

Team Handbook

Dress Code Template



Introduction

The National Speech & Debate Association Coaches' Caucuses have indicated that we could offer our community a resource for providing a dress code template for their team that is more inclusive. Traditionally, dress codes prescribe acceptable clothing options for "men" and other options for "women". Some elements of dress codes may also be rooted in and reinforce problematic societal norms in race, class, ability, etc. Additionally, common dress codes enforce a standard of dress that might not be feasible for all students. Some of the work we have done to better understand what dress codes should be like comes from the article "Decoding School Dress Codes" which can be found here: <https://medium.com/march-for-public-education/decoding-school-dress-codes-c22ccfc54476>

Please join us in our commitment to make speech and debate a safer space by updating your team handbook with this dress code.

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When we attend tournaments it is important to remember that the way you dress presents who you are. We believe you should dress in a way that authentically represents yourself. Dress your personal best! That said, it's important to remember these factors when determining what you wear:

- Clothing that endorses violence, guns, drugs/alcohol, etc. is not allowed.
- Remember that you need to be able to get around the tournament facility (room to room; building to building) so consider what will be comfortable and weather appropriate.
- Clothing should not be a distraction from your performance.