



COASTAL PLAINS JUNIOR CONVENTION

DRESS CODE

APPEARANCE

The manner of appearance and dress of the Coastal Plains Junior Student Convention participants reflect an image of Christian modesty, refinement, and self-discipline. Students and sponsors are expected to support the Student Convention image, program, and requirements in appearance and dress. Appropriateness and modesty are the basic principles governing all appearances and dress for the Student Convention. The principle of showing deference should be the lifestyle of Christian leaders. Students and sponsors are to be dressed completely and according to the guidelines upon arrival and while attending Student Convention. The dress code, as stated in the guidelines, must be observed by everyone officially associated with Student Convention. Participants, contestants, sponsors, guests (staying on campus) and coaches are to dress in conservative, appropriate, modest attire. Fad extremes are inappropriate and will not be allowed. Participants are asked to show deference to the intent of the appearance guidelines. Violators will be asked to change their clothing or to leave the convention. Dress requirements will be followed throughout the entire convention, including **ARRIVAL** and **DEPARTURE**. Only those meeting the dress and appearance requirements will be allowed to register and remain on the premises. **It is the responsibility of the sponsor to ensure that all students and parents are informed of the dress and appearance guidelines prior to departing for convention. THE SPONSOR IS ALSO ACCOUNTABLE FOR ENSURING THAT STUDENTS MEET THE DRESS AND APPEARANCE REQUIREMENTS WHILE AT CONVENTION.**

MALE

Male students, sponsors, and coaches must have a neat, trim, conservative haircut. The hair is to be tapered or blocked and is to be off the collar. It is to be above the ears, with sideburns no longer than the middle of the ears. Dying or coloring the tips of the hair is not allowed. No braided or spiked hair styles will be permitted. For boys with curly hair or afros, the cut needs to be short, not to exceed one inch in length. No facial hair is permitted on contestants. Male sponsors may wear neatly trimmed mustaches and/or beards. Those that require a haircut **will not be permitted to register** until they have located a barber and complied with the Student Convention

standards. Button shirts **with collars** and long conservative trousers are the appropriate attire for convention. Belts must be worn with trousers that have belt loops. Denim jeans, cargo pants (pockets sewn to the outside), bicycle shorts, swimsuits, or fad extremes are inappropriate and will not be permitted. **Button shirts with collars, ties, and dress shoes (no tennis shoes) are to be worn to all rallies and the evening meal.** Only the top button may be left unbuttoned, when the shirt is worn without a tie at appropriate events. Clean athletic shoes may be worn during the day. **Sandals are not allowed. Closed toe and closed heel shoes are allowed.**

For participation in non-athletic events where costumes are not worn, each male contestant is to wear a button shirt with collar (shirt tucked in), sports coat, dress pants or suit, dress shoes, and tie, or school uniform that meet the Convention standards. Clothing should be clean and neatly pressed; shoes should be shined. Male students and sponsors must be fully clothed in street attire (with shoes) anytime they are in the residence hall lobby or outside the residence hall room visiting on another floor. Modest sleep attire may be worn in the residence halls while en route to or from rest rooms or showers.

PLEASE NOTE - MALE SPONSORS, AND COACHES: NO JEWELRY OTHER THAN WEDDING BANDS, WRISTWATCHES, AND CLASS RINGS. NO BODY PIERCINGS ARE ALLOWED.

Male (Athletic Wear)

Male competitors in athletic events must wear loose-fitting, full length sweat pants, warm-up pants, trousers, or **knee length** hemmed shorts. Sleeveless shirts will NOT be allowed. (Exception: A numbered tank top over a T-shirt is acceptable for athletics. T-shirts must match the color of the tank top or be white). Sleeves must stay draped over the shoulders at all times. Uniformity in dress is mandatory for athletic competition only. Shoes must worn to participate in events.

Full-length sweatpants, warm-up pants, or trousers must be worn over athletic shorts while in route to or from competition. Athletic participants may wear athletic attire to meals (as described above) if they are scheduled to compete that day. When competition is over for the day, students must change into appropriate Convention attire. Athletic shorts are **NOT** allowed at any time in open competition areas or in any other area on campus. Only students competing in athletics may wear athletic attire. No jewelry is allowed in athletics.

BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL TEAMS: *Non-marking soles are required for all athletic shoes worn on gym floors.*

FEMALE

An image of Christian discretion and modesty is to be portrayed. All female sponsors, coaches, and students must wear dresses, skirts (which are no shorter than the bottom of the knee, standing or sitting), or culottes (see requirements for culottes under Female Athletic Wear).

Slits must be no higher than the bottom of the knee. Dresses and blouses must come to the neckline in front (to the clavicle bone) and back (to the bottom of the neck), without see-through material. TIGHT-FITTING ATTIRE and fad extremes are inappropriate and will not be allowed. Midriffs must be covered at all times in all positions. Denim, cargo, stone-washed clothing, T-shirts, slacks, shorts, swimsuits, bicycle shorts, V-neck, or sleeveless dresses or blouses will not be allowed. Conservative, natural-colored hosiery and dress shoes

must be worn to all rallies and while competing in nonathletic events. **Sandals are NOT allowed** – shoes must have a closed toe and closed heel. (No socks may be worn on rallies.) Hosiery or socks must be worn during the day. Makeup and jewelry should be conservative and minimal – only one earring (smaller than a dime in size) per ear, in the earlobe. No other body piercings are allowed. Girls and ladies must be fully clothed in street attire (with shoes) anytime they are in the residence hall lobby, visiting on another floor, or outside the residence hall room. Modest robes may be worn in residence halls while en route to or from rest rooms or showers.

Female (Athletic Wear)

Loose-fitting culottes and tops are to be worn for competition in volleyball, track, and table tennis. Culottes must be full, loose-fitting, and have the appearance of a skirt. When in an upright standing position, culottes must be **below the knee**. For modesty reasons it is recommended that white athletic clothing, especially culottes, NOT be worn. **(A T-shirt must be worn under V-neck athletic shirts.)** Sleeves must stay draped over the shoulders at all times.

Guidelines for Appropriate Dress During Platform Events:

Gentlemen: Dress shirts, ties, and jackets should be worn for all Platform Events with the following exceptions:

1. School uniforms or a tuxedo with either a vest or cummerbund without a jacket may be worn to perform.
2. Jackets are not required for PACE Bowl or Puppets.
3. Jackets and ties are not required in the following categories:

One Act Play, Dramatic Dialogue, Illustrated Storytelling, Clown Act, Famous Speech.

Ladies: Nice church outfits should be worn for all Platform Events with the following exceptions:

1. School uniforms may be worn to perform.
2. Formal attire that meets the modesty requirements for Student Convention may be worn.
3. Formal attire or church outfits are not required in the following categories:

One Act Play, Dramatic Dialogue, Dramatic Monologue, Illustrated Storytelling, Clown Act.

Guidelines for Appropriate Dress During Music Events:

Gentlemen: Dress shirts, ties, and jackets should be worn for all Music Events with the following exceptions:

1. School uniforms may be worn to perform
2. A tuxedo with either a vest or cummerbund without a jacket may be worn.
3. Choir robes may be worn over shirt, tie, and pants.

Ladies: Nice church outfits should be worn for all Music Events with the following exceptions:

1. School uniforms may be worn to perform.
2. Formal attire that meets the modesty requirements for Student Convention may be worn.
3. Choir robes may be worn to perform over dresses, skirts, and blouses.

APPEARANCE CHECK

All athletic competition clothing (male and female) will be checked at the beginning of scheduled competition by the athletic staff. No coach or team member in violation of the dress code will be allowed to participate.

SPONSORS, PLEASE HELP WITH THE DRESS CODE.

We are training these Juniors so that they will be better prepared to compete at the ACE Regional Student Convention and the ACE International Student Convention. We are also training them to be better prepared to compete in life. Those that learn to respect authority and obey rules are better prepared to enter college or the workplace after high school. We want these Juniors to have the best preparation possible. It is important to learn early in life before the mold is hardened. Thank you for your help and support here at the Coastal Plains Junior Convention.

Appearance will be checked at registration, prior to all rallies, and before the evening meals. **To avoid embarrassment, please abide by the dress code.**

Here are some checklists for the staff to use with the dress code.

Is your school ready for Registration Dress Check?

Use this checklist to make sure **ALL** of your students, sponsors, and guests (staying on campus) are ready for dress check. **Convention Appearance Guidelines will be enforced. Consult your Student Convention Guidelines for ISC appearance standards. The following checklist covers areas most frequently addressed.**

FEMALES

Appearance is to be conservative, modest, and neat.

Hair:

Hair must be a natural color, no fads.

Jewelry:

Jewelry must be conservative and minimal.

Only one earring per earlobe (smaller than a dime in size) is permitted.

Blouses/Tops:

No form-fitting tops are permitted.

Necklines must come to the clavicle in the front and to the bottom of the neck in the back.

Midriffs must be covered at all times and in all positions.

No see-through tops, denim, or stone-washed clothing is permitted.

Dress, Skirt, or Culottes:

No form-fitting dresses, skirts, or culottes are permitted.

Slits may not extend higher than the bottom of the knee.

Hemlines of dresses, skirts, or culottes must be no shorter than the bottom of the knee (when standing or sitting).

Skirts with see-through fabrics must be lined or worn with slips.

No cargo (pockets sewn to the outside of skirt), denim, or stone-washed clothing are permitted.

Shoes:

Only closed toe and closed heel shoes are to be worn. No sandals or flip-flops are permitted.

Shoelaces are to be neatly tied.

Please evaluate each of these areas before you enter registration. Schools may not finish registration until all students, sponsors, and guests (staying on campus) have successfully completed dress check. I have checked **each** of my students, sponsors, and guests (staying on campus). They **each** meet the convention dress guidelines and **are ready for dress check.**

Female Head Sponsor's Signature

School Name

Is your school ready for Registration Dress Check?

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MALES

Appearance is to be conservative, modest, and neat.

Hair:

- Men must have neat, trimmed, conservative haircuts – no fads.
- The hair is to be tapered or blocked, not touching the ear or collar.
- Sideburns** may be no lower than the middle of the ear.
- Neither dying nor coloring the tips of the hair is allowed.
- No braided or spiked (if in doubt, comb it down) hairstyles are permitted.
- Extra curly or afro hair is not to exceed one inch in length.

Facial Hair:

- No** facial hair is permitted on students.
- Male sponsors may wear neatly trimmed mustaches and/or beards.

Acceptable Jewelry:

- One watch and one ring is permitted.
- All other jewelry must be removed.

Shirts:

- Button-up shirt (polos are acceptable) with a collar and sleeves is appropriate.
- Only top button may be left unbuttoned.
- Shirts with tails are to be tucked into pants.

Pants:

- Slacks, dress pants, or long, conservative trousers are appropriate.
- Denim jeans, cargo pants (pockets sewn to the outside), bicycle shorts, swimsuits, or fad extremes are inappropriate and are not permitted.
- Pants are to be worn properly (at the waistline).
- Belts must be worn with pants, slacks, or trousers that have belt loops.

Shoes:

- Dress shoes or sneakers with matching socks are appropriate.
- Only closed toe and closed heel shoes are to be worn. No sandals or flip-flops.
- Shoelaces are to be neatly tied.

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Male Head Sponsor's Signature

School Name