

Military Ball Dress Code Guidelines

The following are the complete guidelines for dress at Sarasota Military Academy's 2026 Annual Military Ball. All attending students and their guests must adhere to the criteria for formal attire below:

Outside Guests:

- Formal attire is classified as a tuxedo or dress suit, including a jacket, tie, bow tie, a collared shirt, and may include a vest. ***Shirts and shoes are to be worn at all times. NO SHORTS OR CROPPED PANTS. Pants must be full length.*** Tennis shoes and athletic shoes are unacceptable. **NO HATS. NO JEANS.**
- Ladies will be expected to adhere to the guidelines below.

Gentlemen:

- **SMA:** Class A uniform, cadets will be issued Class A jackets & ties

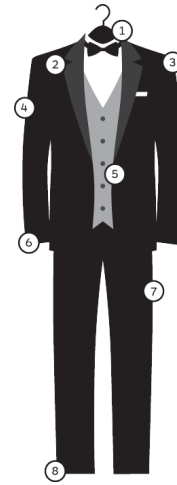
Ladies:

Formal ball attire is classified as floor length dresses. Ladies may also choose to wear the Class A uniform. These are generally not prom dresses, they are gowns. Specific modesty standards are as follows:

- Dresses may be strapless or include spaghetti straps
- ***No excessive cleavage allowed; the front of the dress must not fall below the bra line***
- The back of the dress, which may be bare or open, must not fall below the waist
- Bare abdomens or bare midriffs are not permitted
 - **RULE:** If you can see bare skin or see-through material from looking directly at you in the front, then it is NOT allowed
 - Two piece dresses are not allowed
- Undergarments should not be visible
- **Slits that rise above the knee more than 4 inches are not permitted**
- Garments that are excessively tight are not acceptable
- The bottom hemline of the dress must be entirely below the ankle
 - No "hi-low" or mullet dresses allowed
 - No short dresses
- **Shoes:**
 - Shoes are expected to be worn for the duration of the evening, therefore heels should be comfortable and safe for dancing.
- **Nails:**
 - **IF NAILS ARE ON THE FOLLOWING WEEK, girls are permitted to wear the polo uniform.**

If the attire is questionable, students are encouraged to show their evening wear to CW3 Munoz beforehand to determine if it is dance appropriate. If in doubt, do not buy it!

Students and their dates who are non-compliant with the dress code will not be admitted to the dance or will be escorted out of the dance. **No refunds will be given for dance dress code infractions in which these students are asked to leave.**



➤ **Outside Guests and SMA(Ladies) :**



➤ **SMA(MALES):**