



Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing Imperial Classical Ballet

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. Suggested clothing is supplied by Dansez and can be found on the ISTD website <https://www.istd.org/examinations/dressed-for-success/>

Class Examinations Pre-Primary/Primary/1/2 and Grades Primary/1/2

- ISTD YD Tank Leotard with front gather and matching belt. Colour range: Frozen, Sakura, Etereo
- ISTD YD Mesh Sleeve Leotard with front gather. Colour range: Frozen, Sakura

Class Examinations Pre-Primary/Primary/1 and Grades Primary

- ISTD YD Semi Sheer Skirt. Colour range: Frozen, Sakura. NB. Skirts should be no longer than mid-thigh, so knees are clearly visible

OR

- ISTD Full bottom Leotard (Boys'). Colour range: White, Etereo, Frozen
- ISTD Unisex Fitted Shorts (Boys' fit). Colour range: Black
- ISTD Unisex Fitted Shorts (Girls' fit). Colour range: Black
- ISTD Unisex Biketard short. Colour range: Black/Frozen, Black/Sakura, Black/Etereo

Class Examinations 3/4/5/6 and Grades 3/4/5/6

- ISTD MR Two Tone Tank Leotard. Colour range: Emerald/Zenith, Thai/Levante, Racing/Blu Scuro
- ISTD YD/MR Unisex Fitted Dance Shorts (Girls' fit). Colour range: Black

OR

- ISTD Full bottom Leotard (Boys'). Colour range: White, Esmerelda, Racing
- Long black tights
- ISTD Unisex Biketard long. Colour range: Black/Zenith, Black/Levante
- National skirts are also required for Class Examinations 3/4
- National skirts and appropriate shoes are required for Class Examinations 5/6

Class Examinations 7/8 and Vocational Graded Examinations

- ISTD Leotard V.4 (Teenage/Adult). Camisole leotard with adjustable straps, front gather and empire line – double layered top section. Colour range: Levante, Zenith, Blu Scuro
- ISTD Leotard V.6 (Teenage/Adult). Tank leotard with empire line and princess seams - double layered top section. Colour range: Levante, Zenith, Blu Scuro
- ISTD Leotard V.7 (Teenage/Adult). Boatneck shaped front leotard with top mesh section. Colour range: Black
- Optional chiffon skirt for Class Examinations 7/8

OR

- ISTD Full bottom Leotard (Boys'). Colour range: White, Zenith
- Long black tights
- ISTD Unisex Biketard long. Colour range: Black/Zenith, Black/Levante
- National skirts and suitable shoes are also required for Class Examinations 7/8
- For all examinations the mesh modesty top is acceptable, worn with or without a hijab

Socks/Tights

- Class Examinations Pre-Primary/Primary and Grade Primary: skin tone or pink ballet socks
- Class Examinations 1/2 and Grades 1/2: skin tone or pink ballet socks/skin tone or pink tights



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- All other Class Examinations/Grades/Vocational Graded Examinations: skin tone or pink tights

OR

- If wearing a white leotard and navy or black shorts, then white socks
- If wearing a white leotard and black tights or biketard/unitard, then white socks worn over tights

Footwear

The Faculty recommends all shoes are fitted by reputable dancewear retail outlets

Class Examinations and Graded Examinations

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

OR

- If wearing a white leotard and black tights, or biketard/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

OR

- If wearing a white leotard and black tights, or biketard/unitard, then white leather or canvas ballet shoes with elastic
- Split sole shoes are acceptable for all if they are full shoes without elastic under the instep

Grade 6 and Vocational Graded Examination Pointe work sections

- Skin tone or pink pointe shoes with ribbons