

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

NATIONAL FLAG ETIQUETTE

I. MEANING OF THE FLAG

The Black Represents for us the dedication of the people joined together by one strong bond. It is the colour of strength, of unity of purpose, and of the wealth of the land.

Red is the colour most expressive of our country; it represents the vitality of the land and its peoples; it is the warmth and energy of the sun, the courage and friendliness of the people.

White is the sea by which these lands are bound; the cradle of our heritage; the purity of our aspirations and the equality of all men under the sun.

Thus, the colours chosen - Black, White and Red - represent the elements of Earth, Water and Fire which encompass all our past, present and future; and inspire us as one united, vital, free and dedicated people.

1. Display of Flag without staff

I. When the Flag is displayed otherwise than by being flown from a staff it should be displayed flat and fully extended, whether indoors or out, or so suspended that its folds fall as freely as if the Flag was staffed.

II. When the Flag is displayed over a street it should be suspended vertically with the upper Dexter (right) quarter to the Northin an East - West street or to the Eastina North - Southstreet.

III. When the Flag hangs over a sidewalk from a rope extending from house to a pole standing at the edge of the sidewalk it is displayed vertically, the upper Dexter quarter towards the pole.

DESTRUCTION OF WORN FLAG

The National Flag, when it is no longer fit for display, should be disposed of by burning. It should not be left lying about with other unserviceable articles.

Source: Government Printery, Trinidad and Tobago