

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 GBNI Shop (www.gbnishop.co.uk). By purchasing from the GBNI 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;
- 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 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, may be laced; or slip-on (T-bar, sling backs, suede or patent finish are not allowed); and
- No nail varnish should be worn. (This includes clear, nude or french polish).



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 (gold lettering on navy) directly underneath in line with the point of the 'V' - 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 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 should not be worn.

Officer Uniform

Ceremonial Uniform

- Navy Officer suit (with buttons on jacket closed at all times, skirt knee length);
- Company numerals and GB flashes worn on jacket sleeves;
- Lanyard according to rank worn on left shoulder (with a GB whistle attached and placed in top pocket of jacket). Refer to page 46 for lanyard types;
- White open neck short sleeved Officer GB blouse;
- GB Crest lapel badge is worn on the lower right lapel of the blouse;
- Plain black tights (no greater than 15 denier - providing there is uniformity within the Officers);
- Plain black shoes - heel no greater than 2 inches, may be laced, court or slip-on (T-bar, sling backs, suede or patent finish are not allowed); and
- Navy ribbon or plain navy elastic bobble to tie back long hair.



Officer
Ceremonial Uniform



Officer Uniform
with one other award



Officer Uniform
with two other awards

Wearing Officer Awards

- Service Award to be worn in the centre of pocket band (Company Attendance Awards may be worn until achieving the five year Service Award);
- Two other awards may be worn immediately above the Service Award on the jacket and may be chosen from:
 - Brigadier Brooch or Queen's Award and/or
 - Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award or Discovery Award
- If only one of the above awards is applicable, it should be worn in line with the Service Award;
- If two of the above awards are applicable, they should be worn with the highest achieved GB award closest to the jacket lapel. With the other award being placed beside it;
- Centenary Badge or (from Sept 2018) 125th Anniversary Badge may be worn on the left lapel of jacket; and
- Recipients of a Queen's Honours Award (eg. MBE, OBE or BEM) should be worn on the left hand side of jacket suitably positioned above the GB Awards.

Company Night/Working Uniform

- Navy GB track bottoms with GB Crest or plain navy jogging bottoms;
- White GB polo shirt with GB Crest embroidered on the left;
- Navy GB 'V' neck sweatshirt with GB Crest embroidered on left side and company title (gold lettering on navy) directly underneath and in line with the point of the 'V';
- Plain white ankle socks;
- Plain white trainers; and
- White ribbon or plain white elastic bobble to tie back hair.



Officer
Working Uniform

District, Inter-district & GBNI Events

All GB personal serving at GB events must be wearing the correct uniform suited to that event.

Ceremonial Uniform must be worn at:

- District services and parades;
- All competitions for Choral Speaking, Junior Marching and PE;
- Queen's Award and all Duke of Edinburgh's Award Ceremonies; and
- National Recognition Award Ceremonies ie. MBE, OBE & BEM or another award.

Working Uniform must be worn at:

- Sporting events, ie. team games, dodgeball, volleyball, badminton, five a side football, touch rugby and unihoc.

Distinctive Marks of Rank in GBNI

The colour first mentioned runs through the centre of the lanyard.

President - Gold medallion and gold lanyard

Vice President - Gold and navy lanyard

Chairperson - Red, blue and navy lanyard (if Commissioned Officer)

Brigade Council Representative - Gold, navy and red lanyard

District Commissioner - Gold and white lanyard

Assistant District Commissioner - Red and white lanyard

Captain - Red lanyard

Officer - Blue lanyard

Reserve Officer - Blue and navy lanyard

Past Member - Blue and red lanyard

Other Badges of Rank:

Company President, Vice-President and Chaplain - GB Crest with designation

Other Badges:

Friend - May be presented to people giving service to a company or GBNI.

