

MILITARY CADETS STANDING ORDERS

CHAPTER 2 – ORDERS FOR DRESS

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General appearance

2.01. All members of the Military Cadets are to comply with these orders for dress.

2.02. The image, pride and self-esteem of the Military Cadets is highly dependant upon the maintenance of the highest standards of dress. All members are to maintain their uniform in good repair and present the highest possible standards of appearance.

2.03. Members in uniform are **not** to chew gum, slouch, saunter, smoke in public, jay walk, or undertake any other similar behaviour that detracts from a military appearance in the eyes of the public.

2.04. Individuals are to maintain these standards by their own self-discipline. Where subordinates fail to do so, all superiors are to enforce these standards upon them.

2.05. Alignment. All clothing is to be centre aligned.

2.06. Ironing. All uniforms except field dress are to be ironed. Collars and rolled up sleeves are to be ironed flat.

2.07. Cosmetics. Females may wear conservative colour and style cosmetics. Excessive cosmetics are not to be worn. Only colourless/clear nail polish is permitted. Cosmetics are not to be worn in the field.

2.08. Fingernails. Fingernails are to be kept clean and neatly trimmed at all times. Fingernails of males are not to extend beyond the tip of the thumb/finger. Fingernails of females are not to extend further than **five** millimetres beyond the tip of the thumb/finger.

2.09. Shaving and beards. Males are to be clean shaven daily prior to the first parade; except when authorised by the OC of the unit to wear a beard. When worn, beards are to be kept neatly trimmed with the whisker length not greater than two centimetres.

2.10. Moustaches. Moustaches are to be neatly trimmed, not to exceed two centimetres in length, and no part is to extend below the top lip or the corners of the mouth.

2.11. Hair – Males. No hair is to touch the ears or collar, and it is not to protrude more than 40 mm from the scalp (as distinct from the length of hair). Hair on the neck is to be kept trimmed/shaved. Radical hairstyles, such as mohawks, stepped cuts, layers, foils, streaked, bleached, unnatural or extreme colours or combinations of colours are not permitted. Sideburns are to extend no lower than where the ear lobe joins the face, be squared off in a horizontal line at the bottom edge, and be an even width not exceeding 4 cm.

2.12. Hair – Females. Hair is not to fall below the eyebrows touch the ears or collar. It is to be styled so that hair does not interfere with the proper wearing of any military headdress or protective equipment. A relatively natural appearance is to be maintained. Foils, streaked, bleached, unnatural or extreme colours are not permitted. Radical styles are prohibited. Hair accoutrements are to be of a similar colour to the hair. Acceptable accoutrements are hair combs, clips, nets, elastic bands, hair pins and bun pieces and for PT and scrunchies. Long

hair is to be tied back in a bun, worn braided, single plait or in a method which secures the hair to the head. The braid or plait may be worn loose when on field exercises at the discretion of the unit OC. For PT activities a ponytail is permitted.

2.13. Wigs. The wearing of a wig is not permitted except to cover natural baldness or physical disfiguration. When worn, a wig or hairpiece is to conform to the standard criteria for hair.

2.14. Jewellery. Jewellery is not to be worn by personnel in uniform with the exception of wrist watches, medic alert bracelets, engagement, wedding, eternity and signet rings.

2.15. Rings. Engagement, wedding and or eternity rings are to be worn together on the same finger. Only a single ring of each other type is permitted and is to be worn on the middle, ring or little finger of either hand. **During all practical activities, where there is a risk of injury, rings are to be removed or taped.**

2.16. Earrings. Piercing of the ears that causes any abnormal disfigurement or deformity of the ears is prohibited. Females, may wear a single keeper, stud type earring of plain gold or silver with an orb not greater than five millimetres in diameter, in the lobe of each ear. **Males are not permitted to wear ear jewellery of any type.**

2.17. Body Piercing. Members are not permitted to wear any form of body piercing adornment.

2.18. Watches. Brightly coloured watches or watch bands are not permitted. On a ceremonial parade watches are not to be worn.

2.19. Tattoos. Any individual with a tattoo considered to be offensive or inconsistent with the values and ethos of the Military Cadets will be excluded from membership.

2.20. Bags, Backpacks and Camelbacks. Bags are to be carried in the left hand and are not to be carried over the shoulder. Backpacks and Camelbacks of a camouflage colour may be worn centrally on the back using both shoulder straps.

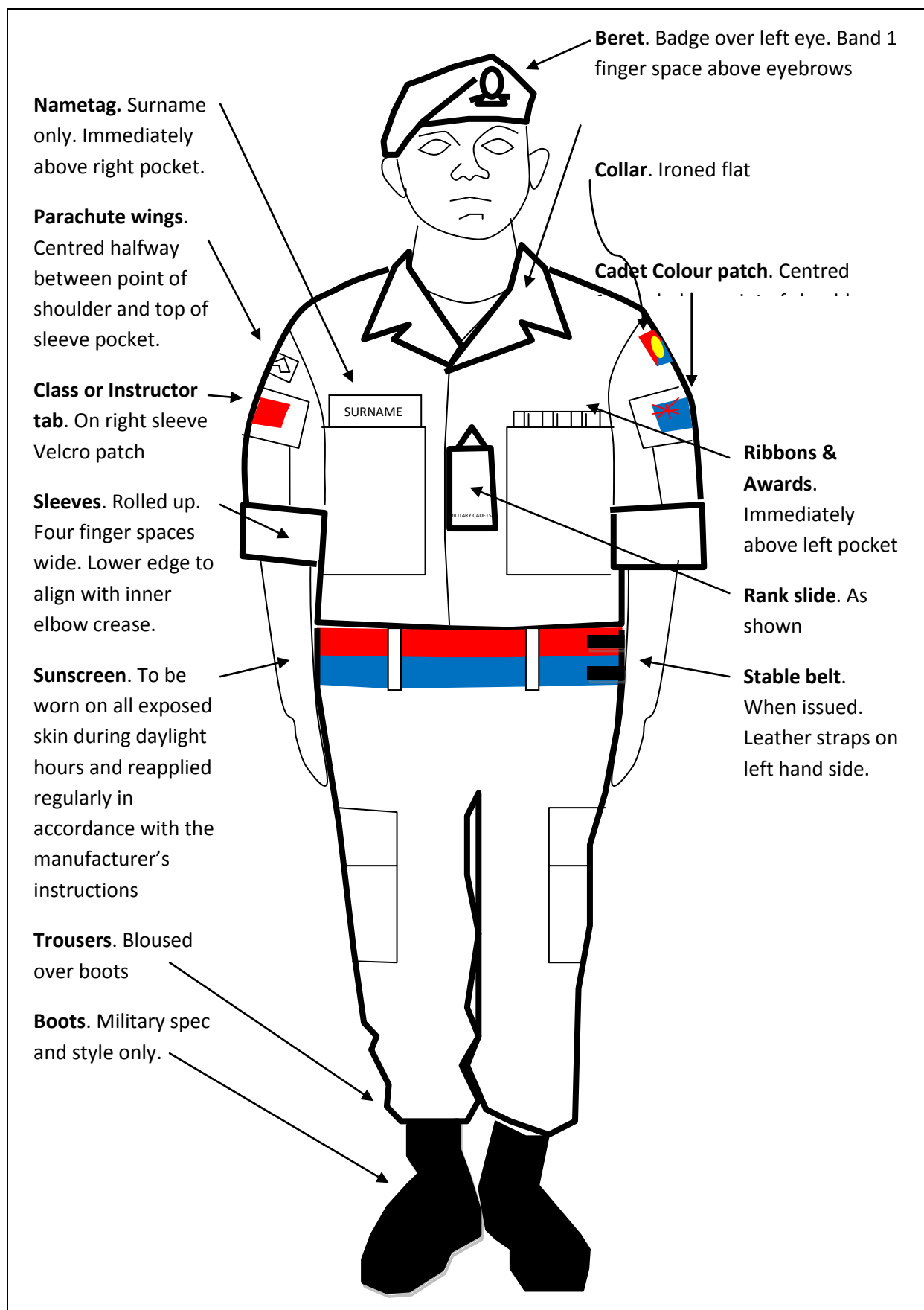
2.21. Glasses. Frames of prescribed spectacles are to be metal (gold, silver or bronze finish) or plastic (black or brown tones).

2.22. Sunglasses. Sunglasses may be worn whilst in uniform as follows:

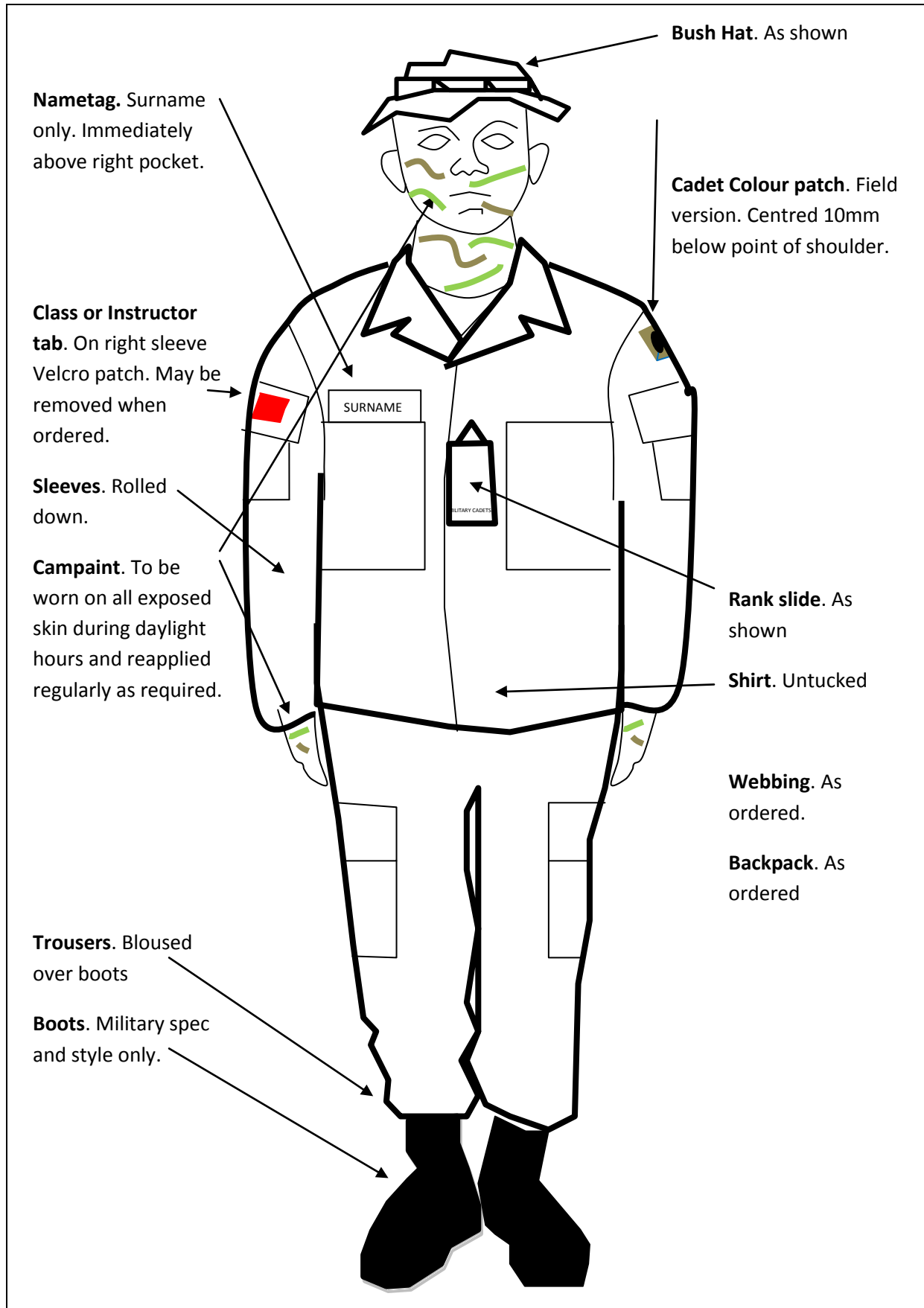
- a. Prescribed sunglasses may be worn in accordance with the prescription;
- b. Brightly coloured or reflective coated lenses are not permitted;
- c. Non-prescribed sunglasses may be worn when eye protection is necessary in other than ceremonial dress. Brightly coloured or reflective coated lenses are not permitted; and
- d. Sunglasses are not to be worn, dangled or suspended from other parts of the body, uniform or on top of the head.

Orders of Dress

2.23. Barracks Dress. Barracks Dress is as illustrated below.



2.24. Field Dress. Field Dress is as illustrated below.



2.25. Civilian Attire

2.26. By default Military Cadets uniform is to be worn for all activities unless authorised by the OC of the unit. Mixed dress of both civilian attire and Military Cadets uniform is not permitted.

Wearing of uniform

2.27. Uniform is to be worn at any time when attending, or travelling to and from, a scheduled Military Cadets activity, or when authorised by the OC of the unit. The Military Cadets uniform is **not** to be worn at any other time.

2.28. Footwear. All footwear is to be clean and free of mud and dust, and cared for in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Except when in the field or during PT, smooth leather surfaces are to be buff polished to a mild shine; and suede leather surfaces are to be neatly brushed in a consistent direction.

2.29. Laces. All footwear is to be laced with the initial lower lace horizontal across the inside of the shoe/boot, and then crossed over, outside over inside, upwards through all eyelets, to the top of the boot/shoe. When trousers are bloused over boots all excess laces are to be concealed under the blousing.

2.30. Headdress. Headdress is to be worn at all times whilst in uniform outdoors, or inside shopping centres, shops, service stations, undercover car parks and airports. Headdress is not to be worn in the following circumstances:

- a. when in a vehicle unless participating in a ceremonial parade;
- b. when attending an indoor church service unless a member of an armed party or on duty;
- c. when attending an outdoor church service when the officiating chaplain requests removal of headdress; and
- d. when within messes or clubs, restaurants, cafeterias and eateries.