



## **DRESS CODE FOR DANCES** *updated 10.2019*

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In order to maintain a climate that promotes respect and upholds the mission and high standards of The Baton Rouge Cotillion (BRC), the following dress code guidelines apply to all members and guests at BRC dances.

The Baton Rouge Cotillion Executive Board will have final say in all dress code decisions. Any member or guest that is dressed in a manner that is not in alignment with the dress code upon arrival or at any time during the dance, will not be allowed to stay. Parents of the member or guest will be called and will have to pick up their child at the dance. A parent will need to sign out the member or guest regardless of how they arrived to the dance.

The goal of this policy is *modesty*, and while what may be modest for one person, may not be modest for another due to individual body types. Use your judgment and when in doubt, opt for being cautious to avoid a member or guest being asked to leave the dance.

- Skin-tight clothing is not permitted. (e.g., bike pants, tights, leotards, leggings—unless worn under shorts or skirts)
- Clothing should not be revealing and should not become revealing while dancing. This includes, but is not limited to, exposure of the chest, abdomen/navel, lower back, buttocks, and undergarments. Regardless of neckline, tops must be modest and must not reveal cleavage.
- Clothing should be free of images, symbols, or text that could be offensive to others. This includes, but is not limited to, alcohol, drugs, sex, violence, firearms, or makes derogatory remarks toward any group of people.

### ***Semi-formal attire shall include:***

- **Boys:** Slacks, collared shirt with tie, belt and socks are required. Coat is optional, dress shoes or tennis shoes are acceptable.
- **Girls:** Semi-formal attire -- any neckline or shoulder strap size is acceptable as long as it is modest and doesn't reveal cleavage. No midriff shall be shown, even while dancing (which includes no cutouts on the sides). Tennis shoes are acceptable for Hollyball.

***Please note:*** Any photos with either individuals or groups making inappropriate gestures or wearing inappropriate outfits will be deleted before being uploaded to the photographer's website.

To be safe -- when in doubt, just don't wear it.