

Many people hiring Highland Dress for the first time are often unsure of the correct procedures for wearing it....the following notes and illustrations are based on questions we are repeatedly asked by our Hire Customers and have been put together with a view to ensuring you are wearing your outfit correctly and therefore.....

### *looking your best, in our Highland Dress !*

**Tie.....**the bow tie is normally worn with the Prince Charlie outfit, with the most appropriate style of shirt being the wing collar (note: there is no shirt supplied with any of our outfits.) For those wearing the Day/Evening outfit, the silver/grey wedding tie and normal collar shirt are recommended.

**Kilt Pin.....**this should be pinned only through the front apron of the kilt and serves only as a decoration. On no account should the two aprons of the kilt be pinned together as this can result in ripping the cloth of the kilt.



**Kilt.....**this is worn with the pleats to the back and should sit well up on the body - approx. 2 above the waist. The bottom of the kilt should be approx. at the top of the knee cap, and should NOT be touching the ground if kneeling (this is the old fashioned Regimental method). Our kilts have double sets of straps and buckles to added adjustability and either set can be used, depending on what suits the individual best. Please note: when kilts have been specially made in your own tartan, or when existing hire kilts have been re-pressed, there may be white basting threads tacking the pleats - these should be removed before wearing.

It should also be noted that there is no belt with the Prince Charlie style of outfit. This is because it is incorrect to wear both a belt and waistcoat at the same time.

**Sgian Dubh.....**normally, this is worn down the right sock, although strictly speaking, a left handed person could wear this down the left side. The literal translation of sgian dubh is "hidden knife" and that is precisely what it should be. Only the top 1" should be showing above the hose.

**Hose.....**these should NOT be pulled up right to the knee, but should be approx. 2-3 finger widths below the bottom of the knee cap.

**Flashes.....**worn to the outside of the leg, directly above the laces, bringing the sock turnover down, covering approx. half the double loop.



**Ghillie Brogues.....** should be laced up as follows and as per the diagram:  
a) start off in the usual shoe lacing manner by crossing the two laces and pulling tight.

b) holding this foundation, twist the laces three times and pull tight (this will produce a vertical thong of approx. 1").

c) pass the laces around the back of the ankle, bringing both laces back round to the front.

d) tie in a normal knot, to the outside of the ankle, leaving remaining lace and toggle to dangle.