



COVID-19

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION – NSW PARTICIPANTS

### RACING NSW ROAD MAP

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Racing NSW has conducted a review of its COVID-19 policies having regard to the current situation in NSW and easing of restrictions by the NSW Government. The following changes have been made.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS & RACING NSW POLICIES**

Racing NSW requires all participants to continue to comply with Racing NSW policies and all NSW Health Orders detail in the link below.

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/public-health-orders.aspx>

All participants should ensure they take personal responsibility for their actions and whenever possible limit their risk of being exposed to COVID-19. Other than for jockeys as detailed below, any person that is considered to be a close or casual contact to a positive COVID-19 case, must adhere to all NSW Health requirements and directions, in respect to COVID-19 testing and isolation, before attending a NSW racecourse or licensed premises.

#### **EASING OF RESTRICTIONS**

- **Face Masks** – In accordance with the Public Health Orders face masks are no longer required to be worn when on a racecourse or licensed premises.
- **PCR & Rapid Testing** – With the exception of jockeys as detailed above, routine Rapid Testing and PCR Testing requirements have been removed.

#### **JOCKEYS**

- Jockey zones were removed on 4 November 2021 allowing jockeys to ride at any race meeting within NSW.
- All jockeys and apprentices may ride trackwork and barrier trials.
- Apprentice jockeys may undertake stable duties.
- On a raceday, race clubs must maintain the jockey/official zone to ensure separation from other persons attending the race meeting.
- There are no density limits for jockeys' rooms.
- Jockeys to undertake temperature and symptoms checking before entering the jockeys room.
- Any jockey that is aware they are or have been advised they are a close or casual contact to a COVID-19 positive case, must report such to Racing NSW Stewards for determination as to what testing and isolation periods are applicable.

## **JOCKEYS – RAPID COVID-19 TESTING**

- Jockeys riding at metropolitan and provincial race meetings will be required to undertake a rapid test at home on race morning before attending the race meeting, with the results to be sent to [steward@racingnsw.com.au](mailto:steward@racingnsw.com.au) after the test result has been returned. For those based in the metropolitan and provincial areas, Racing NSW will provide sufficient testing kits and instructions to complete this testing. Jockeys who reside outside these areas, but are riding at a metropolitan or provincial meeting, will be required to report to a rapid testing station before entering the jockeys' room.
- Due to the high case numbers in Newcastle, Jockeys who live in Newcastle (or surrounding areas as designated by Racing NSW) will be required to undertake a rapid test at home on race morning before attending any race meeting, with the results to be sent to [steward@racingnsw.com.au](mailto:steward@racingnsw.com.au) after the test result has been returned. Racing NSW will provide sufficient testing kits and instructions to complete this testing.

## **RACE MEETINGS AND RACE CLUBS**

There are no restrictions on race clubs when conducting race meetings in respect to density limits for patrons.

QR codes are not required.

Proof of Vaccination is not required.

Face masks must be worn for indoors front-of-house hospitality staff who are not fully vaccinated.

Race clubs must maintain the jockey/official zone to ensure separation from other persons attending the race meeting.

Race clubs may conduct non raceday functions and allow access to the racecourse without the permission of Racing NSW. The non raceday functions must be conducted in accordance with the NSW State Government Public Health Orders.

## **INTERSTATE & INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL**

All persons attending a racecourse should comply with NSW Health Orders when returning to NSW from an international or interstate location.

The previous restrictions placed on persons returning from Victoria have been removed.

## **LICENSED PREMISES (STABLES) ACCESS**

There are no restrictions for owners and Essential Personnel entering licensed premises.