



GFWC/Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs

"Unity In Diversity"

FLAG ETIQUETTE

1. Fly the flag only from sunrise to sunset. If you want to display the flag at night, light it with a spotlight.
2. The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
3. Don't fly the flag in bad weather. If your flag gets wet, lay it out to dry before storing.
4. No other flag or pennant should be flown above the U.S. Flag or, if on the same level, to the right of the flag.
5. The U.S. Flag should be at the center and highest point when a number of flags are displayed.
6. The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground or bushes.
7. To dispose of a flag, burn it in a dignified manner.
8. The American Flag is always placed to the right of the speaker as he or she stands at the lectern. This is true for any meeting place, whether a church, auditorium, or public building.
9. When planning your agenda for a meeting, God always comes before country, therefore, you should have your invocation before the Pledge.
10. When asking for the Pledge, say "Let us stand and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America." Do not say "Let's stand and salute the flag." You salute the Flag when it is passing you in a parade, or when it is being hoisted or lowered. Remember this at athletic events!
11. You should salute the Flag when the Star Spangled Banner is being played.
12. When giving the Pledge of Allegiance, your coats should be completely on or completely off, never just draped over your shoulders. Your hands are bare. Do not hold anything in your hands or under your arms - not even a pencil or your handbag. Stand at attention, looking directly at the Flag, not at the person leading the Pledge.
13. STRESS saying 'ONE NATION UNDER GOD' without hesitating between nation and under to your club, to scout troops, other civic organizations and schools.
14. No part of the flag should ever be used as a costume or athletic uniform. However, flag patches may be affixed to uniforms of military, fire & police personnel. Lapel flag pins should be worn on the left lapel, near the heart.