

CSI DRESS CODES

A Dress Code is enforced to add to the prestige of “The Greatest Pool Tournament in the World!” as well as all our other events. Your cooperation in wearing neat, clean, and tasteful apparel at all times during competition is appreciated.

NOTE: There are changes this year to the enforcement procedures for dress code violations. Please be sure to review the procedures carefully. Team Captains are responsible for all team members being in dress code.

DRESS CODE A

Effective Times

- The dress code is in effect on each day from 9am to midnight and during all event matches even if matches extend beyond midnight. The dress code applies to all areas inside all tournament rooms. – No Exceptions.

Approved Clothing

ITEM	MEN	WOMEN
SHIRTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UTG, polo or button-down style shirt with sleeves and fold-over collar or other CSI-approved collars (UTG brand collars are permitted). • T-Shirts, Sleeveless shirts or tops are NOT Permitted regardless of gender or classification • Matching shirts are encouraged but not required for scotch doubles • Matching shirts are required for teams of three persons or more 	
PANTS & SHORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Casual or dress pants • Neat and clean jeans • Business casual or denim shorts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Must be of conservative length. • No tears, holes, or threadbare spots including designer clothing incorporating such features as a part of the design – no exceptions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Casual or dress pants • Neat and clean jeans • Business casual or denim shorts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Must be of conservative length. • Capri-style pants • Yoga pants or leggings are permitted but must be dark color, solid and non-transparent. • No tears, holes, or threadbare spots including designer clothing incorporating such features as a part of the design – no exceptions
DRESSES & SKIRTS	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sleeved dresses of conservative length • Skirts of conservative length • Culottes
FOOTWEAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All footwear must have a closed toe and be normal in the manner of its style and wear. • Shoes with laces must have the laces properly tied. 	
HEADWEAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billed or brimmed hats must be clean, neat and worn with the bill straight forward or straight backward. • Skull caps, bandanas or head bands may be worn but must be conservative, neat and clean. • Tams are permitted. • Stocking caps, ski caps, or hoods of any kind are not permitted 	

Team Event Matching Shirt Requirements

Team matching shirt requirements are in effect for all team events. Team shirts must substantially match in color, style and trim. The chart below describes what features are critical in determining whether a shirt is considered to be matching.

ITEM	REQUIRED
COLOR	Color must be substantially matching. Significant fading or shade differences are not permitted.
STYLE	Same basic style such as polo or button-down
AMOUNT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have at least as many shirts as the total number of players listed on the score sheet of any match • No one shirt may be worn by more than one person during a match • Absolutely no trading or borrowing of shirts is allowed at any time during a match.
NAMES, GRAPHICS & OTHER MARKINGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name on shirt does not need to match the player's name • Names are not required on shirts. Some may have names while others do not. • Large areas of embroidery or graphics cannot be offensive or suggestive in nature (CSI has sole discretion)
The final authority on all dress code issues is the Head Referee or above– no exceptions..	

On a case-by-case basis and **prior to the beginning of team play**, CSI staff may approve team shirts that do not meet the traditional matching requirements. Exceptions are only granted if a predominant theme can be demonstrated that requires the shirts to display a significant difference while still conveying the concept of team unity. Two examples, but not limitations, of such themes are:

- Shirts are themed as pool balls and clearly demonstrate the representation or concept of a pool ball, with each team member's shirt being the color of a different ball.
- Shirts are of the same color, but display a distinctly different graphic aligned to a common theme, such as each shirt displaying a different fictional character from a common collection

Do not presume that you will be granted an exemption. Regardless of whether non-matching shirts meet the above conditions, they will not be permitted unless they have been specifically approved by CSI prior to the event. Event referees and the Tournament Director may not be authorized to grant such approvals at the event.

Additional Approved Wear

Sweaters, jackets, coats and other non-athletic outerwear may be worn over shirts that meet the dress code. There is no requirement to have the shirt's collar in any particular position in relation to the outerwear. Outerwear may also be worn while at the table. If outerwear is worn, you must comply with a request from your opponent or referee to show that you are wearing a proper shirt.

Button-down shirts may be worn unbuttoned if they are worn with a neat and tasteful undergarment. If button-down shirts are worn without undergarments, not more than one button below the neck button may be unfastened and the shirt may not be excessively loose or revealing.

Medically necessary exemptions may be obtained for any item. If you need a medical exemption, you must present a signed and dated letter from a physician with the physician's state license number and contact information to the Head Referee's desk before the beginning of your first match. The note must include a brief description of the required exemption (detailed descriptions and personal information are not necessary). All medical exemptions are subject to verification. Presenting false information or information that cannot be verified may lead to disqualification.

Prohibited Clothing and Accessories

The following types of clothing are prohibited.

- T-shirts
- Any clothing with holes, tears or threadbare spots, regardless of gender
- Athletic wear of any kind, including but not limited to sweats, swimwear, jogging suits, athletic uniforms or jerseys or pants with contrasting stripes normally associated with athletic wear
- Shorts and pants not conservative with respect to the rise in relation to the length of the garment
- Shorts and pants that are excessively baggy, loose fitting or worn with the waistline below the top of the hips
- Overalls or coveralls
- Sleeveless shirts worn over undergarments
- Scarves above the neck, headbands, do-rags, stocking caps, ski caps or hoods of any kind
- Sweaters, jackets, coats, or other outerwear when worn over a shirt that does not meet the dress code; regardless of whether or not the outerwear has a fold-over collar
- 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 (i.e. sleep wear, clothing worn as a joke, etc.)
 - unnecessarily revealing (i.e. bare midriff, low cut necklines, etc.)

Electronic Equipment

CSI rule 1-3-2 applies at all times while on the tournament floor.

At all times while on the tournament floor, electronic equipment must be kept silent. Please be considerate of all players by keeping your devices silent whenever you are on the floor, regardless of whether you are involved in a match.

Flash photography and infrared auto-focus/range finders are prohibited on the tournament floor at all times during tournament play. Please ensure that all persons associated with your team, including spectators, are aware of the requirements.

Enforcement Procedures

The following dress code violations require immediate correction upon request of referee or tournament official:

- a. Electronic equipment, as per CSI Rule 1-3-2, must be removed
- b. Improper headwear corrected or removed
- c. Button-down shirts adjusted to meet the dress code
- d. Untied shoes corrected
- e. Any dress code violation by a player practicing in the tournament area when not involved in a match. For violations of players practicing, the player will be asked to immediately stop and leave the tournament area if the violation cannot be corrected immediately.

All other dress code violations will be enforced by any referee or tournament official at any time during a match.

A dress code violation can be assessed at any time even if the violation has gone unnoticed for a period of time.

Multiple violations of the dress code (by a single player) noted by a referee during a visit to the table will be considered a single violation.

If a referee enforces a dress code violation during a visit to the table but does not notice a different violation for the same player, the unnoticed violation may be enforced during a later visit to the table during the same match. However, any later enforcement during the same match is considered an extension of the previous visit and will not carry additional penalties nor be penalized as a second violation.

Once a penalty has been issued the player(s) may continue to play out of dress code for the remainder of the match without further penalty for dress code violations.

If they cannot be corrected immediately, all other dress code violations will be enforced upon being discovered by any tournament official at any time during a match. Penalties and procedures are as follows:

PROCEDURES

Singles & Scotch Doubles

1. Before the start of a match: The player will have no more than the normally allotted grace period before their match (15 minutes from match time) to correct the violation. If the player chooses to leave the area to try to correct the violation and is not present at the match site with the dress code violation corrected by the end of the grace period, the match is forfeited. If the player chooses to not correct the violation and begin play, the appropriate penalty is applied at the beginning of the match.
2. After a match has started: If the player cannot correct the violation immediately, the appropriate penalty will be applied. A timeout may not be taken, and a player cannot leave the playing area of their match to correct a dress code violation.

Teams

1. Before the start of a match: A team may not delay the start of a match under forfeit procedures (15-minute grace period) in order to correct a dress code violation.
2. After a match has started:
 - a. If the round has started and the player's game in that round is scheduled next or has started, and the player cannot correct the violation immediately, the appropriate penalty is applied. The player may not be substituted for in that round.
 - b. If the round has started and the player's game in that round is neither scheduled next or started, the player will have until their game is scheduled to correct the violation. If the player cannot correct the violation, the appropriate penalty is applied. The player may not be substituted for in that round.
 - c. Players incurring penalties under clauses (a) or (b) may be substituted for in subsequent rounds.
 - d. If the player has not yet played and is not scheduled to play in a round that has started, no penalty will be applied but a courtesy warning will be given describing the penalties above. The courtesy warning does not count toward the progression of penalties.

- e. A player cannot leave the playing area of their match to correct a dress code violation.
- f. If a player is discovered to be out of dress code has already completed a game but the next round has not started, the game already finished is not affected, and the procedures from clauses (a)-(e) above will be followed.

PENALTIES

Players out of compliance with the Dress Code will lose one game of the match.

- Singles – the penalty game is added to the opponent’s score immediately. Any game in progress is not affected and will continue regardless of the status or progress of the game.
- Teams – The Players game is lost. And a one game penalty for each team member found in violation will be applied if they are scheduled to play a game in a round that has started; regardless of the status of the game.
 - o Individual team members may receive penalties in separate rounds. However, each player may only receive one penalty with a maximum of five penalties per team, per match. Penalty games will be immediately added to the opponent’s score.

In instances where a game(s) penalty would put the opponent or Team on the hill – the penalty game(s) will be subtracted from the offender’s score instead.

Player(s) may continue to play out of dress code for the remainder of the match without further penalty for dress code violations.

Referees will always require you to comply with any immediately correctable violations.

Penalties - Willful Violation:

The penalty for willful non-compliance with an immediately correctable dress code violation (i.e. properly adjusting hat, tying shoelaces, removing electronic headgear, etc.) is Unsportsmanlike Conduct up to and including immediate disqualification.

Any player who repeatedly and/or willfully violates the dress code, even if the repeated violations are corrected immediately, may be assessed an Unsportsmanlike Conduct penalty up to and including immediate disqualification.

Starting a match in dress code and then intentionally violating the dress code may be assessed an Unsportsmanlike Conduct penalty up to and including immediate disqualification.

Multiple Violations During One Match

1. Multiple violations of the dress code noted by a referee during a single visit to the table are considered a single violation.
2. If a referee enforces a dress code violation during a visit to the table but does not notice a different violation for the same player, the unnoticed violation may be enforced during a later visit to the table during the same match. However, any later enforcement during the same match is considered an extension of the previous visit, and will not carry additional penalties nor be penalized as a second violation for disqualification purposes.

DRESS CODE B (STATE AND REGIONAL EVENTS)

In some State and Regional events, the dress code is relaxed. The decision to relax the dress code for select events is at the sole discretion of CSI. Dress Code B is identical to Dress Code A with the following exceptions:

- Well-attired athletic pants are allowed. (cotton sweat pants are not allowed)

DRESS CODE C (STATE AND REGIONAL EVENTS)

In some State and Regional events, the dress code is relaxed. The decision to relax the dress code for select events is at the sole discretion of CSI. Dress Code C is identical to Dress Code A with the following exceptions:

- Well-attired athletic pants are allowed. (cotton sweat pants are not allowed)
- Matching team shirts are not required.
- T-shirts are allowed but must be clean and neat.

APPLICABLE TO DRESS CODES A, B & C

All apparel must be neat, clean, un-torn and tasteful.

All dress codes require closed-toed shoes and must be normal in the manner of its style and wear. Shoes with laces must have laces properly tied.