

DERBY BY THE COAST FASHIONS ON THE FIELD

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Derby by the Coast – Fashions On the Field Guide

Celebrate the timeless elegance of race-day glamour with a modern coastal twist. Think crisp monochrome softened by sea breezes — classic lines, refined tailoring and confident simplicity.

Derby by the Coast honours grace, individuality, and timeless sophistication. Let your look echo the ocean — polished, confident and effortlessly radiant.

How to Nominate

- When:** Upon arrival — visit the Nomination Tent at the track entry.
- Cost:** Free – there is no entry fee.
- Judging:** Four respected members of the local community will judge nominations throughout the day.

Event Schedule

Between Race 1 and Race 2 – Ladies Contemporary Style and Gents

Between Race 2 and Race 3 – Ladies Classic Style and Millinery

Between Race 3 and Race 4 – Families and Couples

Ladies – Contemporary Style

- Palette:** Black and white with a single accent hue inspired by the sea — coral, pearl or driftwood tones.
- Cuts:** Modern silhouettes, asymmetric hemlines or minimalist co-ords.
- Textures:** Satin sheens, mesh overlays or sculptural tailoring.
- Accessories:** Bold yet balanced — statement earrings, geometric clutches and refined millinery.
- Footwear:** Strappy heels or pointed mules, elegant and modern.
- Prize:** Gift Basket to the value of \$1,000

Gents

- Suits:** Tailored and well-fitted in black, grey or white. Light linen or cotton blends are encouraged for coastal comfort.
- Details:** A tie or bow tie in monochrome tones; subtle patterns preferred over novelty prints. Polished shoes, cufflinks and tie bars elevate the look.
- Grooming:** Clean-shaven or neatly trimmed beard; styled hair for a polished finish.
- Prize:** Gift Basket to the value of \$500

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Ladies – Classic Style

- Palette:** Black, white, or a harmonious blend of both.
- Silhouettes:** Tailored dresses, midi lengths, and structured shapes that flatter.
- Fabrics:** Lace, crepe, silk, satin, cotton, organza, or tweed — polished yet breathable for the coastal climate.
- Accessories:** Understated jewellery and a refined clutch or mini bag.
- Footwear:** Closed-toe pumps or slingbacks in black or white — timeless and poised.
- Prize:** Gift Basket to the value of \$1,000

Millinery Award

Celebrate the artistry of headwear — the statement that completes every race-day look.

- Style:** Whether classic or contemporary, your millinery should show balance, proportion, and originality.
- Design:** From sculptural headpieces and veiled fascinators to elegant wide-brims, the piece should feel polished and complement your outfit.
- Theme:** Monochrome tones with subtle coastal inspiration — pearls, soft metallics, or wave-like structure.
- Fit & Comfort:** Must be securely fastened, comfortable, and harmonious from every angle.
- Placement:** Traditionally worn on the right side of the head for refined presentation.
- Prize:** Gift Basket to the value of \$500

Families & Couples

Couples

Coordinate with matching tones or complementary silhouettes.
Keep balance — if one wears a statement piece, the other should lean into timeless simplicity.
Aim for photo-ready harmony that feels elegant and cohesive.

Families

Children can mirror adult looks with mini monochrome styles — smart dresses or small suits.
Outfits should remain comfortable and age-appropriate.
Add charming coordinated touches — matching hats, ribbons, or shoes for a unified presentation.

- Prizes:** To the value of \$500

Not Eligible for Judging

To uphold the prestige of Derby by the Coast, entries may be excluded for the following:

- Off-theme colours
- Bright colours, florals, prints, or neons outside the monochrome brief.
- Casual attire
- Denim, shorts, t-shirts, casual sundresses, sneakers, or sandals.
- Inappropriate lengths or cuts
- Garments too short, sheer without lining, or overly revealing.
- Over-accessorising
- Excess jewellery, clashing patterns, or oversized bags.
- Poor fit or presentation
- Ill-fitting suits, wrinkled garments, or sagging shapes.
- Unpolished footwear
- Scuffed or casual shoes, thongs, or uncomfortable heels affecting posture.
- Millinery missteps
- Overly large, unstable, or off-theme headpieces.
- Overly trendy or costume-like looks
- Outfits that suit a nightclub more than a race day.
- Lack of grooming
- Unkempt hair, chipped nails, heavy makeup, or untidy presentation.