

A R A P A H O E H U N T
PROPER HUNTING ATTIRE

FORMAL ATTIRE, With Colors/Buttons (other than Master, Huntsman or Whipper-in)		FORMAL ATTIRE, Without Colors/Buttons		
GENTLEMEN		LADIES	GENTLEMEN and LADIES	
Hat	Black hunting cap or ASTM helmet with ribbons up. Top hat with scarlet coat, frock coat or shadbelly coat. Hat guard optional. Bowler with a black formal hunting coat. A secured chin strap is strongly recommended. If long, hair should be neatly confined.	Black hunting cap or ASTM helmet with ribbons up. Top hat with frock coat or shadbelly coat. Hat guard optional. Hairnets are correct and advisable. Hair should be neatly confined. Bowler with a black melton hunting coat. A secured chin strap is strongly recommended.	Hat	Black hunting cap or ASTM helmet. Bowler. Secured chin strap strongly recommended.
			Coat	Black
Coat	Scarlet, if invited, with rounded corners and 3 large Arapahoe Hunt brass buttons. 2 large brass buttons on back if frock coat 2-3 small buttons on each sleeve. Black velvet collar with cactus green piping Black frock coat with fully rounded corners is just as appropriate with black boots and white breeches.	Black with 3 Arapahoe large silver buttons on front. 2 small silver Arapahoe buttons on sleeve. 2 large silver Arapahoe buttons on back of coat if frock coat Black velvet collar with cactus green piping.	Buttons	Black.
			Shirt	
			Stock	White, properly tied with plain horizontal gold stock pin.
Vest	Canary with Arapahoe Hunt brass buttons.	Canary with Arapahoe Hunt silver buttons.	Vest	Canary (optional). Plain buttons.
Breeches	White only.	Canary, buff, or tan.	Breeches	Canary, buff or tan.
Boots	English. Black leather dress boots with brown tops and tabs sewn on but not sewn down. Well polished. White boot garters. Field boots and three buckle boots are not considered proper Formal Attire. Black rubber boots are acceptable in wet weather.	English. Black leather dress boots with patent leather tops and tabs sewn on but not sewn down. Black boot garters. Field boots and three buckle boots are not considered proper Formal Attire. Black rubber boots are acceptable in wet	Boots	English, black leather dress boots, no tops. Tabs sewn on but not sewn down. Field books and three buckle boots are not considered proper Formal Attire. Black rubber boots acceptable. in wet weather.

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Gloves	White leather or cloth. String may be carried under girth or worn at any time.	White leather or cloth. String may be carried under girth or worn at any time.	Gloves	Gloves and spurs are the same as Formal Attire with colors/buttons.
Stock	White, properly tied with plain horizontal gold stock pin.	White, properly tied with plain horizontal gold stock pin.	Stock	White, properly tied with plain horizontal gold stock Pin.
Shirt	White.	White.	Shirt	White.
Spurs	Heavy pattern with moderately short neck, black straps and no rowels worn high on the heel.	Regular hunting spurs with black straps worn high on the heel.	Spurs	Same as Formal Attire with colors/buttons worn high on the heel.
Crop	All may carry hunting crop with thong but never used unless asked.	All may carry hunting crop with thong but never used unless asked.	All may carry hunting crop with thong but never used unless asked.	
<p>Guests awarded colors by other hunts are welcome to wear their colors with permission of a Master</p>				

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INFORMAL ATTIRE			
	GENTLEMEN AND LADIES	TACK	APPOINTMENTS
Hat	Black (or brown with brown boots) hunting cap or ASTM with ribbons up. Bowler is acceptable. Secured chin strap strongly recommended. Hairnets for ladies are correct and advisable. Hair should be neatly confined.	Bridle	Single or Double. Caveson should be used.
Coat	Tweed or wool jacket in muted color, tailored with single or double vent.	Breastplate	Optional.
Shirt	Ratcatcher shirt with band & plain horizontal pin. Button-down shirt with stock tie (plain or colored) or man's tie. Turtlenecks reserved for children.	Martingale	Optional but if running is used, it must have stops.
Breeches	Earthtone colors - buff, tan, gray or rust.	Flask/ Sandwich case/Wire cutters	Gentlemen: sandwich case and/or flask. Ladies: sandwich case or a combination sandwich case/flask. Wire cutters permitted.
Spurs	Gentlemen: heavy patterned with moderate short neck and no rowels, worn high on heel. Ladies: regular hunting style. Black straps with black boots. Brown straps with brown boots.	Saddle	Heavy & plain skirted.
Boots	English. Brown or black leather, dress or field. Gentlemen: English black leather with brown tops are not acceptable. Rubber boots are acceptable in wet weather. Canvas topped Newmarket boots, jodhpur boots with leggings and 3 buckle brown field boots are also correct.	Girth	Leather preferred.
Gloves	Black or brown leather or string gloves. White is not correct.	Saddle Pad	Simple, white or sheep skin. Not a nummah or saddle cloth.

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JUNIOR RIDER (16 AND UNDER) - FORMAL AND INFORMAL

Hat	Black hunting cap or Pony Club approved helmet with ribbons up. Chin strap secured. Young ladies wear hairnet or braided hair.
Coat	Black hunting jacket, dark melton or tweed jacket. Riders who have been awarded their buttons are encouraged to sew their silver buttons on their black coat.
Vest	Canary (optional)
Breeches	Buff, tan, light gray or canary.
Boots	English black boots or Jodhpurs with brown garters.
Gloves	White leather. String may be carried under girth or worn at any time.
Neckwear	Plain white stock with black hunting coat or colored hunting stock with tweed. Neatly tied and fastened with plain horizontal gold stock pin.
Shirt	With black hunting coat, white shirt; with tweed, light colored shirt with neck band and pin acceptable. Turtlenecks are for very young children only.

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Please Note:

Traditionally, only Masters of Fox Hounds, Huntsman, Whippers-In, Honorary Secretary and former Masters are entitled to wear a hunting cap with the ribbons down or wear a hunting cap without permission. The Arapahoe Hunt will permit anyone to wear a hunting cap but only with the ribbons up and with proper chin strap secured.

All tack should be cleaned and in good repair. Boots should be well polished. Bits and spurs should be clean and polished.

Horses maned should be well pulled but need not be braided. However, if braided, the number of braids is traditionally 7 to 9 in number.

Perfume/after shave lotion: Please refrain from using because it interferes with the hounds' scenting ability.

Jewelry: Traditionally ladies have not worn earrings or other jewelry in the hunt field.

Leg Wraps: Traditionally field hunters have not worn any sort of leg wraps or boots. If it is felt that boots must be used, try to use boots with neutral colors.

When extremes of temperature occur, modifications of clothing may be made by the Masters. But Modifications will never extend, however, to ski parkas.

When one hunts with another hunt, one should:

1. Request a letter of introduction from an Arapahoe Hunt Master or Honorary Secretary.
2. Never wear Arapahoe Hunt livery (hunt colors and buttons) at another hunt unless invited to do so and permission is granted.
3. Wear a black coat when participating in a joint meet or visiting another Hunt unless invited to wear Arapahoe Hunt livery.

Mr. Lawrence C. Phipps, Jr., MFH of the Arapahoe Hunt for over 42 years, instilled respect tradition and the proper hunt attire. This respect for tradition has been passed on throughout the years to our Masters, Huntsman, Whippers-in, staff and field members, and we continue to show respect for our heritage to this day. The current MFHs are strongly

committed to preserving these traditions and expect regular members of the Arapahoe Hunt to observe the traditions of proper hunting attire. However, it is recognized that guests or Introductory members in the early stages of his or her hunting experience may not yet have acquired all the items of proper attire and do not want them to miss the hunting experience. Consequently, guests and Introductory members are welcome without the proper attire, but it is insisted that approved protective head gear be worn. A secured chin strap is strongly recommended.