

Dresses

These clarifications apply to all dresses worn by all Rainbow Girls in Canada at all formal meetings, Grand Assembly and at any formal function a girl attends representing Rainbow:

- The dress must have a strap that goes over the shoulder.
- The dress must be no longer than 1" from the floor and no shorter than 2" above the ankle.
- The dress must be the same length all the way around, it cannot be longer at the back.
- The Universal Dress Code states that dresses may have a limited open back. In Canada, this means that approximately 50% of a girl's back is covered (either bra strap and above or bra strap and below). The dress must be one with which a bra (with a strap across the back) can be worn.
- Slips must be worn under unlined dresses which are worn without a crinoline.

For Grand Officers, Representatives and Pages:

- The dress must be white, not cream, beige or off-white. This includes decorations on the dress (flowers, etc.) and patterned fabric. All must be white.

For the Grand Choir

- The dress may be white or coloured.

Shoes

These clarifications apply to all shoes worn by all Rainbow Girls in Canada at all formal meetings, Grand Assembly and at any function which a girl attends representing Rainbow:

- Dress shoes have a back which goes around the heel (pump or slingback). They do not include athletic shoes, slides, flip flops, clogs, thongs, casual or sports sandals.
- Acceptable shoes with a dress are:
- Shoes (pumps or sling back sandals) with no more than a 1" heel; or
- CLEAN white, ballet-style slippers (see photo example).
- Bedroom slippers of any kind are not acceptable.



- Shoes worn with a white dress must be white.

UNIVERSAL DRESS CODE

Recommended by the Rainbow Renewal Task Force

Approved by the Supreme Executive Committee, October 2000

BUSINESS MEETINGS, AND OTHER FRATERNAL AND CIVIC EVENTS

For members and advisors:

Females: Dress, dress pants, or skirt and blouse may be worn of any colour. Your choice must look and be considered tasteful and appropriate. Avoid any black and very dark colours as much as possible.

Length of dress or skirt should be no higher than two-inches above the knee. Dress shoes must be worn.

Males: Dress pants with dress shirt or polo shirt.

Attire that is not appropriate:

Jeans, tight pants, skorts, mini skirts, capris, t-shirts, tube tops or halter-tops.

INITIATIONS

For members:

Formal dress, floor or tea-length. Your choice must be considered tasteful and appropriate (not revealing in any way).

Dress may be of any colour except black and very dark colours, with a strap and a limited open back.

Back of dress should not fall below the natural bra line. Slit in dress may not exceed the knee. Dress shoes must be worn.

For candidates:

A church-like dress is appropriate. Dress can be of any colour except black and very dark colours, and must measure below the knee. Dress shoes must be worn.

For advisors and guests:

Females: Dress or skirt and blouse. Mother Advisors must wear a formal dress.

Males: Dress pants with dress shirt and tie. Jacket is optional.

Dress shoes must be worn.

Attire that is not appropriate: Revealing formals.

INSTALLATIONS

For members and advisors:

Follow parameters identified as formal attire for initiations.

SWIMMING ATTIRE

Bathing suits may be one-piece or two-piece providing the suit is in good taste and not revealing. In hotels and other facilities, cover-ups and appropriate shoes must be worn when traveling to and from pool.

SERVICE PROJECTS, PRACTICES, SOCIALS, PUBLIC RELATIONS EVENTS, FUND RAISING, TRAVELING, ETC.

Weather permitting and providing the event does not require professional dress:

For members and advisors:

Skorts, pants, jeans or shorts may be worn when appropriate for the activity. Pants, jeans and shorts must be worn at the waistline, have no holes, have a hem, and must be in good taste and appropriate.

Shirts must contain no print that is offensive or controversial. Matching polo or T-shirts for the Assembly are appropriate and suggested.

Attire that is not appropriate:

Short shorts, tight jeans, mini skirts, halter-tops, tube tops, spandex shorts or spandex pants.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

Proper undergarments must always be worn and not be visible.

Hosiery is suggested when wearing meeting or formal attire.

Dress shoes: Clogs and athletic shoes are not considered "dress shoes."

Body piercing jewels (other than earrings) should not be worn at Rainbow functions

UNIVERSAL DRESS CODE: CANADIAN CLARIFICATIONS

Definitions and Additional Information Grand Jurisdiction of Canada

This is for clarification ONLY. Please refer to the UNIVERSAL DRESS CODE.

FORMAL DRESSES:

These clarifications apply to all dresses worn by all Rainbow Girls in Canada at all formal meetings, Grand Assembly and at any formal function a girl attends representing Rainbow:

Length:

- The dress must be no longer than 1" from the floor and no shorter than 2" above the ankle.
- The dress must be the same length all the way around, it cannot be longer at the back.
- Trains are not permitted.

Style:

- The dress must have a strap that goes over the shoulder.
- The Supreme Universal Dress Code states that dresses may have a limited open back. In Canada, this means that approximately 50% of a girl's back is covered (either bra strap and above or bra strap and below). The dress must be one with which a bra can be worn.
- Hoops are not permitted.
- Large crinolines are not permitted. Small crinolines are permitted. Small crinolines are defined as extending only 6 inches out on one side from the ankle with feet hip width apart.

Colour:

For Grand Officers, Representatives and Pages:

- The dress must be white, not cream, beige or off-white. This includes decorations on the dress (flowers, etc.) and patterned fabric. All must be white.

For the Grand Choir

- The dress may be white or coloured.

DRESS SHOES:

These clarifications apply to all shoes worn by all Rainbow Girls in Canada at all formal and business meetings, Grand Assembly and at any function which a girl attends representing Rainbow:

Dress shoes must be worn with dress pants.

Acceptable shoes with a dress are

- Dress shoes with no more than a 1.5" heel; or
- CLEAN white, ballet-style slippers (see photo example).

Bedroom slippers of any kind are not acceptable.

Dress shoes have a back which goes around the heel. They do not include athletic shoes, slides, flip flops, clogs, thongs or casual or sports sandals.



Shoes worn with a white dress must be white.

DRESS PANTS:

Dress pants are slacks that are neat and pressed. They should be of the type one would expect a professional woman to wear when meeting the public. Khaki pants are permitted. If the slacks are black, dark blue, etc. the top should be white or pastel.

Dress pants do not include jeans, cargo pants, wind pants, stirrup pants, stretch pants, sweat pants, flannel pants, hospital pants, modrobes or overalls.

SHORTS AND SKIRTS:

Shorts must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. No denim shorts or cut-offs are permitted at any time.

Skirts must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Denim skirts are permitted only for casual wear.

GENERAL APPEARANCE:

Body piercing jewels which cannot be removed, must be covered at all times at all Rainbow functions.

Tattoos must be covered at all times at all Rainbow functions.

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GRAND ASSEMBLY OF CANADA SESSIONS

Grand Officers, Reps & Pages: All sessions, white dresses (not cream, beige or off-white), Style and length per Universal Dress Code and Canadian Clarifications. White ballet style slippers or white dress shoes conforming to the Canadian Clarifications.

Grand Choir: All sessions, white or coloured dresses. Style and length per Universal Dress Code and Canadian Clarifications. White ballet style slippers or dress shoes conforming to the Canadian Clarifications.

Grand Officers Being Installed: White dresses (not cream, beige or off-white), Style and length per Universal Dress Code and Canadian Clarifications. White ballet style slippers or white dress shoes conforming to the Canadian Clarifications.

Grand Representatives and Journalists Being Installed:

White or coloured dresses. Style and length per Universal Dress Code and Canadian Clarifications. White ballet style slippers or dress shoes conforming to the Canadian Clarifications.

Majority Officers: Coloured dresses (no white), floor or tea length. Style per Universal Dress Code and Canadian Clarifications.

Grand Cross Officers: White dresses, floor or tea length. Style per Universal Dress Code and Canadian Clarifications. For men in Bow Degree, tuxedos with white shirt and black tie.

Grand Cross Active Candidate: White or coloured dress, floor or tea length. Style per Universal Dress Code and Canadian Clarifications.

Visitors and Guests on the Sidelines:

- Thursday evening, Friday morning, Saturday morning (Grand Cross) and Saturday evening: Universal Dress Code for Initiation.

- Friday afternoon and Saturday afternoon: Universal Dress Code for business meetings.

- No hats are worn other than costumes for the fun events. Gloves may only be worn when they are part of official regalia of sponsoring Masonic Orders.