

## **WBCA Dress Code 2026**

\*\*The following dress code outlines the basic requirements for participation in this tournament. **If you are unsure whether an item is appropriate, please choose an alternative option.** Our goal is to create a positive and enjoyable experience for all participants, so we ask that you err on the side of caution to avoid any dress code issues during the event. **Please note that final determination of dress code compliance rests with the tournament officials.**

### **Shirts:**

- Men: Polo, button down or T-shirts
- Women: Acceptable tops include polos, button-down shirts, T-shirts, and sleeveless shirts with tailored armholes. Shoulders must be covered, with a minimum of 4 inches of shoulder coverage. Tank tops are not permitted. Tank tops are defined as any top with less than 4 inches of shoulder coverage, large or low armholes, or an athletic-style design.
- Matching Shirts are encouraged but not required.

### **Pants:**

- Men: Casual or dress pants, neat and clean jeans, business casual or denim shorts of conservative length. *Conservative length* is defined as no more than 2 inches above the kneecap when standing. All pants must be neat in appearance and appropriate for a professional or school environment. No tears or holes allowed even by design.
- Women: Casual or dress pants, neat and clean jeans, capri style pants, business casual or denim shorts of conservative length, *Conservative length* is defined as no more than 2 inches above the kneecap when standing. All pants must be neat in appearance and appropriate for a professional or school environment. No tears or holes allowed even by design. Yoga pants or legging are permitted but must be dark, solid color and non-transparent. No Printed leggings are allowed. Dresses and skirts of conservative length (see definition above).

### **Footwear:**

- Open toed shoes are permitted.

### **Head Wear:**

- All headwear must be conservative in style, neat, clean and in good condition.
- Bill or brimmed hats must be clean, neat and worn with the bill straight forward or straight backward.
- Skull caps, bandanas, stocking caps/beanies or head bands must fit snugly to the head and may not extend beyond the tops of the ears which must remain fully visible at all times to ensure no earbuds/plugs are being worn.
- No ski caps or hoods are allowed.
- Prohibited: No ski caps or hoods are allowed. Large, oversized or slouch style stocking caps or beanies that do not fit snugly. Any cap that covers the ears or extends below the top of the ear. Oversized character hats, including stuffed animal designs. No reflective elements or flashing lights. No dirty, torn or excessively worn headwear is allowed.

Sweaters, jackets, and coats may be worn over shirts that meet the dress code. If outerwear is worn you must comply with a request from your opponent or referee to show that you are wearing an approved 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 provide a signed and dated letter from a physician with the physician's state license number and contact information to the Head Tournament Director before the beginning of your first match. The note must include brief description of the required exemption (detailed descriptions or 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:**

- Any clothing with holes, tears or threadbare spots, regardless of gender or design
- Sweats, swimwear, jogging suits, athletic uniforms, including pants with contrasting stripes normally associated with athletic wear
- Shorts not conservative in length – see definition above
- Shorts or pants that are excessively baggy, loose fitting or “sagging”
- Overalls or coveralls
- Pajama or sleep wear
- ANY revealing clothing – bare midriff, excessive cleavage, “butt crack”
- ANY clothing judged by tournament officials or referees to be:
  - Offensive, dirty, excessively torn, in poor taste or worn in a manner other than intended
  - disrespectful or mocking of the sport in any way
  - bearing gang affiliation
- No electronic head gear or ear buds of any kind are permitted while in a match

### **Infraction Protocol:**

1<sup>st</sup> Warning – (Follows participant for the entire event. Only 1 warning per match.)

2<sup>nd</sup> Loss of Game – (If offense occurs in a different match from #1, same tournament)

3<sup>rd</sup> Loss of Match – (if offense occurs in a different match from #2, same tournament)

4<sup>th</sup> Ejection from event and suspension for 1 year.