

Western BCA Dress Code

You are part of the largest regional pool tournaments in the United States. Our events are literally seen world-wide and it is more important than ever that we put our best face forward so that we will be taken seriously in the Billiards World. Your cooperation in wearing the appropriate neat and clean apparel at all times during the event, whether practicing, warming up, playing in mini tournaments or just enjoying yourself, is appreciated.

The Dress code is in effect each day of the tournament beginning when the referees arrive on the tournament floor in the morning and remains in effect until all matches have been played for the day. EXCEPTION: Fun Night.

Clean and neat apparel is required at all times. Torn or dirty clothing will not be allowed. Clothing must cover torso - back and front - at all times. No bare midriffs, excessive cleavage or exposed underwear, please.

Shirts and sweaters (men): must have sleeves and be of sufficient length to completely cover the torso when shooting.

- Collared casual dress shirts (button front), polo shirts and T-shirts may be worn. T-shirts cannot be stretched around the neck, transparent (excessively worn) or have inappropriate or objectionable graphics.
- Button front shirts may be worn unbuttoned if they are worn over a neat and tasteful garment. If the garment beneath is inappropriate in any way, you will be required to button your outer shirt.

Shirts, blouses, tops, sweaters (women): must have sleeves and be of sufficient length to completely cover the torso when shooting.

- Collared blouses and polo shirts may be worn. Collarless garments may be round, v, scooped neck or hoodie as long as no excessive cleavage is visible.

Jeans or slacks must be neat, clean and untornd.

- Baggy or loose fitting pants are allowed as long as the midriff is not showing and undergarments are not seen.
- Women may wear Capri style pants (falling at least two inches below the knee when standing) and culottes.
- Women may wear skirts and sleeved dresses of conservative length. Dresses must comply with the necklines as noted above.

Outerwear (jackets, vests, coats) may be worn over dress code compliant shirts. If the outerwear covers the shirt completely, you must comply with a request from your opponent or a referee to show that you are wearing a proper shirt.

Footwear: All footwear must have a closed toe and be normal in the manner of its style and wear.

Hats: Any hat or headwear that is clean and neat is allowed with appropriate clothing. Billed baseball type caps must be worn with the bill facing forward.

Devices in the ear: (ear plugs, headphones, Bluetooth devices, etc) are not allowed. If you are hearing impaired or sound sensitive and must wear hearing aids or ear plugs, you must have a physician's letter on file so stating.

Should a player require an **Exception to the Dress Code** for medical reasons, the player must attach a letter on official letterhead from the player's health care provider with his/her entry form and keep a copy of this letter in his/her possession at all times, available for review by a referee or other tournament official if requested. If this is a PERMANENT condition, a physician's note stating this may be submitted once and will be kept on file.

Team Shirts: Matching team shirts are preferred but not required.

PROHIBITED CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES

- Athletic wear of any kind, including but not limited to: sweats, swimwear, jogging suits, uniforms or jerseys.
- Shorts of any kind, regardless of length.
- Sweatshirts.
- Overalls or coveralls.
- Sweaters, jackets, coats or other outerwear worn over a shirt that does not meet the dress code.
- Bandanas, scarves above the neck, headbands, do-rags.
- Any clothing or headwear judged by tournament officials or referees to be:
 - In poor taste, offensive, dirty, excessively torn, or worn in a manner other than intended;
 - Disrespectful or mocking of the sport in any way (e.g., sleep wear, period clothing worn as a joke, etc.);
 - Unnecessarily revealing (e.g., bare midriff, low cut necklines, etc.)

Tournament Officials and Referees will make every effort to enforce dress code provisions prior to the beginning of any match. Violations, however, will not be enforced after a match has begun, with the following exceptions:

- Headgear may be required to be removed or corrected.
- Accessories and electronics may be required to be removed.
- Button front shirts may be required to be adjusted to meet the dress code.

All other requests by players for dress code enforcement must be made **before** the beginning of the match.

PROCEDURES FOR DRESS CODE ENFORCEMENT

SINGLES: A player found in violation of the dress code before a match will be given until the match time + five minutes to correct the violation and return to the match site. If they have not returned with the violation corrected in the time allowed, they will lose one game of the match, and will continue to lose an additional game for each five minute period after that, until they return with the violation corrected or the match is declared forfeited.

TEAMS: In team play, the time limits and forfeiture rules apply only to the particular player. Team captains may not substitute for a player who is out of dress code until that player has corrected the violation and returned to the match site. However, if one game has been forfeited and the problem has still not been corrected, successive games will not be forfeited until that player's turn comes up in the progression of the match, instead of at five minute intervals.

Failure to promptly comply with referees' instructions concerning dress code violations may result in an unsportsmanlike conduct warning and your name being entered in the log. Further violations may result in loss of games or match and disciplinary action being taken.

Referee's decisions or instructions to correct violations may be discussed *after* the match with Western BCA Tournament administrative authorities, **but may not be used as the basis for a protest or as a reason to delay the beginning of a match.** Designated Western BCA Tournament Officials are the final authority on all decisions regarding clothing.