



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 the implementation of increased 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 detailed 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.

Participants must report to Racing NSW if they or an employee has tested positive to COVID-19 to allow Racing NSW to implement a risk minimisation strategy.

#### **NEW RESTRICTIONS**

In accordance with the Public Health Orders the following restrictions have been implemented by the NSW Government, which can be found at the link below.

[Rules for people in NSW | NSW Government](#)

**Face Masks (Effective 24 December 2021)** – face masks are required to be worn when

- in indoor areas other than a place of residence
- in indoor areas of common property of apartment buildings
- at a public transport waiting area
- while on public transport (including in taxis and rideshare services)
- if you are working at a hospitality venue and dealing directly with members of the public
- on an aircraft when the aircraft is flying above NSW and in the airport.

In respect to racecourses and licensed premises face masks are required to be worn and properly fitted at all times when indoors. Stables are not considered to be indoors, however Trainers may voluntarily elect to require their staff to wear face masks if they consider the stables to be high risk. When indoors, participants should wear N95 masks or at a minimum surgical masks. Cloth masks are not effective in preventing the spread of COVID-19. Racing NSW may, in high-risk settings, direct that participants wear masks when outdoors or at stables to minimize the risk of Covid-19 spreading.

**PCR & Rapid Testing (Effective 15 December 2021)** – With the exception of jockeys as detailed below, routine Rapid Testing and PCR Testing requirements have been removed. However, Racing NSW may require any participant who has had close or casual contact to a positive COVID-19 case to undertake a PCR or Rapid COVID-19 test before being permitted to attend a NSW racecourse or licensed premises.

**QR Codes Check In (Effective 27 December 2021)** – QR Code check in is required to be used in food and drink premises but not for racecourses. Accordingly race clubs must have QR check in for all indoor food and drink areas but QR Check in is not required to gain entry to a racecourse.

**Density Limits (Effective 27 December 2021)** – For all indoor hospitality areas (including food and drink areas) a density limit of 1 person per 2 square metres apply.

## **JOCKEYS**

- Jockey zones were removed on 4 November 2021 allowing jockeys to ride at any race meeting within NSW.
- Jockeys should ensure they take personal responsibility for their actions and whenever possible limit their risk of being exposed to COVID-19.
- All jockeys and apprentices may ride trackwork and barrier trials. Jockeys should refrain from entering indoor spaces and stables on a racecourse when undertaking trackwork (such as trainers huts).
- 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 (usually in the weighing room) 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**

**Face Masks (Effective 24 December 2021)** – When indoors, face masks must be worn and properly fitted by all persons attending a racecourse. Participants must wear an N95 or surgical mask when indoors. Stables or race day tie-up stalls are not considered to be indoors.

**QR Codes Check In (Effective 27 December 2021)** – QR Code check in is required to be used in food and drink premises but not for racecourses. Accordingly race clubs must have QR check in for all indoor food and drink areas but are not required to gain entry to the racecourse.

**Density Limits (Effective 27 December 2021)** – For all indoor hospitality areas (including food and drink areas) a density limit of 1 person per 2 square metres apply.

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**

Subject to approval from the operator of the premises, there are no restrictions for owners and Essential Personnel entering licensed premises.