

# Pall Mall Dress Code

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## Introduction

The Pall Mall clubhouse is an elegant and formal building where every effort is made to ensure that your visit is a memorable one.

The purpose of the Dress Code is to maintain an appropriate balance of more formal attire in some areas, adding to the sense of occasion, with less formal wear in other areas, so that the Dress Code does not deny members from using them.

Members should ensure that they and their guests are familiar with the Dress Code in order to avoid any embarrassment. Members are responsible for the dress of their guests at all times in all public areas.

Club staff are instructed to enforce the Dress Code. If approached by a member of staff regarding a matter of dress code, members and guests are expected to respond with the politeness and dignity expected of a member of the Royal Automobile Club.

### General Information

Outerwear (overcoats, hats, scarves etc.) must be left in the cloakroom or your bedroom. They may not be brought into the public spaces of the clubhouse.

Luggage, including hand luggage (apart from small handbags or man bags), carrier bags and umbrellas must also be left in the cloakroom or your bedroom. They may not be brought into the public spaces of the clubhouse. Briefcases and coats may be taken to the Simms Centre.

Sportswear, trainers, jeans and denim wear are acceptable in the sports and spa area and while travelling to or from the sports and spa area from the clubhouse entrance or your bedroom via a lift. Dressing gowns may be used between your bedroom and the Spa if going via the lifts.

Members in casual wear may walk through the Club Room to reach or leave the Long Bar.

Children aged seven or above are required to follow the same dress code rules as adults.

	Weekdays	Weekends
Great Gallery	Smart Casual until 5.00pm, then Smart	Smart Casual until 5.00pm, then Smart
Cocktail Bar		Smart Casual
Brooklands Room Club Room Drawing Room Rotunda Library Simms Centre Terrace	Smart Casual	Casual
Long Bar	Casual	
Sports Areas	Sportswear	

Weekends are considered as from 5.00pm on Friday until 11.00am on Monday. The weekend dress code applies on Bank Holidays.

# Definitions

#### Smart

**Men:** jacket (suit, blazer or sports jacket), tie and fully button-fronted collared shirt tucked in with tailored trousers, corduroys, chinos or moleskins.

**Women:** smart attire (dress, tailored trousers or skirt with a smart top or shirt), business attire or other clothing of appropriate formality.

In June, July and August, men are not required to wear jackets or ties.

#### Smart Casual

As above except that a tie is not required.

#### Casual

As above except that neither jacket nor tie is required. Sweaters over a shirt and short sleeve button-fronted shirts are permitted.

Women should dress with equivalent formality.

#### Sportswear

Gym and spa appropriate clothing, including trainers, tracksuits, jogging attire and dressing gowns.

# Banned Items

- Jeans or denim wear including trousers, dresses, skirts, jackets, and shirts – of any colour. (Except in direct transit to the sports and spa areas or to your bedroom.)
- Hats, caps and hoodies.
- Strapless, flimsy, transparent and very low-cut tops/ shirts/blouses, except for formal evening wear.
- Rollneck/sweater without a shirt/turtle neck (applies to men only).
- Exposed midriffs.
- Cargo/combat pants.

And, other than appropriate sportswear in the sports and spa areas:

- Flip-flops, casual sandals, leisure shoes (including plimsolls, trainers, canvas shoes and sneakers) and walking shoes, casual boots, hiking shoes and boots and 'Ugg'-like boots.
- Leisurewear, such as shorts (applies to men only), polo shirts, T-shirts, items with large logos and leggings (even leather) except under dresses.

### **Electronic Devices**

Telephone calls may only be taken in the phone booths on the ground floor adjacent to the Club Shop or in the Simms Centre.

Personal handheld electronic equipment may be used in silent mode in all public areas of the clubhouse except in:

- the Turkish Baths (other than in a cubicle by a member who is sleeping there overnight between 10.00pm and 6.00am)
- any changing rooms, to ensure the privacy of other users.

The use of larger electronic equipment, including laptops, is prohibited in all areas except the Simms Centre, the Library and pre-booked banqueting rooms.

# **Business Meetings and Papers**

Business meetings may be held or business papers may be used only in the Simms Centre or in a banqueting room booked for the purpose.



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