

SECTION 12 : DRESS CODE FOR DEVOTEES ATTENDING RELIGIOUS/SPIRITUAL FUNCTIONS

1.0 GENERAL

- 1.1 The overall emphasis is on modest and decent dress-sense, befitting the respect and approval of our Divine Guru, Bhagavan Baba. We must dress ourselves with the unwavering assurance that Swami is in our presence, in His Omnipresent Spirit – to quote Swami: "Wherever my glory is sung, I manifest".
- 1.2 To those who have not been to Puttaparthi, please be informed that Swami is very strict about proper dress code and those who do not conform to dress-regulations are not allowed into the Prashanti Mandir or in the darshan line. In order to be called a Sai devotee, we must first of all protect the Sai image in ourselves by dressing and conducting ourselves in the manner expected by Swami. It is therefore hoped that these guidelines will be useful to all.

2.0 FOR SAI SISTERS

2.1 Sisters wearing sarees

Please avoid wearing sleeveless and low neck-line blouses. Ensure that the front and back portion are not exposed including the waist area. As the blouses are usually very fitting, it is necessary that the saree is neatly and elegantly covered at the front portion.

2.2 Sisters wearing the 'Sam-foo' and slack/blouse combination

Kindly see that the long pants or slacks are not too tight so as to restrict movements. As the transparent effect shows off more in white materials, we suggest that thicker quality material should be used. Blouses must be long enough to cover the entire lower hip-section.

2.3 Sisters wearing western and skirt/blouse combination

- a. Please avoid using body-hugging, sleeveless, low-neckline clothing, and materials that are very transparent.
- b. Long or maxi skirts are preferred, and in any case, hemlines must be at least 3 inches below the knee.
- c. Outfits such as jeans, knickerbockers, (jeans that have hemlines just below the knee-cap) shorts, mini skirts, outlandish attire and casual T-shirts should be avoided altogether.
- d. The cooperation and understanding of all Sisters will assist enormously in implementing the above guidelines and senior members especially are expected to set an example of the Sai Ideal to the younger and new members of the Sai Family.



- e. When devotees come across new-comers who are not appropriately dressed or are unaware of dress-regulations, then it must be their duty to advise them in a very pleasant and gentle manner so as not to offend or hurt their feelings. However it is important not to be over zealous in this matter.
- f. As the code of dressing in Prashanti, the Punjabi suit is most commonly used among all nationalities. Ladies not wearing sarees must have a scarf or shawl around their upper body and shoulder.
- g. The sketches shown in Appendix 12A highlight the form of dressing that are encouraged and those that are discouraged.

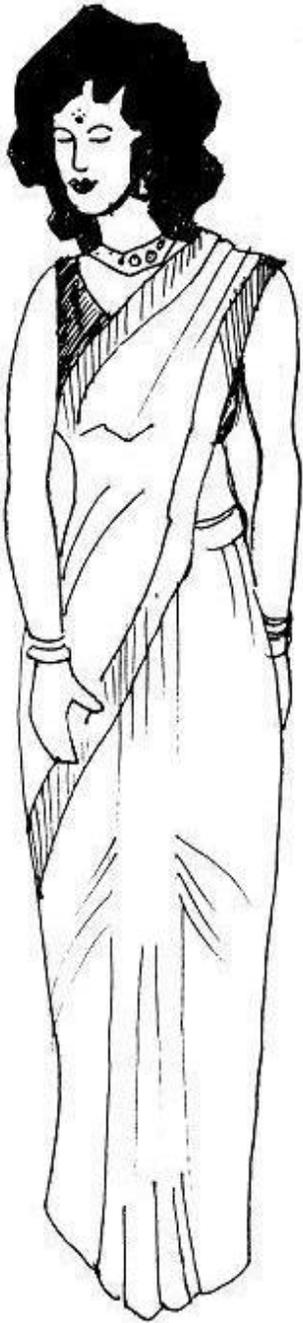
3.0 FOR SAI BROTHERS

- 3.1 The dress code should at all times be as though you are in Prashanti Nilayam darshan line awaiting Swami. Short pants, sleeveless singlets and 'T' shirts with vulgar or suggestive messages should be avoided.

4.0 FOR CHILDREN

- 4.1 Children attending bhajans , SSE and EHV classes shall also be dressed appropriately.
- 4.2 The sketches shown in Appendix 12A highlight the form of dressing that are encouraged and those that are discouraged.



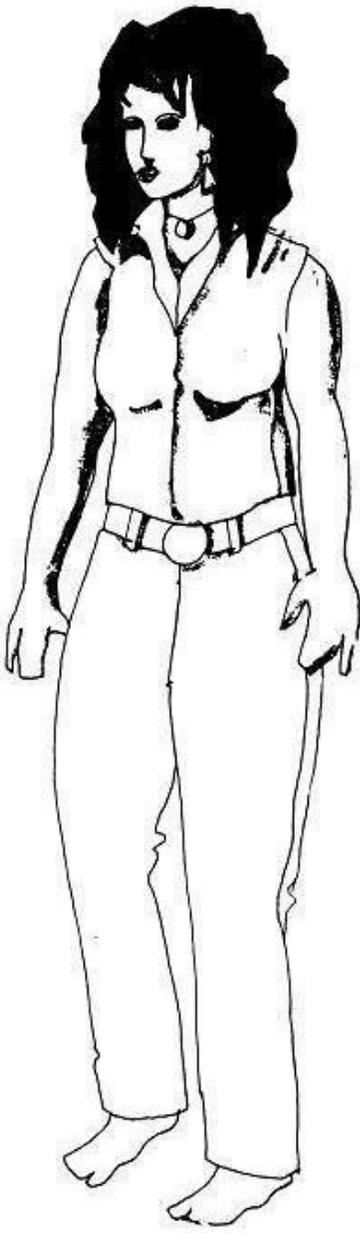


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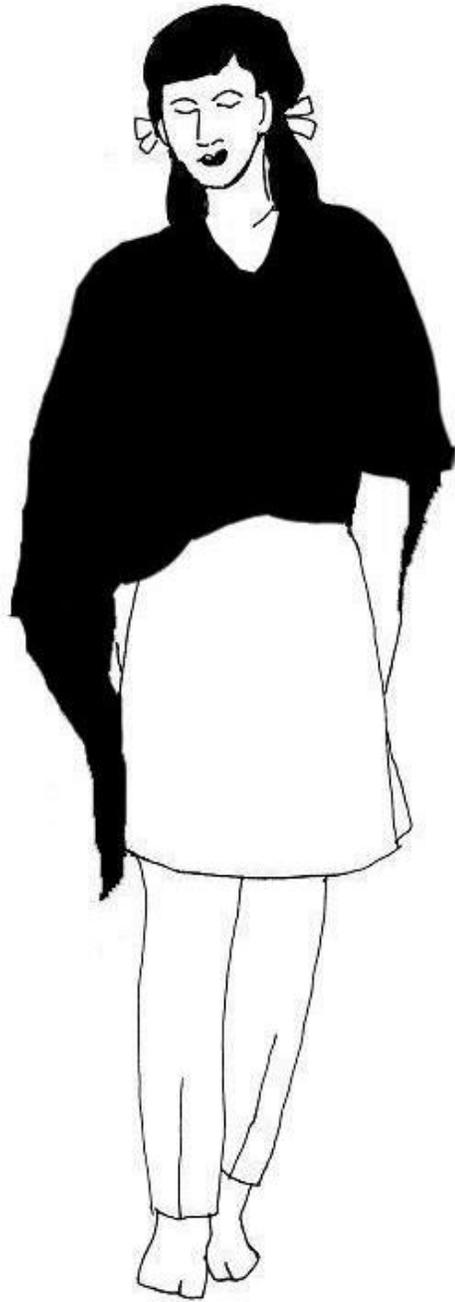


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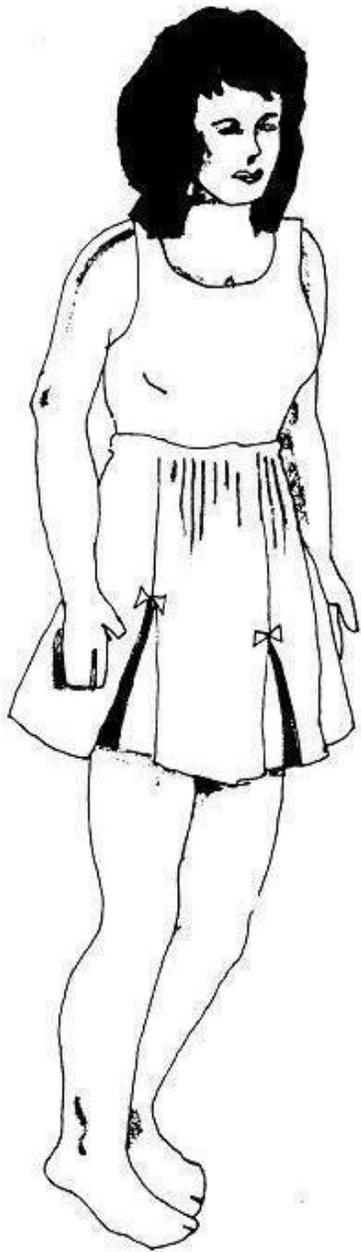




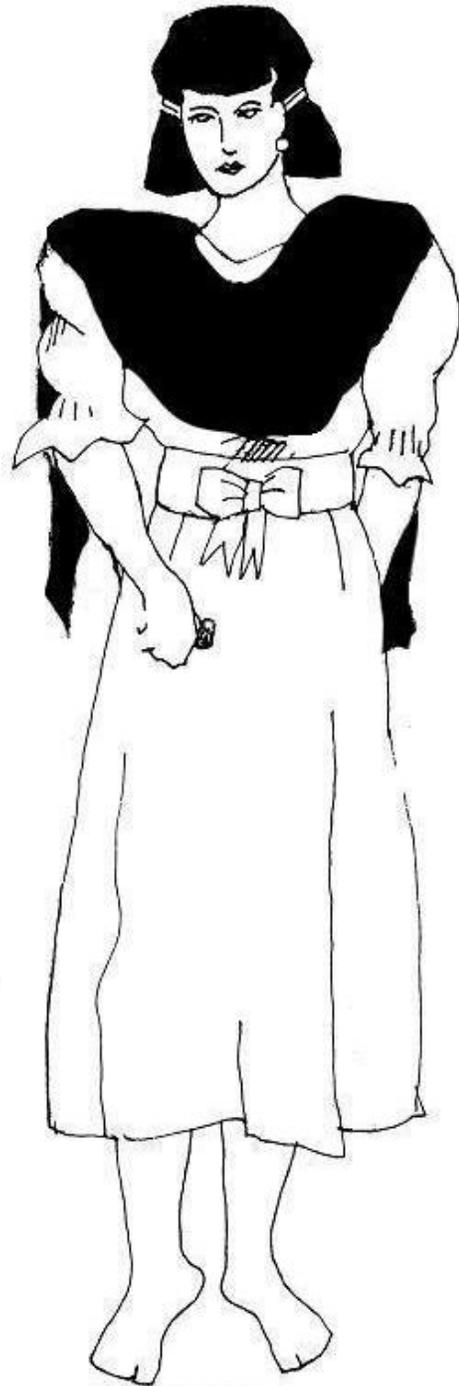
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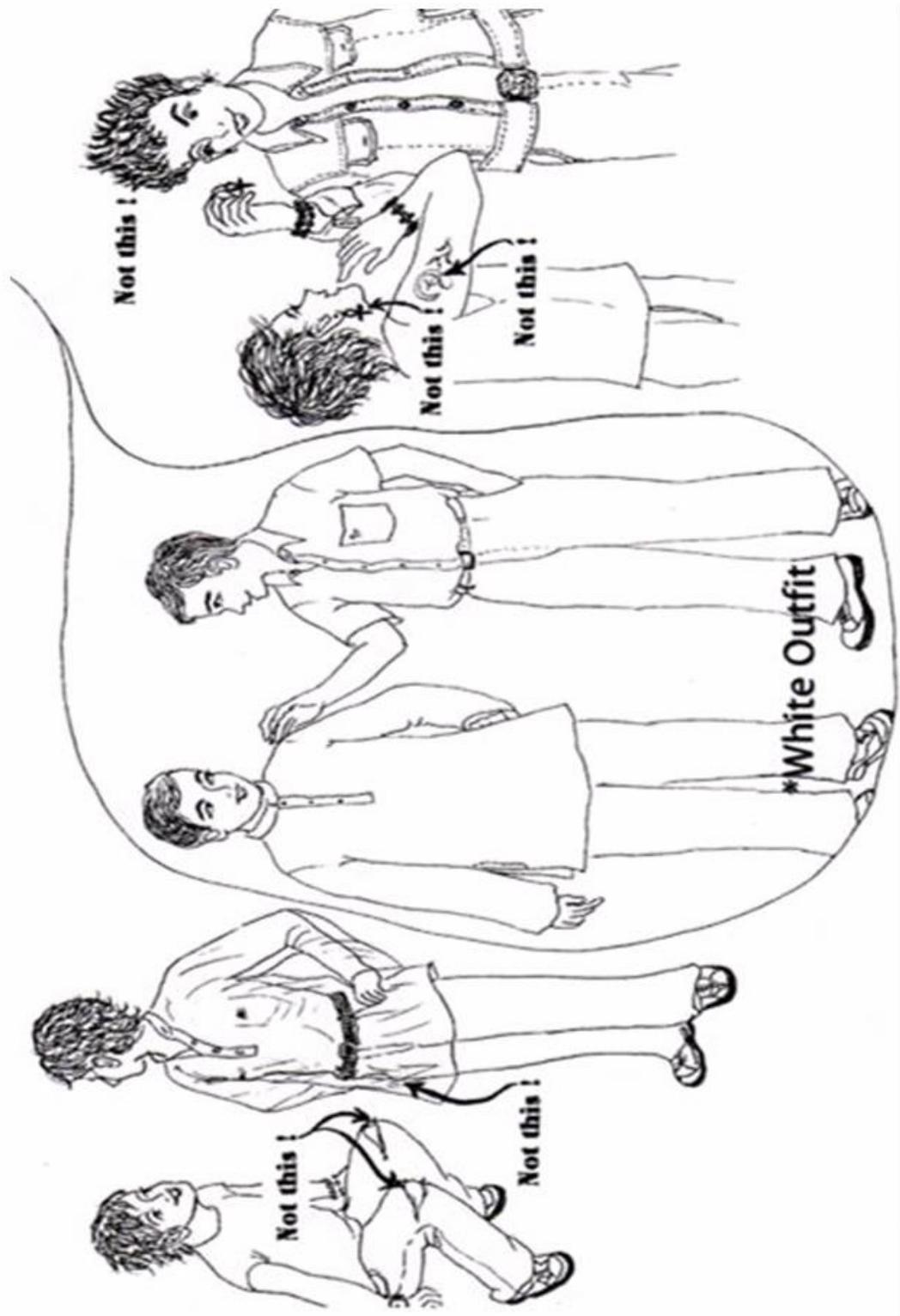


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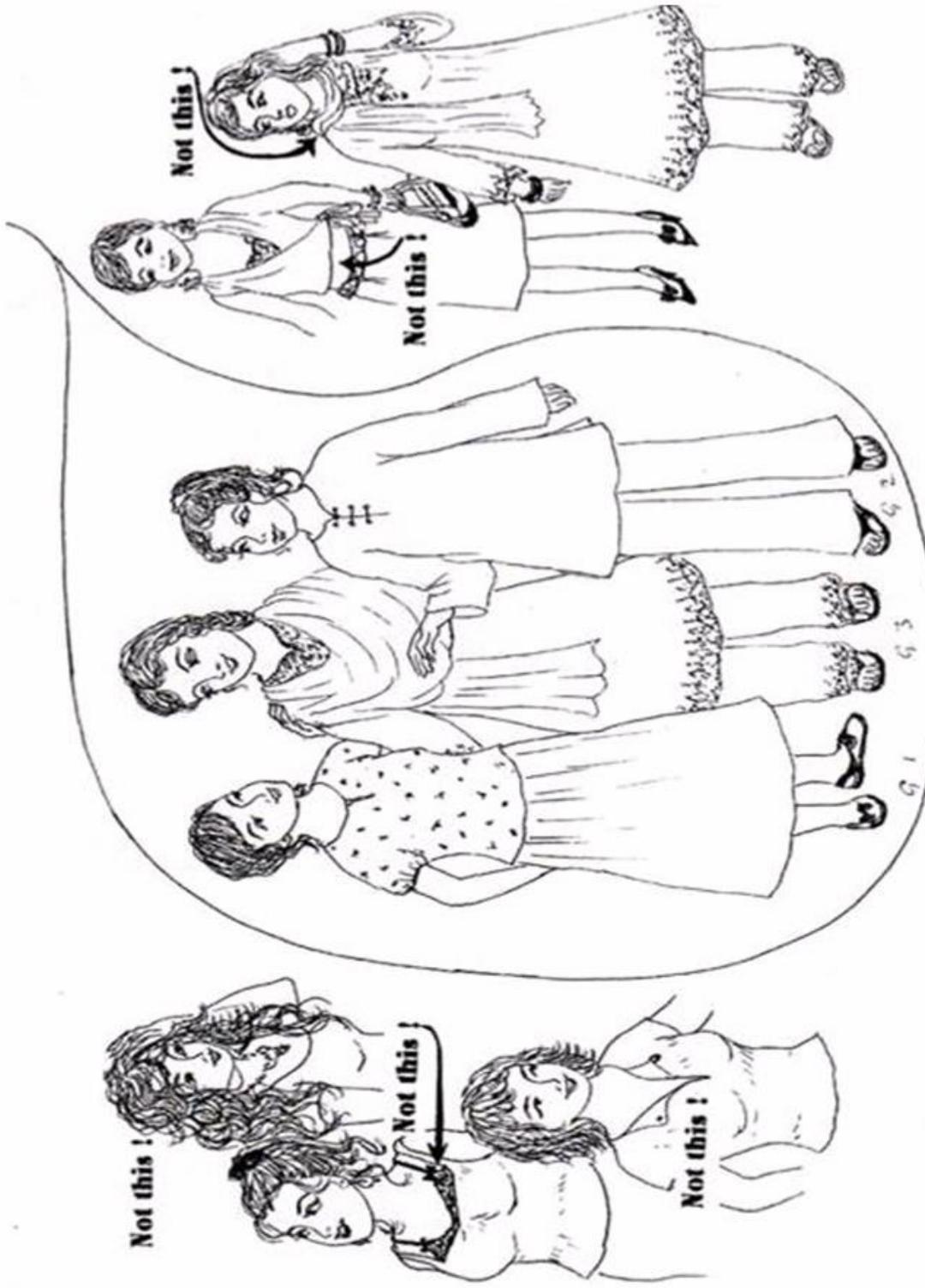


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DRESS CODE FOR BOYS



DRESS CODE FOR GIRLS

