

Universities Pool Council

UPC DRESS CODE

Stated below is the dress code for all Universities Pool Council events. This is also stated in the competition regulations before each event.

Full dress code

Unless an exemption is provided by the tournament officials say for medical reasons (see reasonable adjustment), all players must be dressed according to the following specification:

Top: A formal collared shirt or collared polo shirt or blouse; waistcoats are permitted if worn over a formal collared shirt

The top may include sponsor's logos, institutional crest, and/or the name of the player. A nickname and/or number may be written on the top too, provided that it is not deemed to be offensive. No t-shirts, sports jerseys, or shirts with grandfather collars will be allowed. Tops for players in a team are not required to match, where all players simply need to be in dress code.

Bottom: Black tailored trousers or black knee-length skirt

These trousers or skirts must be black in colour, dark blue or grey will not be allowed. Trousers must not be jeans, tracksuits, jogging bottoms, or combat styles. The tailored trousers must not have studs, cords, or pinstripes.

Shoes: Black formal shoes

These shoes must be black in colour. Shoes where the predominant colour is not black will not be allowed. Trainers, running shoes, or smart-casual shoes will not be allowed.

Miscellaneous: Any form of hat or cap is not allowed apart from for religious reasons. No electronic noise cancelling equipment such as headphones will be permitted to be worn.

Specific to the Student Home Internationals event: Players should confirm to the dress code as detailed above, included when playing in trials. However, each player will be provided with a team top to wear when they participating at the event which must be worn when playing.

Reasonable Adjustment

The UPC values players from all backgrounds and aims to create and maintain an inclusive playing environment where everyone is encouraged to reach his or her full potential. The UPC commits to the concept of reasonable adjustments. Where any player with a pre-existing condition feels that this may apply to them at a forthcoming UPC event, the UPC should be notified at the earliest opportunity before the event begins and if applicable appropriate medical evidence supplied in order for any adjustment to be made. Any situation arising during a UPC event should be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director immediately, again with any available medical evidence if applicable. Players are wholly responsible for informing the UPC where a reasonable adjustment is required. Adjustments cannot be made in retrospect and the UPC cannot be expected to make an adjustment of which it has not been informed. Adjustments will be made until the end of the current playing season unless the player informs the UPC otherwise. A new application for reasonable adjustment must be made separately for each subsequent season and will be considered on its merits. The UPC will handle each case in the strictest confidence.

Application of the dress code

The dress code applies to both players involved in any frame. Players failing to comply with the dress code will forfeit their current frame and one successive frame for each five minutes that they do not conform to the dress code. Should both players in an individual match fail to conform to the dress code two frames will be removed from the match distance for every five minutes both players fail to conform to the dress code. Should there be only one possible frame remaining so that the match is tied in the final frame, then it will be played but the winning player's opponent in the next match will start one frame to the good. If two players fail to conform to the dress code in a team match then that frame will be declared void and removed from the matchsheet. In the Nine-ball Team Competition, matches will be treated as individual matches under this regulation.

The dress code also applies to any players collecting mementoes at the presentation ceremony. Players not conforming to the dress code will not be allowed to take part in the presentation ceremony and will not be entitled therefore to collect any mementoes or prize money. Should part of a team be missing from a presentation ceremony any team prize fund will be reduced pro rata for each player not present up to the minimum number of players that can form a team.

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If any individual or team captain is in doubt as to the interpretation of any of these stipulations, they are advised to contact the Tournament Director prior to the event or at the earliest opportunity. The decision of the Tournament Director shall be final as regards to whether a player conforms to the dress code.