

2. Dinner Jacket (Black Tie)

Indicated for some official dinners and evening functions (depending on the country), but never worn during the day.

Gentlemen

- The suit is traditionally black or midnight blue. The trousers, without cuffs, are trimmed with satin or velvet braid extending from the waist to the bottom of the leg on the outside. The jacket is single or double-breasted with silk lapels. A waistcoat or a cummerbund of black silk, velvet or brocade may be worn. The bow tie is silk. The shirt is usually white, with a pleated ruffle. Cufflinks are gold or silver, with or without precious stones. Shoes are natural or polished calf, but pumps may also be worn.

Ladies

- Dinner dress (long or short) or long skirt and blouse.
- Gloves

(D) EVENING DRESS (WHITE TIE OR "TAILS")

Indicated for official evening functions, balls, dinners, receptions and at the opera. Never worn during the day. Both partners should be in evening dress.

Gentlemen

- Evening dress consists of a jacket with tails open to the knee and trousers, in black or midnight blue. The lapels of the jacket are silk. The trousers have a double row of satin or velvet braid extending from the waist to the bottom of each leg on the outside. The shirt may be starched or stitched; cufflinks are pearl or gold; the collar is starched and the points folded. The tie is of starched piqué. Shoes are natural calf, but pumps may be worn. White gloves and a top hat complete the ensemble. For outdoors, a black overcoat or cape may be worn.

Ladies

- Long evening gown with gloves. If the gown is sleeveless, gloves should be above the elbow.
- If the gown has long sleeves, short gloves should be worn.
- Gloves should not be removed when passing through the receiving line or while dancing.
- If the occasion is an official dinner, gloves should be removed when one is seated at the table, since they must not be worn while eating or drinking.

(E) DRESS OPTIONAL - SPORTS CLOTHES

Indicated for more intimate gatherings held at home with friends or business acquaintances, in a relaxed atmosphere.