

Medallion Ball Dress Requirements

The Medallion Ball has been a Pittsburgh family tradition since 1963. The dress code is part of our long tradition. We ask that you honor the tradition by following the dress requirements as outlined below.

Floor-length, pure white dress (not off-white) -- no halters, backless, strapless, spaghetti straps or off-the-shoulder dress or evening pants -- no colored trimmings, and the front neckline should be modest and appropriate. Shoulders must be covered (wide straps that cover the shoulders are permitted). We do not accept trains on the dresses. Shoes must be white and comfortable to walk in. Gloves are to be white, solid fabric -- no lace or net -- and should be the appropriate length for the dress sleeve. Jewelry should be small earrings, small chains or pearls; no hair adornments are acceptable. **Photographs will not be accepted for the Ball Program with any off-the-shoulder look.**

Dresses are usually purchased at bridal shops. It usually takes many weeks for a dress to come in after it has been ordered. It can take several more weeks for the alterations. Since the dress needs to be worn for the picture taken for the program, **dresses need to be ready for the picture.** Pictures are taken from June 1st to August 31st. The program picture can be taken before the dress is hemmed if necessary. Please tell the store where you purchase the dress that the dress needs to be in during the summer for the picture.

We also suggest you purchase a slip to wear beneath the dress.

You can purchase a strapless dress and have the shop add straps to the dress. The rule-of-thumb for the width of the straps is the width of two fingers.

The dress needs to be pure white. We have had problems with the dress shops telling people that off-white dresses are acceptable. They are not. If you are not sure of the shade of white, hold up a white sheet of plain paper next to the dress. That should tell you whether the dress is white.

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