

R.C.L. Br. 28 Pipes & Drums



Chatham, ON. Canada

DRESS REGULATIONS

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These dress regulations are intended as a guide so you can properly wear and take care of your band uniform.

If at any time you have questions pertaining to the dress regulations, do not hesitate to ask your pipe major, drum major or other band members.

Lets all work together at creating and keeping the great “look” of our pipe band.

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Pipe Band Dress Regulations

1. Items of Dress

a. Plaid (Drummers) - pleats touch the back of the kilt. Pleats under the doublet. Plaid under left shoulder strap (epaulette). End of plaid held in place over left pocket with Cairngorm.

Plaid (Pipers) – Sewn end of plaid shall be laid across left shoulder, wrap under right arm and come across left shoulder. Plaid should then be flipped over the left epaulette. Cairngorm used to hold in place. Pin of Cairngorm should go through both layers of plaid and the doublet if possible. Waist and cross belts should be on first. Bottom of plaid should be in line with the top of the hose tops.

b. Black Doublet - for ceremonial dress. To be worn with T-shirt underneath. When wearing waist belt, ensure waist hooks are holding belt. Also, belt should be above or behind the two buttons in the centre of the back. Do not cover them.

c. Black Belt, Ceremonial – worn straight around the waist, buckle centred. Bows on buckle should be on bottom. When wearing with the doublet, belt shall be worn on the **outside** of the doublet.

d. Black Cross Belt (Pipers) – worn across right shoulder, under epaulette. The cross belt is also worn under the waist belt.

e. Hair Sporrán - worn with the buckle at the back and centred. Strap is to pass under the hips. Hangs 1/3 inch below the kilt. Hangs at the front and in the centre of the body.

f. Leather Sporrán - worn with the buckle at the back and centred. Strap to pass under the hips. Hangs at the front and in the centre of the body.

g. Kilt - Kilt is to hang to the middle of the knee cap. The centre blue and yellow stripe of the tartan is centred on the front. Doublet, kilt and sporrán all should be centred.

h. Sgàin Dubh - worn in the right hose/hose top. Worn on the flat of the leg, toward the outside. Jewel and two inches of the handle are exposed showing jewel on the outside.

i. Cairngorm (Plaid Brooch) - worn on top of plaid on the left shoulder. Worn facing the front. Pin must be hidden from view. Hinge to be at top.

j. White Hose/Diced Hosetop - seams run down the back of the calf in the centre of the leg. The top is folded over the top of the seam to cover the garter flashes. Folds should be the same width. When wearing diced hosetops, the middle of the front diamonds are in the centre of the front of the leg and the centre of the garter flashes. Hose is to be even.

k. Garter Flashes - worn on the outside front of both legs. Inside flash cuts front of white hose/diced hosetops in half. Must be tight enough to hold hose/hosetop and Sgain Dubh.

l. Spats - must be completely whitened. Seam runs in line with the hose/hosetop seam. Must fit flatly over the top of shoe.

m. Boots/Ghillie Brogues, leather black - must be in a good state of repair, highly polished including the welt and trim of the sole.

n. Glengarry - shall be worn by drummers and by pipers for all orders of dress. The tails of the glengarry will be wrinkle free and creased diagonally across the intersection of the two tails. Stewart of Fingask tartan swatch to be worn behind cap badge. The edge of the swatch should have a ¼ inch frill.

o. White Shirt, short sleeved – shall be worn with summer dress (C3). Shirts shall be pressed.

p. Tie – shall be worn with summer dress unless so ordered by the pipe major.

2. Special appointment accoutrements:

a. Pipe major - Ceremonial dirk, pipe major's banner, pipe major's appointment badge on sleeve and shirt collar, red sash.

b. Drum major – Mace, Claymore sword, white sword belt, drum major's appointment badge on sleeve and shirt collar, drum major baldric and/or red sash, diced Glengarry, feather bonnet with white hackle, white gloves.

c. Drum Sergeant – Red sash, appointment collar pins (for short sleeve shirt)

d. Pipe Sergeant – Appointment collar pins (for short sleeve shirt)

3. Other accoutrements:

- a. Rank badges – Rank badges shall be worn on upper right sleeve of doublet, approximately half way between top of shoulder and elbow.
- b. Appointment pins – Metal appointment collar pins shall be worn at the tips of the collars of the white shirts.
- c. Service badge – Years of service badges shall be worn on the left sleeve, approximately one inch from top of cuff, centred on middle button.
- d. Medals – Those members who have been awarded military medals can wear said medals with all orders of dress when the band is participating in a Legion or military function. Undress ribbons can be worn on the doublet or shirt. Medals and undress ribbons to be worn on left side.
- e. Poppies – To be worn during any Legion function where the Act of Remembrance is performed. Poppies shall be worn in front of the cap badge when wearing a glengarry. If bonnets are worn, poppy to be worn on left side of doublet.
- f. Inverness Capes – Worn during inclement weather.
- g. Water bottle caddy, black – Band issue only, worn on right side. Should be worn around belt to the back so that it is not visible from the front.
- h. Kilt pin – To be centred on bottom right side of kilt. NO other pins, brooches, etc. are to be worn on band uniform, unless permission is granted.
- i. Sunglasses – Permitted to wear, frames should be standard (no coloured frames).

Orders of Dress

No. 1 Dress (Ceremonial)

- Doublet
- Glengarry (Drum Major – Feather Bonnet)
- Plaid
- Waist and Cross belts (Pipers)
- Kilt
- Hair Sporrans
- Spats, diced hosetops, garters
- Medals, etc.

No. 2 Dress (Duty)

- As per No.1 Dress, except no plaid or cross belt

No. 3 Dress (Summer/Short Order)

- As per No. 2 Dress, except no doublet. Also, leather sporrans, white hose and ghillie brogues to be worn in lieu of hair sporrans, diced hosetops.

Note – Ghillie Brogues may be worn for all orders of dress in lieu of parade boots.

Care of Pipe Band Uniform

- a. Kilt – Kilt is to be dry cleaned. Use steam iron to remove wrinkles from front of kilt and to iron out the pleats in the rear. Kilt should be hung with a kilt/skirt hanger where possible. A heavy duty pant hanger can be used with the kilt folded in half. Watch for any fraying. Do not pull on any loose threads, cut them off as close as possible to the material.
- b. Doublet – As per kilt, tunic should be dry cleaned.
- c. Hair sporran – Sporran should be combed out periodically, and stored hanging. If hair is becoming dingy, hair should be hand washed with a normal shampoo. Conditioner can be added as well so the hair combs out straighter. Be careful not to get the leather portion of the sporran wet.
- d. White Hose/Diced Hosetops and spats – Both can be washed but should be air-dried to avoid shrinkage of the material. White hose must be hand washed and air dried. Older spats may need white shoe polish put on them to keep them white. Make sure the black elastic on the spat doesn't become too stretched out, or the spat will not lie properly on your boots/shoes.
- e. Plaids – As per kilt, should be dry cleaned, steam ironed to remove any wrinkles.
- f. Feather bonnet – If bonnet is wet, it should be air-dried before storing. Store in an area so that feathers stay in good shape.
- g. Waist and cross belts – Use black shoe polish on belt if the brown hide is starting to show through.

If any alterations need to be made to your uniform, contact Anne Mills (351-3547) to make arrangements. If any items are beginning to become worn out or need replacing, let your quartermaster know as soon as possible, especially if new items need to be purchased from one of our suppliers.