



**I Shall Wear Purple
With A Red Hat**

Social Butterflies Rules *AGREED
on Red Hat Regalia Colors at All Events**

Proper SB Red Hat Colors to wear to all events

“The guideline of wearing full regalia includes wearing the correct colors when attending any Red Hat events. For 11 months of the year, these colors include **purple** outfits and **red** hats for women over 50, as well as **lavender** outfits with **pink** hats for women anxiously awaiting their special 50th birthday. One month a year Red Hat Ladies switch their colors for their Birthday month.” By “*The Red Hat Society*”

- **Q:** Why is it important to wear your colors? **A:** Because you represent the SB and the RHS and you should be proud to show off your colors and stand out in a crowd.
- Wearing Red & Purple is part of being a RH lady, belonging to the RHS sisterhood
- When ALL SB joined our chapter you signed an application agreeing to wear your RH colors; Red on your head and Purple on your shoulders, to all events
- This means to other chapter events, too. Why? Because, when you are at other chapter events you represent the SB and the RHS
- The RHS says all RH ladies are to wear RED hats and any shade of PURPLE clothing, [PINK hatters wear Lavender clothing and Pink hats] after all it is called the “RED HAT” Society
- As a SB member you should be proud to show off your hats and colors and let people know that you are a member of the RHS
- There have been many times when we are out in public that interested ladies and men too, have asked me who we are? When I say we are part of the Red Hat Society, they respond with, “Then why don’t all the ladies have RED hats on????” I’m left with a loss for words???
- Over the years some SB members have gotten very “lax” and wear different color hats and tops to events
- Other members have made mention about the colors and hats to me and I send out emails to these ladies explaining our Guidelines again
- Fascinators are acceptable in the SB, but they MUST be larger than a SMALL 1”-2” flower or bow in your hair on one side of your head

- If you are wearing a fascinator, make sure it can be seen from any angle, people should not have to guess whether you are wearing something RED on your head or not. It should also be large enough so no one has to guess if you are a Red Hat Lady. The name of the Society is “Red Hat” so be proud to show it.
- When an event says “CC” [Casual Colors] it does not mean we can stick a small red flower in our hair that can only be seen when that side of your head is turned and call it something “Red” on your head
- We ALL get “hat hair”
- Standard rule of thumb is, if you are in doubt of the size, then it’s probably too small.
- Try wearing it on the top of your head where it can be seen by all
- Most of the fascinators are the proper size, but the flowers, bows, and the little tiny hats or thin headbands are usually not large enough, try adding a feather or something else to make it larger, or again put it on top of your head
- No straw hats or any other hats in different colors will be permitted, other than red, or purple if it’s your birthday, [pink or lavender for PINK hatters] These are acceptable SB guidelines
- White tops, black tops, green tops, blue tops, or any other color than purple are NOT acceptable colors [lavender for PINK hatters]
- Not all violations are noticed by QM or VQ Pam, there have been several SB members bringing these infringements to QM’s attention wanting to know what I was going to do? Some of the offenders are in other chapters
- Some ladies have asked about what colors are acceptable to wear as pants/slacks/skirts?
- Acceptable colors for SB pants/slacks/skirts can be black, red, purple, or jeans at “CC” events, but please no bright lime green or yellow or other “stand-out” colors. Darker colors usually look better especially when taking group photos
- Nothing ruins a great photo of a RH group than to see one gal wearing nothing on her head and/or a white or black top or some other NON-RH color
- RH ladies not in proper regalia will be left out of group and single photos
- The only time it is okay to wear a different color other than Red or Purple is Never. If it is a costume party then other colors can be worn as accessories

which would be noted by the hostess on the event flyer, however as a SB you will still need to have your purple top and red on your head.

- So, with that being said, QM & VQ Pam will be bringing to all events a Red hat and a purple shawl type top or scarf. When a member comes without her proper colors on, she will be given these items to wear. **No Exceptions!**
- And we will be starting this as of **July 1st, 2016**, that **any SB member** not wearing her proper colors will be given a fine of \$5.00 to be paid to SB "FF"
- Lots of other clubs and groups do this when a member forgets to wear their name badge
- Please be discreet when telling QM or VQ Pam if you see someone not in her colors at any of our events.
- If a RH sister [not a SB] attends any of our events and is not in the proper colors, a warning will be given to them and they may not be allowed to win any prizes including raffles. QM will talk to them at the beginning of the event if they are there without their Queen. If their Queen is there, QM will discuss the matter with their Queen. If they wish they will be offered our Red Hat & Purple shawl. **No photos** will be taken of them. And no prizes or raffles will be won by them.
- None of this is to single out any one RH gal, but it is to applaud all the other RH ladies that follow the RHS & SB Regalia Guidelines and to be fair to all. It is not fair that 99% of the group follows the RHS & SB Guidelines and others do not
- These rules have been/are posted on our website and will be announced to all Queens of other sister groups by emails.
- When designing your flyers be sure to always include "RH Regalia"
- Be Proud of your Colors... Be Proud to be a *Social Butterflies* RHS Lady

Thank you

Queen Mum Debb



Per the Red Hat Society:

Regalia: Those 50 and over MUST wear purple clothing and a red hat. Those under 50 are referred to as "Pink Hatters," and wear lavender clothing with pink hats. That is ALL that is ABSOLUTELY required in the way of a RH "uniform". The entire outfit does not have to be entirely purple or lavender, but the more color the better and that includes shoes and accessories (purses, hosiery, jewelry, boas).

[Source: RHS Handbook, page 13, "Regalia" 2016]

