

## Proposal for Dress Code for NIBU International Matches

### Context

Before the recent Camrose weekend where I was Match Manager I was asked by three players about the dress code for the prize-giving banquet. Traditionally this has been black tie or country blazers and ties but has become more relaxed in recent years. The other HNBOs competing were almost exclusively dressed in their country blazers and presented a consistent and professional team appearance. In contrast the two NIBU teams appeared in a range of dress from black tie through lounge suits to open necked shirts and sweaters. I felt this gave a poor impression of NIBU, particularly as this was our home match which only occurs once every five years.

While I appreciate that NIBU is a small Union with limited funds I think that we could still present a smart consistent appearance within a modest budget.

### Proposal

I propose that the Union provides teams with a simple uniform:

1. For men – a NIBU tie with our logo to be worn with a lounge suit or blazer
2. For women – a scarf and/or brooch to accessorize their outfit

For players who wish to purchase their own blazer a pocket/badge could be provided.

It could be a condition of selection that players and NPCs would appear at prize-giving events in the team dress and NPCs should advise them of this before the event.

Costs of implementing this proposal would be minimal.

As NPC for the upcoming Teltscher Trophy in Dublin I would like to implement this code if there is sufficient time for design and production of ties.

I also noted that during play our team were not all wearing NIBU shirts; I am informed that some players had only one shirt and that the range of sizes of shirts is limited which meant that one player did not even have one. Could I propose an audit of available shirts be undertaken and that there are sufficient to provide each competitor with at least two shirts before an event.