

# EASTERN AREA SCC WARDROOM MESS RULES

## Welcome to Your Mess

### Membership

1. All Adults (18 years or over) are full members of the Mess.

### Joining

2. All members join through normal joining routines at the event/course venue.

### Subscriptions

3. Currently, there are no mess charges.

### Meals

4. The meal times are promulgated with the event/course instructions, but may be subject to change at the accommodation. Please co-operate and be patience with the staff manning the Galley/dining room.

### Dress

5. The following rules apply unless an alternative rig is ordered.
  - a. General: During working hours any clean uniform /civilian clothing. After 1930, civilian clothes or uniform as listed.
  - b. Uniform: The appropriate day uniform is acceptable in the Mess until 1930 after which time 1C or 3's in warm weather is to be worn by Duty Officers/Senior Rates.
  - c. Plain clothes: It is recognised that there are many civilian members of the Wardroom.
  - d. The correct plain clothes in the mess is Jacket and Tie, or Planters, or Smart Jumper and Tie with smart trousers. However in Eastern Area for normal MTWE and Competition Events this is relaxed to Smart Casual as shown in the matrix below.
  - e. Casual rig is to be excused to the Senior Officer present in uniform.  
**JEANS IN ANY MATERIAL ARE NOT TO BE WORN IN THE MESS AT ANY TIME.**
  - f. **LADIES: SHORT SKIRTS & PLUNGING NECKLINES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE AT ANY TIME.**
  - g. In the absence of the Mess President, the Senior Officer present shall exercise judgement over the interpretation of these rules and may ask any person improperly dressed to leave and return appropriately dressed.
  - h. It is important that members of the Mess, uniformed or civilian, understand the importance of always being dressed both smartly and correctly and in a manner that does not offend other Mess members or guests. It is part of the education process for those newly appointed and will help them should they have to stay in service messes, if in doubt ask

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the Duty Regulating Officer. Articles of uniform clothing must never be worn with civilian clothes.

- i. Officers/Senior Rates entering the Mess in Smart Casual plain clothes must excuse their rig to the most Senior Officer present in uniform as a matter of course.

	Gentlemen	Ladies
Normal	Lounge Suit or Jacket and Tie Long Sleeved Shirt and Long Trousers.	Two piece suit, Dress, Smart Skirt or tailored trousers (no ski pants or leggings).
Planters	Long sleeved shirt with tie. In cold weather a sports jacket or blazer may be worn. Long Trousers	Dress, Smart Skirt or tailored trousers (no ski pants or leggings). Blouse/collared shirt or cardigan. In cold weather a jacket may be worn. (No Fleeeces)
Smart Casual	Trousers (not jeans or shorts) Shirt with collar can be worn without a tie, if desired. Polo shirts are acceptable – Tee shirts or Polo shirts with 'loud' motifs ARE NOT. Long or short sleeved V, crew or roll neck sweater. (No trainers)	Smart separates: Skirt or tailored trousers with blouse or collared shirt. Long or short sleeved V, crew or roll neck sweater. (No trainers)

### Guests

6. Members may invite guests into the Mess Bar after the approval of the Mess President or the Duty Regulating Officer. Visitors to the Mess are expected to comply with the Mess rules regarding dress; hosts are required to ensure their guests are aware of this. Guests behaviour is the responsibility of the host, and guests are to be clear of the Mess by 2359, except where previously approved by the Mess President.

### Mess bar

7. A full Mess bar will operate during a course/event weekend. The opening and closing times will be promulgated at the venue. The bar will be operated by volunteers under contract to the Eastern Area. The bar operates on a **CASH ONLY** basis.  
**PRIVATE SUPPLIES OF ALCOHOL ARE NOT PERMITTED.**

### General

8. The Eastern Area SCC Wardroom Mess rules are based on Royal Navy mess rules and compliance will ensure you are aware of the requirements when visiting naval messes for courses, and competitions.

9. Please enjoy yourself during your visit to the course/event, if you should have any complaints you should raise them with the Mess President. Constructive comments on the rules are to be passed to the SSO.