



## POLICY – TRANSPORT OF HORSES FROM VICTORIA

**Amended 29 September 2020**

The following policy has been updated by Racing NSW to permit horses to travel from Victoria into NSW. This policy is subject to change and Racing NSW reserves the right to amend the policy and any conditions as it considers necessary or appropriate.

Participants are encouraged to monitor the Racing NSW website for any changes. For the avoidance of doubt, this policy does not permit any person to travel from Victoria into NSW without adhering to the Racing NSW's General COVID-19 protocols, with the exception of persons transporting horses.

1. Effective **25 August 2020** Racing NSW permitted horses not located in the Melbourne Greater Metropolitan Area to be transported to NSW subject to the Racing NSW Policy for Transportation of Horses from Victoria.  
Effective **31 August 2020** horses were permitted to be transported from all areas of Victoria to NSW subject to the policy.  
Effective **29 September 2020** this policy has been amended to only require the horse to spend 3 hours on the receiving property in an outside yard or paddock before being transported to a racecourse or training stables.
2. Horses are not permitted to be transported directly from Victoria to a training stable or racecourse but may be transported to a spelling or pre-training property that is not located on a racecourse.
3. Trainers or owners must make application to Racing NSW Stewards to transport horses using the application form attached to this policy. Horses must not be transported until permission is provided by Racing NSW.

Application forms must be emailed to [horsetravel@racingnsw.com.au](mailto:horsetravel@racingnsw.com.au)

Stable returns must be lodged by the trainer of a horse (where applicable) for any horse in work that discloses the location of the horse.

4. Prior to the loading of horses, transport operators should ensure that the transport vehicle has been cleaned, washed, and disinfected.
5. Whenever possible, vehicles should only have one person (driver) located in the vehicle and any person accompanying the vehicle is to maintain social distancing with any person on the property where the horses are being loaded. That person/s must undertake thorough cleansing and disinfection prior to leaving to travel to NSW, including the cleaning and disinfection of the vehicle cabin where persons are located.
6. Upon arrival at the property, the following unloading procedures must be implemented.
  - a. The driver is to unload horses from the vehicle and ensure that he or she maintains social distancing from any person on the property.
  - b. Any person located on the property is not permitted to enter the transport vehicle and must ensure he or she maintains social distancing from the driver.

- c. Horses are to be placed into an outside yard or paddock (and must not be taken into a stable by the driver) designated by the property.
  - d. All gear including halter and lead must be returned to the vehicle by the driver and must not be left at the property.
  - e. Any gate or other item touched by the driver should be cleaned and disinfected.
7. Following the horses being unloaded at the receiving property and the transport vehicle has left the premises, an appointed COVIDSafe Officer of the receiving property, must declare using the form below that the said horses were delivered in accordance with the Racing NSW policy.
8. Horses are to remain at the receiving property for at least 3 hours in an outside yard or paddock, after which time they can be transported to a racecourse or licensed stables by a NSW based transport operator (different vehicle and driver to that which transported the horse from Victoria).
9. Any person who fails to report the movement of a horse from Victoria or to adhere to the conditions in this policy may be subject to penalty under the Rules of Racing and the horse may not be permitted to be trained or raced in NSW.

#### **Horses transported prior lifting of restrictions**

10. Any horse that was transported from Victoria to NSW prior to the easing of the travel restrictions for horses, may now be transported to a training stable or racecourse if they have been located at spelling or pre-training property for more than 48 hours. These horses, however, are subject to the following conditions in accordance with AR55.
  - a. Any horse that was transported from an area outside of the Melbourne Greater Metropolitan Area prior to **25 August 2020**, is not permitted to start in any race in NSW until **25 September 2020**.
  - b. Any horse that was transported from the Melbourne Greater Metropolitan Area prior to **31 August 2020**, is not permitted to start in any race in NSW until **31 September 2020**.

#### **Horses trained in Victoria**

11. Horses trained by a Victorian trainer and being transferred to NSW for the purpose of racing in NSW under the Victorian trainers licence, are subject to the conditions above.