

GENERAL

It is the responsibility of players and clubs to uphold this MRTA Dress Code.

The intent of the Code is that all players will wear recognised tennis attire.

In addition to the MRTA's desire to uphold the traditions of our sport, all clubs have a responsibility to ensure that players' health and welfare are not put at risk through the wearing of inappropriate dress and/or footwear.

Every competitive player shall dress and present himself/herself for play in clean and customarily acceptable tennis attire. The general appearance of a player is the most important factor, not specific clothing detail.

Tennis attire should be able to retain/hold a tennis ball not in use. E.g. pockets in shorts, stretch undershorts with dresses/skirts or the addition of a ball holder.

ACCEPTABLE ATTIRE

Recognised tennis type garments should be worn while playing in a match. Colours are permitted. Sleeveless tennis shirts deemed to be 'tennis shirts without sleeves' (i.e. not singlets) are permitted.

Tennis footwear appropriate to the surface being played on should be worn.

Players are encouraged to be sun smart. For example, they should wear hats, sunglasses, and sunscreen.

Writing or logos are acceptable without restrictions except where they are obscene or derogatory.

UNACCEPTABLE ATTIRE

Clothing articles deemed to be 'non-tennis articles' such as dress shirts, singlets, football shorts and jumpers, walk shorts, gym shorts, jeans, long trousers, cargo pants, cycling shorts or board shorts must not be worn by any player.

Footwear that is not suitable for the surface being played on such as skate shoes, cricket shoes or shoes with a raised heel or studs are not to be worn. Shoes that are likely to mark or damage the surface being played on should not be worn.

Writing or logos that are obscene or derogatory are not acceptable.

CONSEQUENCES

When they are aware of players not complying with this Code, members of the applicable Match and Permit Committee may penalise the relevant team by the loss of all games in every set in which the offending player takes part while in non-compliance.

Members of the Match and Permit Committee have discretion to give players a warning prior to applying the penalty. Members of the applicable Match and Permit Committee have absolute discretion in determining what is, and what is not, acceptable tennis attire in accordance with this Code.