a double knot at the left side of the body and the tails hang freely to about knee length. The sash is worn with the knot to the left side to mimic the look of those worn on uniforms during the Civil War. Around the neck is worn a standard gentleman's straight neck tie. It is a thin, long strip of black material, tied in a simple bow over the "V" neck of the jersey and the tails hang down. The hat is the style of base ball cap invented in 1864 and was popular for use with clubs in New York and on the East Coast of the United States (where many Irish immigrants would have lived before moving here to the Nankin area. It is called a Peck n Snyder #1. It would be grey with optional piping and a dark green narrow bill. On the left breast of the jersey is a dark green shield with an appliquéd or embroidered "N" to signify the club for with the ballists play. The cleats in this model show the black modern version that we wear today. Any modern markings are blacked out with indelible ink or black paint. Historical reproduction cleats are available to the players but are not necessary in keeping with the historical accuracy of the representation.