# Uniform

#### Why Uniform?

- Encourages a sense of belonging;
- Promotes equality; and
- Sets us apart as members of a Christian organisation.

Companies can decide whether members should wear ceremonial uniform each week or the more informal company night uniform.

Official GB uniform is only available from the GB Shop (www.gbnishop.co.uk). By purchasing from the GB Shop you are supporting the ongoing work of the organisation. All proceeds are reinvested into GB.

# General Guidelines for all Uniform

- Short hair should be neat and tidy, clear of the collar;
- Long hair should be tied back neatly;
- No medals or jewellery may be worn, with the exception of wedding and engagement rings and one pair of plain stud earrings on the lobe. For safety reasons at all competitions, members participating on the floor are not permitted to wear earrings.;
- Wrist watches may be worn with ceremonial uniform. Only leaders may wear a wrist watch with working uniform;
- At no time are other brooches, awards, badges or medals to be worn;
- Only one Attendance Award (highest achieved) may be worn;
- Armband is worn on left arm;
- All shoes should be plain black with no restriction on material type or visible stitching. Straps across the foot and T-bar styles are permitted. However, stilettos or sling-back styles and adornments such as tassels or metal plates, are not permitted.
- All members are permitted to wear nail varnish, fake/acrylic nails or gel nails, but must only be nude or French polish in colour. For safety reasons at all competitions, members participating on the floor are not permitted to wear any nail varnish, fake/acrylic nails or gel nails.
- Members aged 18+ are allowed to have tattoos uncovered. However, they must be covered if not appropriate to the ethos and values of the organisation.

# PE Uniform for all Age Groups

This is the required uniform for all participants in PE competitions.

- Navy GB tunic with GB Crest embroidered on the left side and company title directly underneath (gold lettering on navy) - tunic must be worn long enough to cover a girl's underwear during all movements in routines and activities:
- White open neck short sleeved GB blouse:
- Navy pants for Explorers and Juniors, navy long legged pants for Seniors, Brigaders and Associates
- Plain white ankle socks;
- White PE slippers laced with ribbon or tape;
- White ribbon or white fastenings to tie back long hair; and
- No jewellery or nail varnish should be worn. (This includes clear, nude or french polish).



PE Uniform

## Leisurewear (optional)

GB hoodies and coloured polo shirts are leisurewear and not uniform. Only official GB hoodies/coloured polo shirts with the GB crest should be worn and are only available to be ordered by Captains for their company via the GBNI Shop. Refer to page 7 for 'GBNI Logo Branding Guidelines'

### Hoodies/Coloured Polo Shirts can be worn as follows:

- For hoodies only company nights to and from weekly meetings, however it should be removed before the marking of uniform;
- Coloured polo shirts should not be worn on company nights;
- Company outings, sponsored walks;
- To and from competitions and GB activities;
- GB camp;
- DofE expeditions;
- Any other informal occasion and outside of GB during any leisure time; and
- Unofficial hoodies and polo shirts with any GBNI logos/GB crest should not be worn.

### **Sub-Officer Uniform**

#### **Ceremonial Uniform**

- Navy GB skirt (knee-length);
- White open neck short sleeved GB blouse;
- Navy GB Sub-Officer 'V' neck sweatshirt (with yellow piping) with GB Crest embroidered on left side and company title directly underneath (gold lettering on navy);
- A Sub-Officer does not wear a section badge;
- Awards ribbon (if Brigader Brooch has been achieved);
- Armband:
- Plain black tights (up to 70 denier providing there is uniformity within the section);
- Plain black flat shoes (refer to page 37); and
- Navy ribbon or plain navy elastic bobble to tie back long hair.

#### **Working Uniform**

- Plain navy track bottoms;
- White open neck short sleeved GB blouse;
- Navy GB Sub-Officer 'V' neck sweatshirt (as stated above);
- A Sub-Officer does not wear a section badge;
- Plain white ankle socks;
- Plain white trainers or white PE slippers; and
- White ribbon or plain white elastic bobble to tie back long hair.

#### **Wearing Sub-Officer Awards**

Sub-Officers wear their awards on an armband and award ribbon in the same way as Brigaders. For more details, refer to page 42.

- 125th Anniversary Badge, if applicable, to be worn on the GB sweatshirt at the point of the 'V'; and
- Endurance Award, if applicable, to be worn on right side of sweatshirt beside ribbon.



Sub-Officer Ceremonial Uniform



Sub-Officer Working Uniform



Sub-Officer Sweatshirt with ribbon



With 125th Anniversary Badge

See page 37 for general guidance for all uniform.