



On behalf of the sponsoring Hungarian Veterans' Association and the Ball Committee we welcome every debutante young lady to the

HUNGARIA GALA BALL

This short synopsis should help the debutante family to select the all important perfect debutante gown with the essential accessories.

For additional information and ideas please approach one of the available Committee Members. They are available on Sundays during the dance practices or through the contact information from the website www.hungariaball.com

All dancers should have registered and paid their dancer fees by the due date. Please review the Code of Conduct, which is also available on the website.

DESCRIPTION OF A DEBUTANTE DRESS

- Floor length **white** gown *without* a train.
- A very full skirt which *floats and swirls* with the waltz.
- When the skirt is held away from the body with your arms, it should NOT become tight around the hips and thighs. See the following picture. The minimum skirt width at arm's length is 58 inches or 148 cm. This is mandatory.
- The bodice is a modest cut (front and back) with or without sleeves.

- The dress may be strapless, but the bodice must fit securely without it ever needing to be pulled up and adjusted – this can pose major difficulties while dancing.
- Think about *comfort* as you are required to remain in the debutante dress for the entire evening. Usually for a minimum of 10 hours!

Consignments stores will often have wonderful wedding gown which can be altered at a reasonable cost.



Shoes and undergarments

- White closed toed shoes with a block low heel. The soles should be flexible so that you can dance on the balls of your feet. Expect the shoes to get scuffed up. Purchase a type that can be cleaned. (No beading. The dress hem gets caught in it.)
- NO sandals and “high” heels.
- Wear light coloured under garments & a comfortable suitable bra. Full length pantyhose are requested. You MUST wear a full back & front underwear!
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Start shopping early as there are many sales in October and November.

Personal grooming:

- Shower and use deodorant. Minimize perfumes as many people are allergic to these. We do not wish to “smell” you from afar!
- Bring extra undergarments, especially if it is around your menstrual cycle. Come prepared!
- Bring deodorant & tooth brush/paste with you as you’ll want to freshen up before the Reception.

Hair and Make up:

- Hair should be in a flattering style for you but we request that it be off the face and shoulders. Book your hair appointment for early on the day of the Ball, by around 10 AM the very latest! Make appointment ASAP.
- A sparkling clear coloured glass Tiara is required and it is best if the hairdresser pins it in, as it needs to stay in place for the entire day and evening. Dance stores, such as the Masque, have a wide selection at reasonable costs.
- Make up is to be polished and suitable for the elegant evening. Do not do “trendy” as it will date your photos. Keep your lipstick or gloss near by.

- DO NOT use self tanning creams as you will look yellow on the photos. Tanning in any form is generally not a good idea for this event.
- Nails should be manicured with either a pale or natural polish.
- Jewelry is to be minimal.

Gloves:

- Must be white to match the dress.
- The shorter the dress sleeves the higher it is above the elbow.
- Wear the gloves all evening except during the meal. Do not touch your face as it will take off your make up.
- Jewelry slips off the gloves unnoticed, so DO NOT wear rings and bangles/bracelets over your gloves!
- The Ball Committee will provide you with a corsage to be worn on your left wrist. No other corsage should be on your dress.

Ladylike behaviour is expected at all times:

- Practice good table manners. Read the Etiquette section on the website.
- Have linen handkerchief or a few tissues in your purse to dab off perspiration
- Be polite and talk to everyone at your table
- When offered, take the gentleman's right forearm to walk with him
- Wait for your chair to be pulled out for you
- Do not become intoxicated!
- Be punctual
- Do not chew gum. Use breath mint instead.
- Never take your shoes off, bring another pair for comfort.

It is customary for dance couples attending a formal evening to purchase either a corsage, for a young lady, or a boutonniere for the gentlemen. In this case please do not purchase a boutonniere for your escort as each debutante escort will receive one from the Ball Committee.

You and the rest of your friends may decide to give a personalized Thank You note to each of your escorts, expressing your appreciation for their gentlemanly behavior, or some other endearing quality shown over the last few months.

A simple note may be as:

Thank you John for being so kind and forgiving during our dance practices.

I am looking forward to the Ball and I'm sure we will have a great time!

Your Friend,

Janice

Enjoy yourself and remain safe with your friends!