

Chapter 14

Personal Accessories - Jewelry, Cosmetics, etc.

(While in Uniform or in Civilian attire for official AFJROTC duties)

JEWELRY. Jewelry, Cosmetics, Eyewear, Electronic Devices, Bags, Backpacks, Cold Weather and Other Accessories. ***Personal accessories not listed in this instruction are not authorized for wear.***

WATCHES. While in uniform, you may wear a wristwatch. Watches must be conservative and only one can be worn around the wrist while in uniform, PFTG, or civilian attire in an official capacity. Conservative examples (not all inclusive) are solid color black, brown, silver or gold. Prohibited examples are diamond-covered, neon, bright colors, and bands that exceed 1-inch width.

RINGS. Rings may be worn, but no more than three rings at any one time. Must be worn at the base of the finger. Thumb rings are not authorized.

BRACELETS. Ankle bracelets are not authorized. Cadets may wear one bracelet around their wrist. If worn, the bracelet will be conservative (moderate, being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme) (which is defined as plain, not drawing attention or faddish) in design, no wider than ½ inch, gold or silver in color, and will not have any inappropriate pictures or writing.

Medical alert/identification bracelets are authorized; however, if worn, they will be conservative (moderate, being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme) (which is defined as plain, not drawing inappropriate attention or faddish).

Bracelets espousing support for cause, philosophy, individual or group are **NOT** authorized (**Exception:** Traditional metal POW/MIA/KIA bracelets, which come in colors besides silver, bronze, or gold, remain authorized). Cadets may wear one bracelet if it is neat and conservative.

Colored/rubber bracelets that support a cause are NOT allowed to be worn in uniform.

NECKLACES. Will not be visible at any time. If a necklace will be worn, it will be concealed under a collar or undershirt.

EARRINGS. Earrings will be small spherical (size of a BB or 6mm), conservative diamond, white gold, white pearl, or silver with any uniform combination (no jewelry with PFT uniform) and worn as a set. If member has multiple holes only one set of earrings will be worn in the lower earlobe. Clip-ons must fit tightly and may not extend below the earlobe.

****Absolutely no body piercings (i.e., no tongue, nose, eyebrow, lip, etc.).***

Except for earrings for women, all members are prohibited from attaching, affixing, or displaying objects, articles, jewelry or ornamentation to or through the ear, nose, tongue, eye brows, lips, or any exposed body part (including anything visible through the uniform). Cadets may not cover any of these articles with make-up, band aids, or wearing clear posts pins to hide body piercings.

Bottom Line: No piercings/jewelry in face when in Air Force uniform (Blues, ABUs, PT) or in civilian clothes performing "Official Duties of AFJROTC."

EYEGASSES, SUNGLASSES, & CONTACTS. If you wear glasses, they must not have any ornaments on the frames or lenses. Eyeglass lenses that are conservative, clear, slightly tinted, or have photosensitive lenses may be worn in uniform while indoors or while in military formation. When outdoors and in uniform, sunglasses and eyeglasses must have lenses and frames that are conservative; faddish or mirrored lenses are prohibited. Sunglasses are not allowed while in a military formation. Neither eyeglasses nor sunglasses can be worn around the neck while in uniform.

Contact lenses will be natural looking in shape and design. They will be clear in color and not change the color of the Cadet's natural eye color.

COSMETICS. Males are not authorized to wear any cosmetics. Female cadets may wear cosmetics; however, if worn, they will be conservative (moderate, being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme) and in good taste. "Heavy Eyeliner is prohibited, and no eye-liner will extend past the corner of the eye (Wings). Female cadets will not wear shades of lipstick that distinctly contrast with their complexion, that detract from the uniform, or that are extreme colors. Some examples of extreme colors include but are not limited to, purple, gold, blue, black, bright (fire-engine) red, and fluorescent colors. Cosmetics will not be worn during field conditions.

BLACK OR SAGE GREEN WATCH CAP. Watch cap may be worn only when wearing the physical training uniform (PFTG). Wear the watch cap pulled down snugly on the head; the bottom edge (all) of the cap may be folded to allow proper fit, but not rolled. The back of the cap should run across the nape of the neck and the front of cap should not be touching eyebrows nor higher than center of forehead; no hair should be protruding from front of cap. No bunching and no sagging.

GYM BAGS. Gym bags will be solid dark-blue or black in color with matching stitching and carried in the left hand. When wearing ABUs, Airmen can also use olive drab, Air Force sage green or ABU patterned gym bags.

BACK PACKS. Black back packs may be worn with any uniform combination. Only solid-color black backpacks will be worn with blue uniform combinations. ABU-patterned back packs, olive drab and Air Force sage green may be worn with the ABU. Cadets may wear a back pack on the left shoulder or both shoulders (not to interfere with rendering the proper salute). Back packs will not have ornamentation, a high-gloss, designs, or hanging/dangling objects. Small gold or silver clasp authorized, but chains are not authorized.

HANDBAGS. Handbags for all uniform combinations will be solid black leather or vinyl without ornamentation, with or without plain fold-over flap, with or without single-placed silver or gold-colored clasp, with black stitching only. Handbags may have up to two adjustable shoulder straps with or without buckles on the straps. Handbags will not exceed 13(W) x 9(H) x 4 ½ in bulk.

CLUTCH-STYLE PURSES. Clutch-style purses for all uniform combinations will be plain black smooth or scotch-grain leather, patent leather, high-gloss or manmade material without ornamentation, with black stitching only. Fabric, suede, and patent leather may be carried with the mess dress, formal dress and ceremonial dress uniforms. Clutch-style purses will be no larger than 6 ½ (H) x 11(W) inches or no smaller than 5(H) x 9(W) inches. Clutch-style purses will have a concealed closure and may have a wrist strap.

UMBRELLA. Umbrellas will be plain, solid colored black and carried in the left hand.

COLD WEATER ITEMS

GLOVES (black or sage green). Gloves may be worn with all authorized outer garments. They will be all one color, leather, knitted, tricot or suede, or a combination of leather, knitted, tricot, and suede. Black or sage green gloves may be worn with the ABU, FDU and all authorized outer garments to the ABU or FDU. Only black gloves may be worn with the service dress uniform and all approved outer garments worn with the blue service and service dress uniforms.

SCARF (black). A scarf may be worn with all authorized outer garments except the pullover and cardigan sweaters (when worn solely as an outer garment). The scarf must be tucked in and will only be worn with an outer garment. The scarf will not exceed 10 inches in width and can be knit, all wool or cotton simplex, with or without a napped surface.

EARMUFFS (black). Earmuffs may be worn with all authorized outer garments and may wrap around either the top or rear of the head. Earmuffs may be made of any material and will only be worn with an outer garment

ELECTRONIC DEVICES. Electronic devices are small electronic equipment such as cellular phones (personal or official), MP3 or similar players, radio, or hands-free devices (e.g. Bluetooth®), pedometers, Fitbits™ and other small, conservative size fitness trackers. Handheld electronic devices, if worn on the belt/waistband, or clipped to a purse will be plain black, silver, dark blue, or gray. Handheld electronic devices that are not worn on the belt/waistband/or clipped to a purse can be any color. Holster and other storage devices used to attach handheld electronic devices to the uniform or purse will be plain black, silver, dark blue, or gray. One handheld electronic device may be attached to a belt/waistband on either side or clipped to a purse. Pedometers are allowed to be worn on boots/shoes with uniform but must be dark blue or black in color and can attach without interfering with the work area or cause a safety hazard. Fitbits™ and other small conservative fitness trackers may be worn on the wrist in uniform but must be dark blue or black in color and bands may not exceed 1-inch width.

Exception: Color and band width (may be up to 1 ½ inch width in physical fitness uniforms) restrictions for Fitbits™, pedometers and other small, conservative size fitness trackers do not apply when worn with physical fitness uniforms.

Wear/use of an earpiece, any blue tooth technology or headphones, while in uniform, indoors or outdoors, is prohibited, unless specifically authorized for the execution of official duties. (Exception: Headphones and earphones (iPods, MP3 type players, etc.) are authorized during travel on public transportation (i.e., bus, train, air travel) or while wearing the physical fitness training gear (PFTG) during individual or personal PT in the fitness center or on designated running areas unless prohibited by the installation commander). Use of a hands-free device is authorized while in uniform operating a motor vehicle if local policy permits.

While walking in uniform use of personal electronic media devices, including ear pieces, speaker phones or text messaging is limited to emergencies or when official notifications are necessary. Military customs and courtesies take precedence.

AFI 36-2903 gives further guidance that you may want to review with your instructor.