

## CODE OF ETIQUETTE FOR THE PLAYING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

- Whenever the National Anthem is played all civilians present should stand at attention, men with bared heads. Persons in uniform should act in accordance with instructions.
- Normally one verse only and the chorus will be played. Where a shortened version of the National Anthem is played, it shall consist of the first twelve bars of the verse and the last four bars of the chorus.
  
- The National Anthem shall be played –
  - for the purposes of a salute on ceremonial or official occasions, on the arrival and departure of
    - the Governor General.
  
    - the Sovereign or a member of the Royal family,
  
    - a foreign Sovereign, Head of State or member of a reigning foreign imperial or Royal Family,
  
    - Governors-General of Independent Commonwealth countries.

- Governors of the Associated States, and
  
- Governors, High Commissioners or Officers administering the Government of a dependent territory within the Commonwealth
  
- at the beginning of all public performances in a cinema house.
  
- (i) The National Anthem may be played
  - (a) at the completion of any public function, or
  - (b) when toasts are proposed at official functions.
  
- (ii) The National Anthem should not be parodied in verse or in song neither should it be played in any tempo other than that officially recognised (eighty-eight crochets to the minute). Particularly, the tune should not be used as a dance number or for the purposes of advertisement.
  
- (iii) When more than one anthem is played the Barbados anthem should be played last.