



Australian Union Conference Pathfinder Uniform Policy

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Australian Union Conference Uniform policy is derived from the directives, actions and policies of the Youth Ministries Department of the South Pacific Division, and operates in harmony with such directives, actions and policies. *(For more information see: SPD Youth Ministry Resources Committee Southern Region, Meeting 2, Nov 11-13, 2003, Action 2:10 and supporting documentation).*

Boys/Men's Uniform

- Regulation PF (bottle) green trousers or shorts
 - Khaki long or short sleeved PF shirt with button down pockets and epaulettes (Note: New shirt stock has Velcro tear off pocket tab)
 - PF (bottle) green fleecy jacket or parka in colder climates (optional)
 - Black tie (optional)
 - Belt – black leather with PF buckle
 - Neckerchief appropriate to achievement level (yellow for Pathfinders, red for leaders)
 - PF waggle (embroidered fabric world style)
 - Lanyard appropriate to leadership role - red for club & deputy directors, gold for district, Conference and Union directors. *(AUC Youth Advisory Action – Meeting 1, March 27-28, 2006)*
 - PF (bottle) green sash
 - Black leather fully enclosed shoes
 - Socks (short black with long trousers; long khaki with shorts)
 - Hats – as determined by local Conference PF governing body. Usual options include Akubra *Snowy River* style or a cheaper equivalent, forage cap, green beret etc.
 - Epaulettes, badges, patches and achievement pins etc., as appropriate to rank and leadership role.
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Girls/Ladies Uniform

- Regulation PF (bottle) green skirt, slacks, calottes or shorts
- White short sleeved PF blouse with button down pockets and epaulettes (Note: Both tuck in and non-tuck-in blouses are available. New stock has Velcro tear off pocket tab)
- PF (bottle) green long sleeved cardigan, green fleecy jacket or parka in colder climates (optional)
- Black ladies style tie (optional)
- Belt – black leather with PF buckle (optional)
- Neckerchief appropriate to achievement level (yellow for Pathfinders, red for leaders)
- PF waggle (embroidered fabric world style)
- Lanyard appropriate to leadership role - red for club & deputy directors, gold for district, Conference and Union directors. *(AUC Youth Advisory Action – Meeting 1, March 27-28, 2006)*
- Black leather shoes

- Socks (white – long or short, or stockings for adults)
 - Hats – as determined by local Conference PF governing body. Usual options include Akubra *Snowy River* style or a cheaper equivalent, forage cap, green beret etc.
 - Epaulettes, badges, patches and achievement pins etc., as appropriate to rank and leadership role.
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Optional Items

There are certain uniform items that are optional and others that are not optional.

Optional items include the following:

- Ties – In the AUC only ties are not considered part of the official uniform and may or may not be worn according to choice. (*Action 2:10 – SPD Youth Ministry Resources Committee Southern Region, Meeting 2, Nov 11-13, 2003*)
- Hats – Choice of style by local Conference PF governing body.
- Skirts and Trousers - Individual choice of long or short trousers for boys/men, and choice of skirts, slacks, calottes or shorts for girls/ladies. (*Action 6:14 – SPD Youth Ministry Resources Committee Southern Region, Meeting 6, Oct 18-19, 2005*)
- Men’s shirts – Individual choice of long or short sleeve but not of colour.
- Shirts - Conference and District Director personnel can opt to wear a white shirt. (*Action 3:9– SPD Youth Ministry Resources Committee Southern Region, Meeting 3, March 16-17, 2004*)
- Ladies blouses – Individual choice of tuck-in or non-tuck-in.
- Jackets for District Directors – Conference DD’s may opt to wear an epauletted PF (bottle) green dress jacket or battle jacket. Choice of style by local Conference PF governing body.
- Cardigans & Fleecy Jackets or Parkas – individual choice in colder climates. (*Action 2:10 – SPD Youth Ministry Resources Committee Southern Region, Meeting 2, Nov 11-13, 2003*)

Allowance has been made at SPD level for local Conference PF governing bodies to make minor uniform changes in such matters as hats, local badging, choice of field uniform etc.

Local Conferences or clubs do not have the right to make major uniform changes such as changing the uniform colour.

Over the years, there have been numerous uniform reviews that have taken place at local Conference, Union and most notably, officially at Division level. The decision taken by the Division as a result of their most recent Uniform Review Board’s recommendations has been the unanimous decision that no change will be made to the traditional Pathfinder bottle green colour used in the South Pacific Division region (*Action 2:10– SPD Youth Ministry Resources Committee, Meeting 2, Nov 11-13, 2003*). This is the only colour deemed to be “full-uniform” in the SPD region, and any club effecting black or other colours are deemed to be “out of uniform.” This decision was ratified by the Australian Union Conference at its AUC Youth Advisory (*Item 10 - Meeting No.7, March 22-23, 2004*).

AUC Conference & Union Director’s Uniforms:

- PF (bottle) green dress suit comprising:
 - Jacket - tailored military style, 4 button, epauletted, single breasted, tab breast pockets, flap side pockets, rear pleat(s)

- Men's long trousers or
 - Ladies skirt, slacks, or calottes
 - White shirt or blouse, long or short sleeve, with button down pockets and epaulettes.
 - Black men's or ladies tie
 - Belt – black leather with PF buckle (optional for ladies)
 - Neckerchief appropriate to achievement level (optional), may be worn with the shirt once the jacket is removed. (*AUC Youth Advisory Action – Meeting 3, May 14-17, 2007*)
 - PF waggle (optional)
 - Lanyard appropriate to leadership role - gold or red & gold if available. (*AUC Youth Advisory Action – Meeting 1, March 27-28, 2006*)
 - Black leather shoes
 - Socks (men's – black, ladies – white or stockings)
 - Hats – as determined by local Conference or Union PF governing body. Usual options include Akubra *Snowy River* style or a cheaper equivalent, forage cap, green beret etc.
 - Epaulettes, badges patches and achievement pins etc., as appropriate to rank and leadership role may be worn on both the dress jackets and shirts/blouses.
 - Name Badges – indicating name, role and territory be worn on both Jacket and shirt. (*AUC Youth Advisory Action – Meeting 3, May 14-17, 2007*)
 - Rank Stars – AUC Only - gold metal stars to be worn on striped uniform epaulettes to designate Youth Departmental Directors as follows: 2 stars + 2 stripes for Conference, 3 stars + 3 stripes for Union. (*AUC Youth Advisory Action – Meeting 3, May 14-17, 2007*)
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Epaulettes:

The following represent the correct use of Pathfinder epaulettes for Pathfinders in the AUC States and Territories:

- **Junior Pathfinder** (Friend, Companion, Explorer) – No epaulette
 - **Teen Pathfinder** (Ranger Voyager, Guide) – Plain green epaulette
 - **Master Guide, Junior Counselor or Instructor** – Green with single narrow gold stripe
 - **Club Deputy Director** – Green with 2 narrow gold stripes
 - **Club Director** - Green with 1 wide gold stripe
 - **Conference District Director, Youth Department PA or Secretary** - Green with 2 wide gold stripes
 - **Conference Director, Assistant or Associate** - Green with 2 wide gold stripes + 2 gold stars
 - **Union Director, Assistant or Associate** - Green with 3 wide gold stripes + 3 gold stars
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Uniform Supply:

The AUC Resource Centre is the official supplier for Pathfinder Uniforms and paraphernalia to the South Pacific Division. The normal practice of the Resource Centre is to supply to Youth Departments and Adventist Book Centres directly. The AUC Resource Centre does not normally supply direct to members of the public. Catalogues have been distributed to all AUC Youth Directors and Associates, and are available at call from the AUC Resource Centre or AUC Youth Department.

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