



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

HUNGARIA GALA BALL

This short synopsis should assist the young gentlemen in their preparation for the Ball.

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.

FORMAL WEAR AT A BLACK TIE EVENT

CAMEO & CUFFLINKS (see website for address) is our tuxedo sponsor for the Ball. Guests of the Ball receive discounted rental rates when they obtain tuxedos from here.

All male dancers for the ball will be asked to go to the store to be fitted with a predetermined type of tuxedo or tailcoat. This generally takes place in January, a month before the ball. The dancers are responsible for the rental of these items and their return.

You need to have your tuxedo for the THURSDAY before the Ball that is the Dress Rehearsal. You may wear a regular white shirt with a tie for the rehearsal ONLY.

A formal outfit includes:

- A black tuxedo or tailcoat with
- white shirt, tie, and
- black shoes.

Accessories:

- White gloves are also provided. These are often forgotten and misplaced by their owners. DO NOT LOOSE THEM as you need it while dancing and for the photos.
- Have linen handkerchief in your pocket or some "Kleenex"
- Two pairs of BLACK SOCK TO GO WITH THE SHOES! One pair for the dress rehearsal night and one pair for the Ball night.
- Each Debutante escort, that is you, will receive a boutonniere from the Ball Committee. This is a flower decoration worn by men. It is typically a single flower or bud pinned on to the left lapel of the coat. The flower itself is often a carnation (white one means remembrance), which is most formal, while red remains a classic alternative.

Personal grooming:

- If a haircut is needed, do this at least a minimum of two weeks prior to the Ball.
- Long hair needs to be clean & secured in a back ponytail
- Do not do trendy styles, as it will date your photos.
- Shower in the morning.
- Bring a tooth brush/paste & deodorant with you. You will need to freshen up before the Reception.
- Trim your finger and toe nails.
- Shave prior to coming and use cologne SPARINGLY, no one else wants to wear it after a hug, nor smell you after you have left the room!
- Wear clean undergarments and socks. Bring extra items if you perspire excessively.

Please read the following information about formal wear and how to be comfortable wearing this type of clothing.

Basic Tuxedo Facts

- A black tuxedo is considered more formal than a white or ivory tuxedo.
- Tuxedo jackets, tailcoats, dinner jackets, or any jacket with a satin lapel should be worn with formal trousers, which have a satin stripe on each side.
- A pleated shirt is considered more formal than a flat (non-pleated) shirt. The piqué shirt is even more formal than a pleated shirt. It is normally only worn

with a black tailcoat and matching white piqué vest & bow tie to very formal evening events. Piqué shirt is traditionally white.

- The white shirt sleeves should extend 1/4" to 1/2" beyond the hem of the black coat sleeves.
- Bow ties are the most formal style of ties and are traditionally not worn during the day.
- Cummerbunds are always worn with the pleats facing upwards. This is because cummerbunds used to have a pocket hidden in the pleats that was used to hold theater tickets. The pockets are gone, but the tradition of wearing the pleats facing upwards remains.
- Patent lace-up shoes are the most formal style of shoe.
- White gloves are worn to protect the ladies' dresses from sweaty palms
- All men look exceptionally handsome in tuxedos and tailcoats, so wear it with confidence and style.

But to complete the look of "flair" you must act like a gentleman. So here are some ideas:

- Practice good table manners. Review the Etiquette site on our website.
- Talk to everyone at your table and ask all the young ladies to dance.
- The evening jacket is never taken off in the Ball room.
- Have a linen handkerchief in your pocket to use to dab off perspiration.
- While standing the jacket is buttoned, however, while sitting it is unbuttoned.
- Gentlemen stand when a lady leaves the table or when she comes back.
- A seat is offered to the lady while her long gown is protected.
- Offer your right arm to your lady when walking with her.
- Do not chew gum! Use a breath mint instead.
- Do not become intoxicated!
- Be punctual

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 corsage for your escort as each debutante young lady will receive one from the Ball Committee

You and the rest of your dancer friends may decide to present your partner with a single rose as a compliment to her.

An appropriate color of rose would be white – usually means perfection and goodness. Pink means – femininity & friendship.

Enjoy yourself and remain safe with your friends!