

THE DUFF HIGHLANDERS' SOCIETY

Draft Uniform Policy Statement and Guidelines

1. Purpose:

The Duff Highlanders' Society uniform is a symbol of our heritage and traditions. This policy aims to ensure all members wear the uniform with respect and dignity, maintaining the Society's proud image.

2. Quartermaster

The Society will appoint a quartermaster who will have overall responsibility for the management of all items of uniform and weaponry including stock control, recording issue and returns and monitoring condition.

3. Ownership

Highlanders will be expected to pay for their own shoes and hose of the approved type. (The proposed types are expensive and may be a barrier to membership for some. BW will check with JMcL if there are cheaper alternatives available which would be acceptable.) All other items of uniform and weaponry are provided free of charge and will normally remain the property of the Duff Highlanders' Society. Initially, items such as kilts and tunics will be made to measure and will be retained by the Highlanders while they remain members of the Society. When, for whatever reason, a member leaves the Society, then uniform items will be returned to the central stock for adjustment and re-issue to new members. However, it may be possible for retiring Highlanders to purchase their kilts on leaving the Society or for those who have made significant donations to keep their kilts.

4. Uniform Components:

The Duff Highlander Society uniform consists of the following elements:

- a) **Kilt and Plaid:** In the MacDuff tartan, in the setting devised for the Duff Highlanders.
- b) **Tunic:** Dark green with 30 silver buttons.
- c) **Sporran:** Brown/grey goat's hair or horse hair plus Society crest badges and no toggles.
- d) **Belts and Buckles:** Black leather crossbelt and waistbelt fitted with metal buckles, fasteners and end protectors.
- e) **Hose:** Diced hose in red/green with red flashes.
- f) **Footwear:** Black Buckle Brogues.
- g) **Headwear:** Glengarry in navy blue with red pompom and the Society crest badges.
- h) **Shoulder Brooch for plaid**

5. Wearing the Uniform:

- **Society Events:** The full uniform must be worn during official society gatherings, ceremonies, and formal events.

- **Other Events:** The uniform is intended to be worn only on official occasions, when the Duff Highlanders are invited to be present. The uniform may however be worn on other occasions such as family weddings, with the agreement of a member of the Management Committee.
- **Respect:** The uniform must always be worn with respect. Members must ensure their attire is clean and well-maintained.
- **Weaponry:** Weapons will be issued and returned at the start and finish of any event. They should not be retained by any Highlander except by specific arrangement with the Quartermaster.

6. Maintenance and Care:

- **Cleaning:** Dry-cleaning is recommended for the kilt and tunic. Guidelines for cleaning will be issued in due course.
- **Storage:** Store the kilt flat or hanging to avoid creases; the tunic should be hung to maintain its shape. Precautions must be taken to avoid moth infestation.
- **Repairs:** Any damage should be reported to the Quartermaster who will arrange for repairs to be carried out by qualified, experienced persons. Individual Highlanders will be liable for the costs involved in repairing their uniforms.

7. Code of Conduct While in Uniform:

- **Behaviour:** Members are expected to uphold the Society's values and behave in a manner befitting the uniform. Any misconduct while in uniform reflects poorly on the Society.
- **Public Interactions:** Members should always be courteous and respectful when interacting with the public while in uniform.

8. Exceptions and Special Circumstances:

- **Weather Considerations:** In extreme weather, suitable adaptations (e.g. capes, coats, gloves) are permissible, while maintaining as much of the formal appearance as possible. (Suitable capes may have to be identified and recommended if parading in inclement weather.)

9. Enforcement:

- **Compliance:** All members are required to adhere to these guidelines. The Society's Management Committee will address any breaches of this policy on a case-by-case basis and their decisions will be final.
- **Review and Updates:** This policy is subject to periodic review and updates to ensure it remains relevant and effective.

10. **Conclusion:** The Duff Highlanders' Society uniform represents our shared history and values. By adhering to these guidelines, members honour the Society and contribute to its reputation.

The Duff Highlanders' Society – Policy on the Wearing of the Uniform

Name: _____

I have read, understand and accept the Policy on the Wearing of the Uniform.

Signed: _____

Date: _____