



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 (Updated 29 December 2021)

- 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 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 the Greater Sydney Area and Newcastle, Jockeys who live in these areas (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 after the test result has been returned. Racing NSW will provide sufficient testing kits and instructions to complete this testing.

POSITIVE CASES AND CLOSE CONTACTS (JOCKEYS & OFFICIALS)

Any jockey or official that has

- tested positive to COVID-19 on a PCR test;
- tested positive to COVID-19 on a Rapid Antigen test;
- lives with a person who has tested positive to COVID-19 on either a PCR test or Rapid Antigen test; or
- has been deemed a close contact to a positive COVID-19 case (either on a PCR or Rapid Antigen test)

must immediately isolate and contact Racing NSW Stewards to advise of the above and follow any directions issued by the Stewards. At a minimum jockeys and officials will be subject to the restrictions below.

POSITIVE CASES AND CLOSE CONTACTS (OTHER THAN JOCKEYS & OFFICIALS)

Positive Case (PCR) - Any person who tests positive to COVID-19 on a PCR test must follow Health Orders and isolate for minimum of 10 days from day of the test. If the person has no symptoms in the final 72 hours of the 10-day isolation period, they can return to work. If they have symptoms in the last 72 hours of the 10-day isolation period, then they are required to complete 14 days isolation. Any person who takes a PCR test must isolate until they receive their result, and all positive cases must be reported to Racing NSW Stewards.

Positive Case (Rapid Antigen) - Any person who tests positive to COVID-19 on a Rapid Antigen test must immediately obtain a PCR COVID-19 test and isolate until they receive their PCR results. All positive Rapid Antigen tests must be reported to Racing NSW Stewards.

Resides with Positive Case (PCR or Rapid Antigen) – Any person who resides with a person who has tested positive to COVID-19 on either a PCR test or a Rapid Antigen test must.

- If they test negative on a rapid test, they should endeavour to find alternative accommodation and then must isolate away from stables/racecourse for 7 days. A negative PCR on day 6 is required before returning.
- If they remain living with the positive person, they should isolate from that person, but must follow Health Orders and isolate away from stables/racecourse for minimum of 10 days (or how long the positive person must isolate). They must provide a negative PCR test before returning to the stables/racecourse. If they subsequently test positive, they will be required to isolate as detailed above as a positive case.

Close Contact Positive Case (PCR or Rapid Antigen) – Any person who has been in contact with a positive COVID-19 case (but does not reside with that person) will be required to undertake 2 negative rapid tests on consecutive days prior to commencing work after the contact with the positive person.

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.