Racing Dress Standard Participant Guidelines

About

Greyhound Racing Victoria is committed to upholding the Rules of Racing, enhancing the image of greyhound racing, and promoting the sport in Victoria.

The Racing Dress Standard provides details of the minimum dress standards approved by the Greyhound Racing Victoria Board in accordance with Local Rule 40.2.

Your responsibility

When attending a race meeting in Victoria, you must ensure that your appearance, clothing and footwear complies with the Racing Dress Standard.

Racing Dress Standard colours

- **Black** for bottom half clothing and footwear
- **Navy blue** for top half clothing
- **Black, navy blue or white** socks.

Minimum requirements for appearance

1. Clothing, headwear and footwear must:
   a. be appropriately worn, and
   b. not contain offensive words or pictures, and
   c. be neat, clean and tidy.
2. Personal grooming must be neat and tidy.
3. Personal hygiene must be of a good standard and inoffensive.

Optional Attire

Headwear

- Personal choice as to colour and style
- May include beanies, buffs, head scarf, caps, hats or religious headwear such as hijabs or turbans
- Must be practical to wear when handling or catching

Wet / Cold Weather Gear

- Plain navy, plain black or hi-vis yellow/blue waterproof jacket or coat recommended

Examples of acceptable items of dress*

Polos

Vest, Jumpers & Jackets

Optional Wet/Cold Weather

Dress Jeans & Trousers

Dress Shorts / Skirt

Footwear

Optional Headwear

Examples of unacceptable items of dress*

* Not an exhaustive or complete list, and is provided as an overview only.

Racing Dress Standard Policy

Clothing, headwear and footwear must be clean, and in neat, presentable condition.

Racing Dress Standard

The Racing Dress Standard applies to any person attending a race meeting at a Victorian club when:

- kennelling a greyhound,
- handling or parading a greyhound,
- catching a greyhound,
- present in restricted areas such as kennels and parade areas, or
- participating in a photo opportunity, broadcast or presentation.

The Racing Dress Standard requirements for <u>footwear</u> applies to any person attending a race meeting at a Victorian club when in charge of a greyhound, including:

- while holding a greyhound in the carpark, and
- walking or emptying greyhounds in the carpark.

Minimum standard of dress

- Plain black ankle length dress trousers, chinos or dress jeans
- Plain black dress shorts, skirt or dress (daylight savings only)
- Plain black, navy or white socks
- Plain navy blue collared dress shirt, blouse or polo
- Plain navy blue jacket, jumper, hoodie, windcheater, or vest
- Plain black enclosed shoes, runners, walking shoes, boots, or gumboots
- Such other or alternate clothing as the Board may determine from time to time

Non-Compliance

Non-compliance with the Racing Dress Standard is an offence, and penalties may apply to any person who fails to comply.

If the appearance, hygiene or dress of any person is deemed unacceptable by Stewards, they may, in their absolute discretion, ask that:

- the offending item be removed,
- the offending area be covered, or
- acceptable clothing is purchased from the Club.

Attendants, trainers and catchers may not be permitted to participate at a race meeting if minimum dress standards are not met to the Stewards' satisfaction.

Unacceptable condition of dress or appearance*

- Noticeable, heavy or offensive body odour
- Clothing, footwear or headwear that:
  * is faded, dirty, stained, has elastic cuffs or ripped hems
  * has visible branding, except for GRV or any other GRV approved logo
  * has visible tears, rips or holes
  * has a noticeable, offensive or heavy smell

Unacceptable items of dress*

- Overalls, tracksuit or sweat-pants, yoga pants or leggings, miniskirts or cargo, board, athletic or running shorts
- Colours or patterns of any sort, including stripes, dots, checks or contrast colours
- Clothing or footwear with non GRV-approved images, logos or words
- Open toed shoes or sandals, thongs, crocs or similar slip-on shoes, track or spiked shoes, wedge-heeled or high-heeled shoes/boots of any description
- Feature event or special purpose attire worn during standard meetings

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