

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.
4. Mandatory sponsor and/or safety items must be worn appropriately when and as directed e.g. handlers bibs.

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 Weather Gear

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

Examples of acceptable items of dress*



Examples of unacceptable items of dress*



Racing Dress Standard Policy



Clothing, headwear and footwear must be clean, and in neat, presentable condition. Sponsor and/or safety items must be worn when and as directed.

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 footwear 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
- while walking or emptying greyhounds in the carpark.

The Racing Dress Standard requirements for mandatory sponsor and/or safety items applies to any person attending a race meeting at a Victorian club when:

- handling, parading or catching a greyhound, or
- as otherwise directed by Stewards.

Minimum standard of dress

- Plain black ankle length dress trousers, chinos or dress jeans
- Black knee length tailored shorts, skirt or dress
- Plain black, navy or white socks
- Navy blue collared polo, blouse, or tailored shirt
- Navy blue outerwear, meaning a jumper, hoodie, windcheater, vest, or zip up fleece or cotton jacket (excludes waterproof jackets)
- Plain black enclosed shoes, runners, walking shoes, boots, or gumboots
- Such other or alternate clothing as the Board may determine from time to time
- White or full colour logos and/or branding on top half clothing is acceptable provided they are:
 - restricted to the left chest, and
 - contained within a 100 x 100mm area.
- White or full colour logos and/or branding to bottom half clothing is acceptable provided they are restricted to one 100 x 100mm area.

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, or worn, as the case may be,
- 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 items 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 or logos that do not meet minimum criteria
 - * has visible tears, rips or holes
 - * has a noticeable, offensive or heavy smell

Unacceptable dress items*

- Overalls, tracksuits, sweat-pants, yoga or fitness pants, leggings, bike pants
- Athletic or running shorts, board shorts, basketball or sports shorts, cargo shorts
- Skirts, dresses or shorts finishing above mid thigh or below mid calf
- 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

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