

University Club of Chicago

Dress Code FAQs

We've received a few questions in response to last week's Dress Code update. We appreciate all of your feedback, and hope this expanded FAQ provides clarity.

WHY DID THE UNIVERSITY CLUB SEND MEMBERS A DRESS CODE UPDATE? IS THIS POLICY NEW?

The Dress Code is not new, but we have rewritten sections of it to help make it clearer and easier to understand. While the Dress Code considers the more casual nature of attire many members enjoy, the Board felt dress in the clubhouse had become more relaxed than the policy allows. The start of the Fall season offers an opportunity to share the updated policy and ask members to familiarize themselves with the Club's dress standards.

WHAT HAS CHANGED IN THE POLICY?

Most of the policy remains unchanged, but we've tried to be more specific, where possible.

The following areas are new:

- Presidents' Bar dress code has been updated to include jackets or sport coats for men, and dressy attire for women. This is in response to requests from members that the Club provide at least one space that feels more formal.
- Fashionable hats, not caps, are permitted on the outside terraces during warm months.
- Open-toed men's sandals are not permitted.

THE POLICY STATES SOLID T-SHIRTS ARE ALLOWED. CAN I WEAR A STRIPED T-SHIRT?

Of course. The spirit of the policy around t-shirts is that the preference is for neat and tidy, non-graphic t-shirts. In other words, no t-shirts with any sort of graphics or designs should be worn in non-athletic areas of the clubhouse. T-shirts with offensive images or writing on them are not permitted anywhere in the Club. T-shirts, fitted pullovers or golf shirts with small logos, such as over a pocket or on a collar, are permitted.

I'M CONFUSED ABOUT THE DRESS CODE IN CATHEDRAL HALL. CAN YOU CLARIFY?

When dining at an event at Cathedral Hall, jackets, or dressy attire, are generally required. The policy states "certain events may require a jacket or similar attire," because there are some parties, such as the Halloween party, where food is served in Cathedral Hall, but formal dress is not required. When in doubt, please confirm event dress code on our website.

WHO IS EXPECTED TO FOLLOW THE DRESS CODE POLICY?

All members and guests are expected to adhere to the dress code policy.

ARE THERE SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR FOOTWEAR?

Shoes should be clean and scuff-free. Dress shoes are preferred. Athletic shoes and non-athletic sneakers are allowed. Closed-toed shoes are suitable for all seasons. Men's open-toed shoes/sandals and rubber or plastic flip flops are not permitted.

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CAN I WEAR A HAT?

Fashionable hats are allowed from Memorial Day through Labor Day, only while dining on our outdoor terraces. Hats are not permitted inside the clubhouse or while dining indoors. Please note, Baseball caps are strictly prohibited. Special exceptions can be made for medical and religious reasons.

WHAT IS THE RULE REGARDING SPORTS COATS OR SUIT JACKETS WHILE AT THE CLUB?

Suit jackets and sport coats are required in Presidents' Bar. When dining in Cathedral Hall, certain events may require a jacket or similar attire. Please confirm event dress code on our website.

If you need a jacket or pashmina, please check in at the Front Desk.

I FORGOT MY SPORTS COAT; DO YOU HAVE ONE I CAN BORROW?

We have sport coats and pashminas for member or guest use at the Front Desk.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I'M UNSURE ABOUT AN OUTFIT?

When in doubt, it's best to choose attire that leans toward a more professional appearance. If you need further assistance, please call Membership at 312-696-2279.