

Guidelines:

Informal side saddle attire inside the Australian show ring.

By the Australian Side Saddle Community.

(Excluding Formal, Turnout and Hunt Classes)



English Turnout

Habit:

Black & navy remain traditional colour options. However, some riders prefer the variety and individuality of other colours such as: tweeds, browns, greys, blues, greens etc, appreciating them over the uniformity of formal attire. Subtle checks, patterns, and pinstripes can also be tastefully incorporated.

Jacket:

A cut-away style jacket is preferred and considered traditional; however, it is not mandatory where unavailable.

Vest:

Mandatory with a cut-away jacket. Traditional choices may include: check, cream or yellow. Some riders prefer a 'modern take' with subdued colours and/or patterns.

Apron Skirt:

Should cover the right toes and ideally expose the left ankle. Hem must be parallel to the ground.

Jodhpurs or Tights:

Match with the habit colour. If wearing an opposing colour, pants should not be seen.

Gloves:

Brown, tan or cream are preferred & remain traditional, however nowadays riders are often sporting other colours. Leather or string back gloves are suitable. (Black is not considered appropriate for formal and/or 'turnout' classes). Longer gloves without tabs are most ideal, however these are not as easy to acquire.

Canes:

Optional. It is recommended to train your horse without one as some classes may prohibit the use of canes or whips.

Hair:

Ladies with long hair should wear it neatly in a bun. Traditionally, those with short hair were expected to wear a false bun; however, many modern riders now choose to forgo this.

Headwear:

Silk Topper or Bowler with matching veil (IE: brown bowler with brown veil; black bowler or top hat with black veil). Helmets or hunt caps allowed without penalty. Veils must **not** be worn with helmets.

NOTE: Brown veils are not easy to source & therefore a black veil on brown bowler is acceptable.

Stocks:

Simple stock pin required.

Ties:

Tie pin is optional, but does look smart.

Spurs:

Adults only. Optional. It is worn on the left foot only. Spur bands (false spurs) are preferred.

*Dummy spurs are discouraged from use.

Gentlemen Riders

- Gentlemen may wear their regular riding attire when competing aside.
- Options include short boots with gaiter on left leg or long boot and short boot
- Gloves in the approved colours are mandatory.
- Helmet, bowler or silk topper – veils are **not** to be worn with gentlemen's bowler or silk topper
- Western hat and appropriate western boots are allowed if riding in western

Youth Riders (Under 18 years):

- Must wear a safety helmet.
 - Tie is most acceptable – Tie pin is optional, but does look smart.
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Western Turnout

- Wear your usual Western riding attire with an apron skirt added.
- Western apron skirts should be longer than English skirts, covering both feet and hem parallel to the ground.
- Western hats are recommended.
- Helmets are allowed without penalty. However, youth are still required to wear a safety helmet.