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## CHAPTER FOUR - COMPETITIVE EVENTS

FBLA members need to develop the proper attitude toward competitive events. Learning how to win as well as how to lose should be an integral part of leadership development. The main value is not derived from winning or losing; rather, the real value comes from participation in activities leading to the event. New competitive events will be integrated into the PA FBLA program as they are announced by the national office.

### Dress Code

The dress code approved by the PA FBLA Board of Directors for all PA FBLA functions is:

The purpose of the dress code is to uphold the professional image of the Association and its members and to prepare students for the business world. Appropriate business attire is required for all attendees—advisers, members, and guests—for all general sessions, competitive events, caucusing, workshops, meal functions, and receptions. Attire for social functions shall be listed in the conference program. Delegates shall abide by the dress code established by the PA FBLA Board of Directors for all state functions. Delegates not adhering to the dress code shall not be admitted to the functions listed above.

**The specific dress code for all delegates shall be:**

#### Permitted for Gentlemen

- Business suit with collar dress shirt, and necktie or
- Sport coat, dress slacks, collared shirt, and necktie or
- Dress slacks, collared shirt, and necktie.
- Banded collar shirt may be worn only if sport coat or business suit is worn.
- Dress shoes and socks.

#### Permitted for Ladies

- Business suit with blouse or
- Business pantsuit with blouse or
- Skirt or dress slacks with blouse or sweater or
- Business dress or
- Dress capri pants (below the knee) or dress gauchos (below the knee) with a coordinating jacket.
- Dress shoes.

#### Not Permitted for Ladies and Gentlemen

- Jewelry in visible body piercing, other than ears.
- Denim or chambray fabric clothing of any kind, overalls, shorts, skorts, stretch or stirrup pants, exercise or bike shorts.
- Backless, see-through, tight-fitting, spaghetti straps, strapless, or **extremely short** or low-cut blouses/tops/dresses/skirts.

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- T-shirts, Lycra™, spandex, midriff tops, tank tops; bathing suits.
  - Sandals, athletic shoes, industrial work shoes, hiking boots, bare feet, or over-the-knee boots.
  - Athletic wear, including sneakers.
  - Hats or flannel fabric clothing.
  - Bolo ties.
  - Visible foundation garments.
  - Cargo pants

Casual attire is acceptable for specific functions as listed in the program or during times when not attending specific conference functions.

New fashion trends may be in style but not necessarily appropriate. The best way to operate is to avoid walking the line. If there is doubt, select something else to wear. Be a professional.