

# Sartorial Elegance

*Introductory lesson: D2974*

There can be no doubt (Research Document: 564) the decline in moral standards today can be directly attributed to the incline in improper dress.

Members are reminded they should never wear vulgar garments bearing advertisements, floppy hats, artificial fibres or darkened summer spectacles.

Whatever one's calling, there is never an excuse for slovenly dress.



*ABOVE: Not only is the player in question wearing a floppy towelling hat, his aggressor and four children are also wearing floppy hats. Strong evidence of the dangers of the declining standards of sartorial elegance.*

## **Q.S.C.C. Cricketwear:**

Traditions for Today.

Firstly: The Eternal Knot.

### **Introductory Lesson L385: Background, History and Significance of the Tie, Tie Hygiene and Care.**

Just as a turban is a knot on the top of the head, so the tie is a knot on the front of a neck. Both are symbols of a solemn binding together. Most cricketers have rejected the turban, choosing the tie as their mark of fellowship and symbol of identity.

Therefore, the granting of the club tie is a great honour for the novice, apprentice or newcomer to the group and a badge of his acceptance into a Brotherhood. The Tying of the Knot ritual is largely neglected in our times in favour of a discreet private ceremony between a senior club official and the recipient who will usually be told that he is not to let down the side and to keep his tie free from egg yolk, as it is a symbol of his belonging and an outward mark of the privilege bestowed upon him.

Once the knot is tied it is there for life, and only in extremis, can it be undone. (1) Regulation R656 (C2) Special and Permanent Tie Holding and Exception Offences The captain and the catering officer, who will normally be entrusted

with the ties of office for life, will, in some clubs, be symbolically de-tied at the annual general meeting. This is purely a formality as in all clubs of good reputation these posts will normally not be surrendered by the holder until his tenure is interrupted by death, impeachment, resignation, or at the formal request of a Q.S.C.C. Inspector.

It can occur that the captain, perhaps by some indiscretion or by placing players higher in the batting order than their ranks permits, will incur the wrath or disapproval of the Founding Members. Should this occur, a club crisis will ensue and the captain will have to submit himself to a public de-tieing with all the accompanying unpleasantness. If the Catering Officer has offered sardine sandwiches to a Gentleman, whether in error or as an insult, and charges have been preferred, then the offender will almost certainly lose his tie and his Q.S.C.C. accreditation.

In either of these cases the Founder Member, duty bound to uphold standards and the interests of discretion, will often choose to send a letter asking for the return of the tie without further ado. Unpleasant scenes in public are never of benefit to any club. Any confiscated tie may be handed in at any police station.

Note: Founder members may of course withdraw the tie from any person at any time without explanation, provided the decision was properly formulated, proposed and seconded at a special meeting of Founder Members where a quorum (normally defined as one or two) was present.

If the recipient is a Freemason he should be told to desist from the rolling up of trousers and the baring of breasts for, although admirable idea for paddlers and sunbathers, it sets a very bad example to ladies.

These Rules and Regulations have been adapted from: The British Academy of Cricket - Manual for Gentlemen and Players

### Merchandise



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