

# Racing Dress Standard Participant Guidelines

## About

Darwin Greyhound Racing is committed to upholding the Rules of Racing, enhancing the image of greyhound racing, and promoting the sport in the Northern Territory and Australia.

The Racing Dress Standard provides details of the minimum dress standards approved by the Darwin Greyhound Association Board.

## Your responsibility

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

## Racing Dress Standard colours

- **Black** for Bottom half of clothing and footwear
- **Black** for top half of clothing
- **Black** for socks

## Minimum requirements for appearance

1. Clothing, headwear and footwear must:
  - a. Be appropriately worn, and
  - b. Nor 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 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 Weather Gear

- Plain black **waterproof** jacket / coat.

## Examples of acceptable items of dress\*



## Examples of unacceptable items of dress\*



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

\*Other examples of unacceptable items include: foxy, sports or basketball shorts, bike pants, fitness pants of any length and miniskirts.

# 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 in Darwin when:

- kenneling 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, or presentation

The Racing Dress Standard requirements for footwear applies to any person attending a race meeting at Darwin when in charge of a greyhound, including:

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

## Minimum standard of dress

- Plain black ankle length dress trousers, chinos or dress jeans
- Black knee length tailored shorts, skirt or dress
- Plain black socks
- Black collared polo, blouse or tailored shirt
- Plain black enclosed shoes, runners, walking shoes, boots, or gumboots

## 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,
- 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 Steward's 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 \*

- Overall, 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 or any sort, including stripes, dots, checks or contrast colours
- Clothing or footwear with non DGA-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 or any description
- Feature event or special purpose attire worn during standard meetings

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