

# GIRL PRESENTEES BALL GOWN REQUIREMENTS

## Presentee Submission Guidelines:

All gowns will be approved on a first come first serve basis.

Legacy family gowns (worn by a previously presented family member) will be given priority. Submission dates for legacy gowns is August 1 through August 14. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Members who may also belong to other Palos Verdes organizations and who have purchased a ball gown that meets current PV Assembly guidelines can submit their gown for consideration during the period of August 1 through August 14. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** These gowns will be considered after the legacy family gowns.

## Before purchasing a gown:

Styles must be submitted between August 15<sup>th</sup> and January 18<sup>th</sup>. Gowns will be approved on a first come first served basis.

1. All gown photos should be submitted to The Dress and Tux Attire Patroness, **Mary Deley, at [mary\\_deley@yahoo.com](mailto:mary_deley@yahoo.com)** by Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>. Gowns will be approved on a first come first served basis. (This means if you and another girl want the same dress, the first one to have her dress approved, gets to wear the dress.) It often takes 4 months to receive a gown once it is ordered and additional weeks for alterations.
2. Before purchasing your gown, **please submit the Ball Attire Description Form via email to Mary Deley ([mary\\_deley@yahoo.com](mailto:mary_deley@yahoo.com)) with a full-length photo showing yourself in the dress with a front and back view of the gown.** Please include the style number and manufacturer of the dress as well as the name of the store where it is found. This is necessary as to prevent any duplications or confusion regarding Ball Gown Guidelines. If a photo is not sent in for approval, a dress check at the home of the Dress and Tux Attire Patroness will be required.
3. Ball gowns must be **white only and opaque**. No ivory, off-white, ecru or touches of color are allowed. No sheer bodices are allowed (where skin shows through). No colored embroidery, ribbon or colored beads. **No silk fabric**, as it is not as white as synthetic fabrics. The fabric may be satin, taffeta, organza, tulle or a combination with minimal lace trim.
4. The gown must be **one piece**. It must have a **full skirt**; ball gown or princess cut, in order to make a graceful curtsy. No slim sheaths or slits are permitted. No trains (whether or not bustled) or hoops. You must have a separate petticoat under your gown, full enough to hold the gown out (No hoop petticoats).
5. The gown may be sleeveless, short sleeved, cap sleeved or off the shoulder style, but not strapless. Spaghetti strap styles and halter straps are permitted. **Strapless or single-strap gowns are NOT allowed.**

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6. The bodice of the gown may range from a high neckline, Victorian style, to a demure scooped neckline or sweetheart style. No revealing styles or cleavage. The back of the gown may be no lower than 7" above the waist.
7. No rhinestones, colored sequins or feathers are allowed on the gown. Some white or clear beading and white pearls are acceptable.
8. White, closed-toe shoes must be worn. They may be ballet flats or have a heel **no higher than 2.5 inches**. **\*\*They must be closed toe\*\***. They must have an ankle strap or a closed heel. No slip-on/mules and no platform under the foot. Please be certain they are comfortable to walk and dance in.
9. The gown must have an even hem front and back. It must measure at least 1" from the floor with petticoat and shoes on. **\*\*Please remember to wear your shoes and petticoat for all alterations and hemming.**
10. Jewelry - 1 pair only, stud pearl earrings and a one strand pearl necklace, 15" to 18" long, is encouraged. No other jewelry is permitted. No rings. No facial rings or jewels. All facial piercings must be removed for the duration of the ball. No visible tattoos are allowed.
11. No hair ornaments (ex: tiaras, jeweled pins, pearl pins, or flowers) are allowed. Hair may be worn up, down or partially up.
12. White elbow length gloves will be provided. Fingernails should be well groomed. French or clear manicures are recommended. No colored nail polish is permitted. Gloves will be removed during dinner.
13. No flowers or corsages may be worn. A rose bouquet will be provided.

Tips: The purchase of two garment bags is recommended. One must be full length to keep your Ball gown clean as you transport it to the hotel. The second bag must be large enough to store your slip and shoes as you take them to the waltz practices. We suggest that you buy a make-up hood to use when changing into your dress for the photographs the day of the Ball. This will prevent make-up stains on the gown. Please label all items (including slips, shoes, bags, and clothes) worn to the hotel on the day of the Ball as well as to the rehearsals.

If you have questions about the ball gown requirements, please contact Mary Deley at [mary\\_deley@yahoo.com](mailto:mary_deley@yahoo.com).