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ATC IMPLEMENT NEW TRAINERS' AGREEMENTS FOR 13/14 SEASON

The Australian Turf Club today released details of a new Trainers' Racecourse Facilities Licence which sets out agreements with trainers at the Club's metropolitan tracks and standardises all policies across Sydney's three training venues.

Royal Randwick, Rosehill Gardens and Warwick Farm racecourses will be able to house more of Australian racing's best and most promising trainers under changes to be introduced for the 2013-14 Sydney racing season.

Included in the agreement is a performance criteria for trainers stabled on course at ATC venues, to ensure they meet a minimum number of starters and winners on the club's metropolitan tracks throughout the season.

The criteria is scalable to provide a level playing field for all trainers with different sized operations and will ensure the smaller operators continue to compete in the lucrative Sydney racing scene.

Australian Turf Club Executive General Manager Racing Matt Rudolph said the changes would help to continue to grow the sport in Sydney by providing a framework for new trainers to enter the Sydney training ranks.

He said it would also enable trainers already stabled at ATC courses to continue operating and will provide the flexibility for all trainers to work with the ATC to expand or rationalise their operations where necessary.

"The ATC subsidises more than \$7 million each year in costs to its licensed trainers at its three Sydney training centres," Mr Rudolph said.

"The agreements will ensure that this industry investment is being returned in the form of metropolitan starters generating turnover.

"This will enable the ATC to utilise our on course space better and service the continuing demand for stables.

"There is demand from younger trainers wanting to take the next step in their careers and this will enable the next generation to be given that opportunity.

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Under the criteria set out in the agreements:

- Trainers will be required to start 25 per cent of their stable allocation (number of boxes) at ATC meetings each month of the racing season. The monthly ratio will be averaged over a rolling three month period.
- Trainers will be assessed on a rolling six month period of winners based on their stable allocation (number of boxes). The ratio equates to 25 per cent over a full season.

Number of Stables Allocated	Monthly Starter Requirement	3 month Total	6 month winners total
8	2	6	1
24	6	18	3
40	10	30	5
64	16	48	8

“We are confident that the vast majority of trainers will be able to meet the requirements for the number of starters and winners on our metropolitan tracks,” he said.

“The ATC will show some discretion and use a commonsense approach to take into account rounding and the variable seasonal and operational issues that occur in stables all year round.

“These measures will only result in strengthening the number of starters on city tracks and have a positive flow on effect through field sizes, wagering and participation in all areas of our great sport.

“Having a diverse and productive training operation will help promote and market our sport to all generations of spectators, punters and owners in this exciting new era for Sydney racing.”

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