

AUSTRALIAN RACING INCIDENT DATABASE (ARID)

WHAT IS ARID?

ARID is a central database designed to record information about injury to personnel or horses in racing. Reliable up-to-date information on injuries at race meetings and training centres is required to assist with the control of occupational health and safety of people working at race tracks and any racing associated complexes, and the welfare of horses at race meetings and venues.

WHY DOES ARID OPERATE?

ARID uses national standard forms for recording details of incidents. The information collected from the forms allow objective assessments of welfare and OH&S performance within the industry and provides a basis for more detailed research into risk factors for injuries, with implications ranging from work practices to safety equipment , race track and stable design.

WHY COMPLETE THE FORM?

Data from the form is entered into a national racing industry database. In turn, the information is utilised to monitor individual injuries, incident trends, assess the effectiveness of injury prevention policies and aid research into improving safety equipment. It may take a little of your time but this very important information is critical to the future evaluation of safety issues in Australian racing.

WHEN SHOULD YOU COMPLETE THE FORM?

The form should be completed whenever an incident occurs. The information required to complete the form may come from various sources; for example, the injured person, medical and first aid officers, stewards and other officials. An incident may also include occasions when a person is unable to continue working/riding due to illness (eg nausea, dehydration etc).

WHO SHOULD COMPLETE THE FORM?

Doctors, ambulance officers or first aid officers that perform examinations of people involved in incidents should always complete an Incident Report Form and submit it to Stewards. It is important that the form be completed for every examination, even those examinations where there are no significant findings. On the occasions that an incident occurs but a medical examination is not performed, the relevant official (steward, track supervisor, barrier official, trainer) should complete the incident report form to the best of their ability. Horse forms are completed by vets or officials.

HOW SHOULD THE FORM BE COMPLETED?

Completion of the form should take about 30 to 60 seconds. Approx 10 or 11 crosses need to be placed in the boxes, identification information at the top and brief notes at the bottom. The form should be filled out carefully and accurately **using a cross** to mark selected boxes. Each section of the form must be completed; if you are unsure ask your stewards for assistance.

WHAT FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETED?

There are 4 different person forms for differing circumstances, and one common horse form.

R R means **Raceday/Rider** for when a rider incident occurs on raceday/trials

R NR means **Raceday/Non Rider** for a non rider incident on raceday/trials

T R means **Training centre/ Rider** for a rider incident at a training centre/stables

T NR means **Training centre/ Non Rider** for a non rider incident at a training centre/stables

H is the **horse incident form**, regardless of where the incident occurs

WHERE SHOULD THE COMPLETED FORM GO?

A central collection point will be identified in each state. In NSW, you are requested to fax or post the form to the Stewards Department, Racing NSW, Level 7, 51 Drutt Street, Sydney NSW 2000 or fax to (02) 9551 7551. The information will then be recorded to form part of the National data base.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT RACING NSW STEWARDS ON 02 9551 7541