

# DRESS CODE GUIDE

This guide provides acceptable and unacceptable dress examples that apply to BPA national events. State associations may define their own dress code policies to use at regional or state-level events.

## Business Professional Dress

*Attire for all judged competitive events and to go on stage during any general sessions:*

- Suit jackets, blazers, or dresses
- Tops: Dress shirts with ties or blouses
- Bottoms: Dress pants or skirts
- Shoes: Close-toed dress shoes, heels, or flats



## Business Casual Dress

*Attire for competitive events inside all computer labs (i.e., open events lab, certification labs, etc.), leadership development workshops, campaign rallies, caucuses, exhibit halls, and general sessions, if not going on stage:*

- Tops: Polos, oxford shirts, sweaters, dresses or blouses
  - Sleeveless shirts should be worn with a cover-up, such as a blazer or sweater
- Bottoms: Dress pants or skirts
- Shoes: Dress shoes, heels, or flats



## Casual Dress

*Attire for tours, special events, and service activities:*

- Tops: T-shirts, sweatshirts, and other casual tops
- Bottoms: Jeans, shorts, or other casual bottoms
- Shoes: Any footwear, including sneakers or sandals



## Additional Notes

- All attire must not include any offensive graphics or slogans.
- All shirts should cover the midriff.

## UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

The following items are prohibited in all conference areas:

- Strapless, spaghetti straps, tube tops, halter tops, and midriff tops
- Spandex, lycra, or transparent clothing
- Cut-offs and clothing with rips or tears
- Clothing with inappropriate words and pictures
- Mini/short skirts or dresses more than 2" above the knee
- Swimwear



Members who are uncertain about unacceptable attire should ask their chapter advisor, state leader, or any of the BPA conference staff.