



Wearing of the Pledge Uniform

The wearing of a specific “pledge uniform” is part of a long tradition within ONYX. Requiring pledges to dress in a standard uniform builds discipline, establishes equity, increases comradery, increases pride and promotes a carefully developed ONYX Brand.

Standard uniforms keep pledges focused on the pledge process and their education rather than the purchase of leather and gear. Earning the right to wear leather/kink/fetish gear, as well as the ONYX “Patch”, is an important part of the “crossing” process and is a time-honored “rite of passage” into the ONYX family.

1. Gear is defined as items worn that are made of leather, rubber, neoprene or other similar materials. This includes clothing or other added adornments/accessories (caps, armbands, cuffs, jocks, singlets, chains, floggers, ropes, hankies, etc.).
2. Gear is not to be worn in any public setting during the pledging process, with the exception of employment requirements or actively participating as a contestant in a leather/kink/fetish contest.
3. Pledge Uniforms must be worn at all times at ONYX Chapter events, Pledge events, Pledge gatherings, Community Service, LGBTQIA+ Events/Bars or in Leather/Kink/Fetish settings (including all LGBTQIA+ bars, other leather/kink/fetish runs, education, etc.).
 - This includes both in-person and virtual events.
 - The pledge uniform consists of standard, unaltered: Black Jeans, Black Short Sleeve T-Shirt, Black Belt, Black Boots, and the Pledge Pin (worn on the T-Shirt on the left side (over your heart)).
 - No other pins may be worn on the pledge uniform.
4. Pledges are to arrive at Class 1 in their Pledge Uniform.
5. Guiding Principle: When in doubt, always wear the pledge uniform.

Exceptions

- a. Pledges in D/s dynamics are permitted to where collars if they are formally collared by their Dominant.
- b. The Pledge Uniform is to be worn at all times during MAL, except as directed by either of the Pledge Masters. Once the pledge line is dismissed from their evening duties a pledge is free to change their dress and wear gear. However, the pledge pin must be prominently displayed / worn on a chain around the neck.
 - The chain / pledge pin may be briefly removed if the pledge is engages in public play.
- c. The Pledge Uniform is not required for the Pledge Bar Night. Pledges are also allowed to wear gear. However, the pledge pin must be prominently displayed / worn on a chain around the neck.
- d. Pledges are to arrive at the MAL Leather Cocktails in their Formal BDUs.
- e. Pledge are to arrive and depart the Pledge Photoshoot in their pledge uniforms. During the photoshoot pledges are highly encourages to bring multiple clothing and gear options for use during the shoot.
- f. Pledges are to arrive at their TEACH and any Crossing Ceremony in their Formal BDUs.