

Protocol for Wearing the Medal

FULL EVENING DRESS

Men (White Tie)

The miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals should be worn suspended from a medal bar attached to the left lapel of the coat.

Only one full-size neck badge should be worn, suspended from a miniature-width ribbon. The ribbon is worn under the band of the tie so that the badge hangs 2.5 cm below the bow. A miniature of this badge should be included in those worn from the medal bar.

As many as four stars of order may be worn on the left side of the coat.

Women (Long Evening Dress)

The miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals should be worn suspended from a medal bar attached the left side of the dress. If there is only one such award, it may be worn on a bow.

As many as four stars of order may be worn on the left side of the dress.

If decorations are to be worn, invitations should read: "White tie - Decorations".

DINNER JACKET

Men (Black Tie)

The miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals should be worn suspended from a medal bar attached to the left lapel of the coat.

Only one full-size neck badge should be worn, suspended from a miniature-width ribbon. The ribbon is worn under the band of the tie so that the badge hangs 2.5 cm below the tie. A miniature of this badge should be included in those worn from the medal bar.

Only one star of order may be worn on the left side of the coat.

Women (Long Evening Dress)

The miniature badges of orders, decorations and medals should be worn suspended from a medal bar attached the left side of the dress. If there is only one such award, it may be worn on a bow.

If decorations are to be worn, invitations should read: "Black tie - Decorations".

MORNING DRESS

Men (Tail Coat or Director's [Short Black] Coat)

Full-size insignia suspended from a medal bar are worn attached to the left side of the coat.

Only one full-size neck badge should be worn, suspended from a full-width ribbon. The ribbon is worn under the shirt collar so that the badge rests on the tie immediately below the knot.

As many as four stars of order may be worn on the tail coat and only one star on the director's coat, attached to the left side below the insignia on the medal bar.

Women (Afternoon Dress)

Full-size insignia suspended from a medal bar are worn attached to the left side of the dress. If there is only one such award, it may be worn on a bow.

Only one full-size badge, that would be worn at the neck by a man, should be worn. This badge is worn on a bow attached to the dress immediately above the insignia worn on the medal bar.

Only one star of order should be worn on the left side of the dress below all other insignia.

At functions where morning dress may be worn, the host should indicate on the invitation whether decorations should also be worn.

LOUNGE SUITS

Men

Those full-size insignia that are suspended from a medal bar are worn attached to the left side of the coat.

Only one full-size neck badge should be worn, suspended from a full-width ribbon. The ribbon is worn under the shirt collar so that the badge rests on the tie immediately below the knot.

The stars of order should not be worn with lounge suits.

Women

When attending a day-time function at which men are wearing lounge suits, women should wear their full size insignia, which are worn from a medal bar, If the function is in the evening, the miniatures may be worn.

Only one full-size badge, that would be worn at the neck by a man, should be worn. This badge is worn on a bow attached to the dress immediately above the insignia worn from the medal bar.

The stars of order should not be worn on these occasions.

On daytime occasions, such as Remembrance Day, Legion or Regimental gatherings, guests may wear full-size medals with lounge suits or blazers. However, miniatures may be worn at similar evening functions. The host should indicate on the invitation whether decorations should be worn.

UNIFORMS

Male and female members of uniformed organizations, such as Armed Forces, Police Forces, the St. John Ambulance Brigade or the Corp of Commissioners, should wear their insignia as set out in their respective dress regulations.

Below are suggestions to guide those who wear decorations with military uniforms not subject to other regulations.

High-neck Tunic

Those full-size insignia mounted on a medal bar should be worn attached to the tunic over the left breast pocket.

As many as three neck badges should be worn. The senior badge suspended from its ribbon is worn under the collar of the shirt so that the badge rests on the tie immediately below the knot. The second badge is worn with the ribbon emerging from the second buttonhole.

As many as four stars of order may be worn on the left side of the tunic.

Formal Evening Dress

When members of uniformed organizations wear formal military style evening dress (mess kit), they should wear their decorations in the same manner as for civilian evening dress (white tie).

When not wearing insignia with a military style uniform, it is customary to wear the ribbon alone. The "undress ribbon" is worn around a one-half inch wide strip of stiffening material sewn immediately above the left breast pocket of the tunic. If more than one

ribbon is worn, it should be worn without interval with the senior one closest to the centre of the chest.

Overcoats

Only those full-size insignia mounted on a medal bar may be worn on a civilian overcoat at outdoor functions. Neither neck badges nor stars of orders may be worn.

Lapel Badges

Included in the insignia of some orders and decorations is a lapel badge. This badge may be worn on the left lapel of the coat with any order of dress at any time when the full or miniature insignia or the undress ribbons are not being worn. Women wear this badge in a similar position on the dress or jacket.