



Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing Imperial Classical Ballet

CLOTHING GUIDE

Teachers are reminded that Imperial Classical Ballet suggested clothing is not compulsory and that pupils may wear suitable clothing chosen by their teacher.

LEOTARD WITH SKIRT

- **Pre-Primary, Primary Grade and Primary & level 1 Class Examinations**

Bluebell or Aqua leotard with attached skirt (available from IDS Catalogue Number ISTD09). NB. Skirts should be no longer than mid thigh, so knees are clearly visible.

OR

White leotard, navy or black shorts.

LEOTARD

- **Grades 1/2/3/4 and Class Examinations 2/3/4**

Bluebell or Aqua IDS Leotard without skirt (available from IDS catalogue number ISTD10) and matching elastic belt optional.

National Skirts are also required for Class Exams 3 and 4.

OR

White leotard with black tights.

- **Vocational Graded Examinations, Grades 5/6 and Class Examinations 5/6**

Black or navy camisole top with single thin straps or sleeveless leotard (preferably no velvet tops, halter necks or criss-cross straps).

National skirts and suitable shoes are also required for Class Examinations 5 and 6.

OR

White leotard with black tights or black unitard. A belt (approximately 2 cms wide) over which the tights are folded. A dance support under tights or unitard.

- **Class Examinations 7/8**

As for Class Examinations 5 and 6 with optional chiffon skirt.

National skirts and suitable shoes are also required for Class Examinations 7 and 8.

SOCKS/TIGHTS

- Pre-Primary & Primary: skin tone or pink ballet socks.
- Grades 1/2 and Class Examinations 1/2: skin tone or pink ballet socks/ skin tone or pink tights.
- All other Grades and Class Examinations/Vocational Graded Examinations: skin tone or pink tights.

If wearing a white leotard and navy or black shorts, then white socks.

If wearing a white leotard and tights, then white socks worn over tights.

FOOTWEAR

The faculty recommends that all shoes are fitted by reputable dancewear retail outlets.

- **Grades and Class Examinations**

Skin tone or pink soft ballet shoes (satin, leather or canvas). Elastics on shoes may be worn for all Grades and Class Examinations. Ribbons may be worn from Grade 3 but are not compulsory.

If wearing a white leotard and tights, or unitard, then white leather or canvas ballet shoes with white elastic.

For Class Examinations 5-8, featuring Czechoslovakian, Russian, Hungarian and Polish steps, character shoes are required.

Vocational Graded Examinations

Skin tone or pink soft ballet shoes (satin, leather or canvas) with ribbons or elastic, or soft blocked shoes with ribbons.

If wearing a white leotard and tights, or unitard, then white leather or canvas ballet shoes with elastic.

Split sole shoes are acceptable for all if they are a full shoe without elastic under the instep.

- **Grade 6 and VGE Pointe work sections**

Skin tone or pink pointe shoes with ribbons.