GRAND ASSEMBLY OF TEXAS INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS



DRESS CODE

This Dress Code applies to all Girls and Adults attending any Rainbow event, be it locally, statewide or nationally, or representing Rainbow in any activity, project or event, in any way. Attire should at all times be tasteful and appropriate, reflecting the values and lessons we seek to teach and demonstrate.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

Good hygiene is essential in achieving a neat, clean and acceptable appearance.

Proper undergarments must always be worn and not be visible.

Clogs, athletic shoes and flip flops are not considered "dress shoes." Avoid very high heels.

Facial piercings cannot be worn at Rainbow functions.

No more than two pairs of ear lobe earrings may be worn.

Tattoos must be covered.

Straps should be wide enough to cover bra straps (no strapless or "spaghetti-strap formals).

Make-up should be tasteful and classy; not garish, heavy or theatrical.

Hair should be "natural" in color (not shades of the Rainbow), and not extreme in cut or style.

Textured or natural hair, wigs or extensions should be styled in a conservative manner.

Grand Officers: Hair must be worn back of the face.

Nail polish should not be a harsh/dark color, i.e. black, etc.

Girls and adults should arrive dressed for the meeting/event and leave the same way.

BUSINESS MEETINGS, AND OTHER FRATERNAL MEETINGS AND CIVIC EVENTS

Girls: Dress **or** skirt and blouse of any color may be worn (50% black is acceptable), **or** Texas Uniform (official polo shirt and black skirt). Length of dress or skirt should be no higher than two-inches above the knee. Dress shoes should be worn and open toes are acceptable. Black flats are encouraged for Texas Uniform. Hosiery is optional.

Undergarments: Wear proper skin tone undergarments that must not be seen at any time.

Adult Ladies: Dress, tailored dress slacks with coordinating suit-type jacket, or skirt and blouse of any color may be worn or Texas Uniform (official polo shirt and black skirt).

Mother Advisors: Dress, or skirt and blouse of any color may be worn; 50% black is acceptable. The Texas Uniform is acceptable.

Men: Dress pants with dress shirt or polo shirt.

Grand Officers: Short white dresses or Texas Uniform (official polo shirt and black skirt).

Adult Grand Officers:

Ladies: Dress, or skirt and blouse of any color may be worn; 50% black is acceptable.

The Texas Uniform is acceptable.

Men: Texas polo shirt or dress shirt, and dress pants.

Attire that is not appropriate: Jeans, tight pants, coveralls/overalls, shorts, skorts, miniskirts, capris, tube tops, halter-tops, or clothing with lycra/stretch/body hugging qualities.

If you need to tug your skirt down every time you sit, stand or bow, it is too tight and is not acceptable. Running shoes, beach sandals, strapless shoes, heavy boots are not acceptable. Flip flops and shoes that make a slapping noise when walking are not acceptable.

FORMAL MEETINGS SUCH AS . . . INITIATIONS, INSTALLATIONS, HONOR MEETINGS, RECEPTIONS, EASTERN STAR, MASONIC FUNCTIONS (ESPECIALLY WHEN BEING HONORED)

Girls: Formal dress, floor length in white or soft pastel colors. Your choice must be considered tasteful and appropriate (not revealing in any way). Formals must have wide straps to cover bra straps (no strapless or spaghetti-straps), and a limited open back. Halter top formals are acceptable. Back of dress should not fall below the natural bra line. Slit in dress may not extend above the knee. *No hoop* skirts. Dress shoes must be worn. White or colored dress shoes matching the formal, flats, heels, ballet slippers, are all acceptable.

Candidates: A church-like dress is appropriate and must measure no higher than two inches above the knee. Dress shoes must be worn.

Ladies: Dress or skirt and blouse. Mother Advisors must wear white or soft, pastel formals.

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

Grand Floor Officers: Grand Officer formal. Dress shoes with no more than 2 inch heel preferred.

Other Grand Officers: Grand Officer formal or floor length white formal. Dress shoes with no more than 2 inch heel preferred. Open toe shoes are acceptable.

Adult Grand Officers:

Ladies: Grand Officer formal.

Men: Grand Officer blazer, dress shirt, tie, dress pants.

SERVICE PROJECTS, PRACTICES, SOCIALS, PUBLIC RELATION EVENTS, FUND RAISING, TRAVELING, ETC., INCLUDING DEMOLAY CASUAL ACTIVITIES

Girls and Advisors: Skorts, pants, jeans or shorts (dollar bill lengthwise, from the top of the kneecap) 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. Spandex pants may be worn with shirt long enough to cover the bottom. Shirts must contain no print that is offensive or controversial. Matching Assembly shirts or Texas Uniform are encouraged. Shirts must be long enough to cover midriff. Running shoes, sandals, flip flops or shoes appropriate to the activity, weather, and location.

Attire that is not appropriate: Short shorts, tight jeans, tattered or torn items, miniskirts, tube tops. Bare feet except at pool or beach!

GRAND ASSEMBLY SESSION - GRAND ASSEMBLY OF TEXAS

Girls and Adults: Attire appropriate to a Business Meeting, practices, and social events is appropriate for a Grand Assembly event that is not held in the Assembly Room.

A dress or skirt and blouse should be worn. The Texas Uniform is encouraged and appropriate.

Any late-night practice in the Grand Assembly Room, prior to the start of the Grand Assembly Session, Rainbow casual may be worn.

If needed, a nice sweater is acceptable, but NO blankets in the Grand Assembly Room.

Grand Floor Officers: Grand Officer formal.

Other Grand Officers: Grand Officer formal or floor length white formals.

All girls: Formal for General Banquet, Friday Night Opening, Saturday night Initiation and Sunday Installation

Adult Grand Officers:

Ladies: Grand Officer formal.

Men: Grand Officer blazer, dress shirt, tie, dress pants.

Memorial Team: Floor length white formal

Grand Cross Luncheon, Vows and Ceremony:

Girls and adults: Attire appropriate to a Business Meeting (see section on **Business Meetings**, etc.)

Girls participating in the Luncheon, Vows, and Grand Cross Ceremony:

White floor length formals.

All Grand Officers: White

Grand Officer Men: Blazer, dress shirt, tie and dress pants.

SWIMMING ATTIRE

Swim wear may be one-piece or two-piece tankini providing the suit is in good taste and not revealing.

In hotels and other facilities, cover-up and appropriate shoes must be worn when traveling to and from pool.

Not appropriate: bikinis or t-shirt and shorts in the pool.

DEMOLAY AND OTHER FRATERNAL SOCIALS AND

Girls and Advisors:

All colors are acceptable, including 100% black, styles including spaghetti-straps, one shoulder, and halter top are acceptable.

Remember that you are a Rainbow Girl or Advisor 24/7.

TRAVELING IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Observe the dress code of other jurisdictions, including traveling attire, when visiting. If you need guidance in this area, please contact the Supreme Deputy.

When questions about this **Texas Dress Code** arise, please direct them to the Mother Advisor, Grand Deputy or Supreme Deputy. In fairness to all, Texas assemblies will not adopt clothing guidelines or dress codes other than those stated in this document.