



COVID-19

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION – NSW PARTICIPANTS

### RACING NSW ROAD MAP

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Following recent announcements from the NSW Government that NSW has reached an 80% fully vaccinated adult population, further freedoms have been announced, including the easing of restrictions for wearing masks and regional travel being opened on 1 November 2021.

As a result, Racing NSW will implement the following changes to its Covid-19 policies.

#### JOCKEYS

- The race meeting scheduled for Kembla Grange of 23 October 2021 will be for Non-Greater Sydney jockeys.
- On and after 1 November 2021.
  - Jockey zones will be removed allowing jockeys to ride at any race meeting within NSW.
  - All jockeys and apprentices may return to regular trackwork duties.
  - Apprentice jockeys may resume stable duties.
  - Jockey's rooms to revert to one person per 4 square metre, and segregation in separate rooms not required if the jockey room complies with the 4 square metre rules.
  - Jockeys who have been based in the Greater Sydney Area can return to recreational activities in accordance with NSW Health orders.
  - Jockeys may attend medical and professional appointments whilst undertaking COVIDSafe practices.

#### FACE MASKS

- On 1 November 2021 the wearing of face masks when outdoors will no longer be compulsory when on a racecourse or licensed premises.
- The wearing of N95 face masks will remain compulsory for Essential Personnel until 1 November 2021.
- N95 face masks will still be mandatory when indoors on a racecourse or licensed premises.

#### PCR & RAPID COVID-19 TESTING (policy to be reviewed 1 November 2021)

All Essential Personnel that attend **Randwick, Rosehill, Warwick Farm, Kembla Grange and Newcastle racecourses** will continue to be required to undertake a weekly PCR COVID-19 test and a rapid COVID-19 test 3 days thereafter. Rapid tests are to be conducted at the racecourse **prior to commencing work** at designated testing stations at each racecourse. Testing will commence early morning to ensure there is limited disruption to all Essential Personnel.

Racing NSW Stewards will provide a testing schedule to each trainer to ensure that there is compliance with this requirement.

In addition to the racecourse testing program detailed above, the following COVID-19 testing requirements remain in place.

- Jockeys in the Greater Sydney Area must continue to obtain PCR COVID-19 tests on Monday and Friday of each week, in addition to undertaking rapid testing on raceday.
- Jockeys who reside in the Greater Sydney Area but ride outside the Greater Sydney Area must obtain PCR COVID-19 tests on Monday and Thursday of each week.
- Essential Personnel who reside in the Greater Sydney Area and are attending regional race meetings outside Greater Sydney must have a negative PCR COVID-19 test result within the last 7 days.
- Essential Personnel who reside in regional NSW (outside Greater Sydney) and attend a race meeting within the Greater Sydney Area must obtain a negative PCR test prior to attending a racecourse or licensed premises on their return.

Racing NSW will review this policy on 1 November 2021.

#### **RACE MEETINGS AND RACE CLUBS (policy to be reviewed 1 November 2021)**

Race clubs shall be responsible for ensuring that all persons attending their race meeting are fully vaccinated. Crowds are restricted to 1 person per 4 square metres and a maximum to 5000 patrons (unless otherwise specified), who must adhere to mandatory mask wearing for indoor spaces and all other NSW Government Public Health Order requirements.

Employees will need to be fully vaccinated (other than in NSW regional areas where employees who have received one vaccination dose will be permitted to return to their workplace from October 11 and will be given a grace period until November 1 to receive their second dose).

Race clubs are required by Racing NSW to put in place COVID-19 Safety Plans which includes clear separation between Essential Personnel Restricted Zone and owners and patrons, extending to bookmakers and Tote facilities. The COVID Safety Plan will require consideration to servicing Essential Personnel in the Restricted Zone extending to entering the racecourse to providing catering services and amenities. Race clubs are to present their COVID-19 Safety and Operational plans detailing this separation to Racing NSW prior to a race meeting being conducted.

Owners are not permitted at this point in time to interact with trainers on raceday or enter horse stall areas and must remain within the patron zone.

In addition to these restrictions race clubs must continue to.

- Establish clear and precise conditions of entry to the racecourse.
- Monitor entrances to ensure mandatory QR code in on entry by all persons attending the racecourse.
- Sufficient signage to ensure patrons who are symptomatic or who are close or casual contacts do not enter the racecourse.
- Sufficient signage to ensure patrons are aware of the social distancing requirements.
- Installation of hand sanitising stations.
- Employment of cleaners wiping down high traffic areas and touch points.

- Provide staff to conduct temperature testing of Essential Personnel prior to entry.
- Use of separate saddle cloths and strappers bibs for each race as per Racing NSW minimum standards.
- Provide multiple jockeys rooms to ensure proper separation amongst the jockeys riding at each meeting at the direction of Racing NSW Stewards.
- Ensure that all indoor spaces comply with the 1 person per 4 square metre orders and mandatory mask wearing.
- The COVID-19 Safety Plans will clearly establish strategies developed by the race club that ensure social distancing across the venue, in particular those areas of the racetrack where racegoers, owners and patrons congregate and congregate.

Race clubs require the approval of Racing NSW to conduct non-raceday functions and to allow contractors to attend the racecourse on non-racedays. Any application will be required to be supported by a COVID Safety Plan and risk mitigation strategy prepared by the Club.

## INTERSTATE TRAVEL

### Victoria

Essential Personnel (jockeys, trainers, stablehands, Officials and Service Providers) who reside in or have been to Victoria must adhere to the following policies prior to attending a NSW racecourse or licensed premises (in addition to any requirements under the NSW Government Public Health Orders), unless exempted by Racing NSW.

- Victorian Places of High Concern or Casual Contact – Any person that has been in a place of high concern or casual contact at the link below, must not attend a NSW racecourse or licensed premises until they make contact with Racing NSW Stewards and provide details of such contact. Racing NSW Stewards will provide details of requirements before attending a NSW racecourse or licensed premises.

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Documents/interstate-concerns-notice.pdf>

- State of Victoria (**fully vaccinated**) – Any fully vaccinated person that has been in the State of Victoria (other than the NSW/Victorian bubble) and has not been to a place of high concern or casual contact, must not attend a NSW racecourse or licensed premises until such time that they:
  - Provide Racing NSW Stewards with evidence to their satisfaction of the day they arrived in NSW and evidence of travel permit.
  - Provide Racing NSW Stewards with evidence to their satisfaction of vaccination status, showing they have been fully vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine.
  - Self-isolate for 7 days and provide Racing NSW Stewards with the negative results of PCR COVID-19 tests taken on day 4 & 6 of the isolation period.
- State of Victoria (**not fully vaccinated**) - Any person that has been in the State of Victoria (other than the NSW/Victorian bubble) and has not been to a place of high concern or casual contact, must not attend a NSW racecourse or licensed premises until such time that they:
  - Provide Racing NSW Stewards with evidence to their satisfaction of the day they arrived in NSW and evidence of travel permit.
  - Self-isolate for 14 days and provide Racing NSW Stewards with the negative results of PCR COVID-19 tests taken on day 4, 10 & 14 of the isolation period.

## **Other States**

There are currently no restrictions on attending a racecourse or licensed premises from states other than Victoria. However, all persons must abide by NSW Government Public Health Orders when travelling from interstate.

## **RACECOURSE AND LICENSED PREMISES (STABLES) ACCESS (policy to be reviewed 1 November 2021)**

Only Essential Personnel are permitted to attend licensed premises and racecourses (excepting owners and patrons may attend racecourses on raceday in designated areas). Owners are not permitted to attend Licensed Premises until further notice. Racing NSW will review this policy on 1 November 2021.

### ***Essential Personnel are defined as***

- *Racing NSW Stewards and Veterinarians*
- *Trainers, Jockeys and Stablehands with a runner at the race meeting*
- *Barrier Attendants, Starters and essential Track Staff*
- *Clerks of the Course*
- *Judges and Sectional Timing Teams*
- *Weighing Room Staff and jockeys' attendants*
- *Race day Event Staff and security including horse stalls, mounting yard and float carpark*
- *Club Doctor and Ambulance Services*
- *Farriers and other essential service providers*
- *Broadcast services including Race Caller*
- *Restricted Core Racing Media as approved by Racing NSW and the Race Club*
- *Restricted operational Race Club staff and management*

*Essential Personnel will be required to leave the racecourse after their horses have run or duties completed.*