

# Turnout Etiquette

The sport of carriage driving was developed in the early 1970's, with the support of HRH Prince Philip it quickly became an international sport.

Although it is a modern sport as such the dressage and cones require a certain etiquette when it comes to harness and dress.

As a basic guideline

There are two categories of turnout. ***Town and Country.***

The town turnout then divides into owner driven carriage and coachman driven carriage.

## ***Town Turnout***

Owner	Coachman
Carriage: Painted dark colours Eg Dark blue, green May have yellow or lighter colour wheels	Painted dark blue, reds and black.
Harness: Collar harness with black brass or silver fittings pole, chains	Collar harness pole straps
Driver: Formal dress Men formal suit, grey top hat or bowler Ladies long skirt flat Sole/small heel dress shoes Dress hat, brown gloves, apron	Livery with six buttons black top hat brown gloves, top boots and brown tops, apron
Groom: Livery	Livery
Whip: Bow top	Bow Top

## ***Country Turnout***

Carriage	Light coloured greens yellow or varnished
Harness	Breastplate black or brown
Driver	Soft hat tweeds/ traditional national costumes, Apron brown gloves
Groom	Riding clothes or national dress
Whip	Drop thong.

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