

COVID-19 RACING CODE PROTOCOLS ADDENDUM



EFFECTIVE AUGUST 8, 2021

Background / Summary

1. This Addendum replaces the previous Addendum issued effective August 4, 2021.
2. The purpose of this Addendum is to provide additional information to support the individual Racing Code Protocols following recent announcements by the Queensland Government.
3. The Queensland Government has announced the lockdown for the 11 Local Government Areas of Brisbane, Moreton Bay, Ipswich, Logan City, Redlands, Sunshine Coast, Noosa, Somerset, Lockyer Valley, Scenic Rim and Gold Coast, will lift at 4pm August 8, 2021. Some restrictions will remain in place in these LGAs (“impacted areas”) for the next 14 days until 4pm August 22, 2021.
4. The Queensland Government also announced that the LGAs of Cairns and Yarrabah will go into lockdown effective 4pm August 8, 2021 (“lockdown areas”). This lockdown will be in place initially until 4pm August 11, 2021. Essential Racing Personnel in the lockdown areas can attend a racing/training venue for the purposes of their work but must limit their movements and wear a face mask at all times.
5. Effective 1am July 23, 2021, the Queensland Government implemented a NSW border zone to facilitate entry to Queensland for residents from that border zone, and for Queensland residents to enter the NSW border zone, for limited purposes including work.

NSW Border Zone

6. The details in this section outline Queensland’s information and requirements (Queensland Government and Racing Queensland) related to movement from and to the NSW border zone. Notwithstanding that Queensland provisions allow entry to Queensland, and for Queensland residents to enter the NSW border zone, NSW may have restrictions that either prohibit entry of, or place restrictions on, persons who have been in Queensland or parts of Queensland.
7. Queensland provisions allow that:
 - (a) Relevant persons can enter Queensland from the NSW border zone if they have completed and possess the appropriate Queensland Government border zone pass;
 - (b) Relevant persons are not permitted to have been south outside of the NSW border zone in the 14 days prior to entry into Queensland. If a person travels south outside of the NSW border zone and needs to enter, or return to, Queensland within the 14 days, they will be required to go into hotel quarantine;
 - (c) Horses/greyhounds being transported from the NSW border zone to Queensland race meetings can travel and complete their journey as normal in line with the required arrival times oncourse as stipulated by the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission; and



- (d) The person transporting and anyone accompanying the horses/greyhounds from the NSW border zone to Queensland race meetings must ensure they have the appropriate Queensland Government border zone pass or border declaration pass.
8. Refer to the links below for details about the NSW border zone and requirements for relevant Queensland Government travel declarations and entry passes:
- [Travelling to Queensland | Health and wellbeing | Queensland Government \(www.qld.gov.au\)](https://www.qld.gov.au/health/wellbeing/travelling-to-queensland)
- [Entry to Queensland | Queensland Government \(www.qld.gov.au\)](https://www.qld.gov.au/entry-to-queensland)
9. Licensed persons/industry participants should seek information and advice from the relevant NSW Government sources and NSW racing industry bodies as to any requirements and/or restrictions that may be imposed on persons who have crossed the border into Queensland or recently been in Queensland (or parts of Queensland).

Race meetings

10. Patrons can once again attend race meetings in the impacted areas.
11. There are no race meetings scheduled in the lockdown areas (i.e., the specified LGAs in point 4) during the designated lockdown period. Should this change, race meetings will be conducted as patron-free events, restricted to Essential Racing Personnel only.
12. Essential Racing Personnel are permitted to leave/enter a lockdown area to attend a racing/training venue for the purposes of their work, but must limit their movements and return to their place of residence upon completion of their work. They must wear a face mask at all times. Family members of Essential Racing Personnel are not permitted to attend as they are subject to lockdown restrictions.
13. Residents from the NSW border zone cannot cross the border for the sole purpose of attending a race meeting as a spectator. A person can only cross the border for the purposes of performing work at a race meeting, and the person must possess the relevant border entry pass.

Core Racing Areas

14. Access to Core Racing Areas of all racing venues throughout Queensland is restricted to Essential Racing Personnel only.
15. Owners are not permitted entry to Core Racing Areas of any racing venue in Queensland at this time.
16. Notwithstanding the above, racing clubs may designate an area adjacent to the Core Racing Areas to enable Owners to meet with Trainers and Jockeys/Drivers pre and post race. They must wear a face mask in this area and observe physical distancing requirements.

Face masks

17. At all race meetings in the impacted areas (i.e., the specified LGAs in point 3), a face mask must be worn by:
- (a) All Essential Racing Personnel: at all times in line with Government requirements, including indoors, stabling/kennelling areas, in mounting yards, behind barriers, starting boxes etc. Jockeys and drivers are not required to wear a face mask whilst racing but must wear a face mask at all other times; and
- (b) Patrons: at all times in line with Government requirements, except when seated for eating and drinking.



18. At race meetings outside of the impacted areas (i.e., the rest of Queensland):
- (a) All Essential Racing Personnel: must wear a face mask at all times in the Core Racing Areas of the venue, including indoors, stabling/kennelling areas, in mounting yards, behind barriers, starting boxes etc. Jockeys and drivers are not required to wear a face mask whilst racing but must wear a face mask at all other times in the Core Racing Areas;
 - (b) Owners: must wear a face mask if entering an area adjacent to the Core Racing Areas designated by the racing club for the purpose of meeting Trainers and Jockeys pre and post race; and
 - (c) Face masks are not required for members of the public except that if they have been in the impacted areas (i.e., the specified LGAs in point 3) in the last 14 days, they must continue to follow the face mask wearing requirements, until 14 days have passed since they were last in the area.
19. At a Queensland racing or training venue in the impacted areas for trackwork, barrier trial or jump-out sessions, a face mask is required to be worn by all persons at all times in line with the Government's requirements. Noting that jockeys/riders/drivers can take down their face mask when mounted and going onto the track.
20. At a Queensland racing or training venue in the lockdown areas for trackwork, barrier trial or jump-out sessions, a face mask is required to be worn by all persons at all times in line with the Government's requirements. Noting that jockeys/riders/drivers can take down their face mask when mounted and going onto the track. During the lockdown period, only Essential Racing Personnel are permitted to attend.
21. Any NSW border zone resident licensed persons are required to wear a face mask at all times on all Queensland racing or training venues for race meetings, trackwork, barrier trial or jump-out sessions. Noting that jockeys/riders/drivers are not required to wear their face mask whilst racing, and at trackwork/trials/jump-outs they can take down their face mask when mounted and going onto the track.

Temperature testing on arrival

22. Temperature testing of Essential Racing Personnel on arrival at all TAB race meetings throughout Queensland will be conducted during this period.

Occupant Density / Food and Drink

23. In the impacted areas, occupant density requirements are 1 person per 4 square metres indoors, 1 person per 2 square metres outdoors, while smaller venues up to 200 square metres are allowed 1 person per 2 square metres up to a maximum of 50 people.
24. At all times, relevant physical distancing and spacing requirements must be adhered to.
25. The Government has a requirement for seated eating and drinking in the impacted areas. Racing clubs in the impacted areas:
- (a) Must follow this requirement for patron dining offerings at the venue; and
 - (b) Where offering food and drink to Essential Racing Personnel in the Core Racing Areas should, where possible, restrict this service to take-away/pre-packaged style food and restrict drinks to non-alcoholic options only.
26. Where NSW border zone resident licensed persons are competing at a Queensland race meeting, they should, where possible, be separated from other local participants when in indoor spaces, either in separate quarters or in separate areas within the same room (e.g., jockeys from NSW border zone should be separated from local jockeys where possible).



Contact tracing alerts

27. Queensland has current contact tracing alerts and related public health advice. With the current COVID-19 outbreak in SEQ, there are extensive exposure venues. All race clubs and Essential Racing Personnel are advised to refer to the following link, which contains a list of venues for contact tracing. All parties should review the list of exposure venues daily as the list is updated regularly.

[Contact tracing \(exposure sites\) – coronavirus \(COVID-19\) | Health and wellbeing | Queensland Government \(www.qld.gov.au\)](#)

28. If you have been to any of the exposure venues at the relevant exposure times you must:
- (a) immediately travel by private transport directly to your home or accommodation and quarantine;
 - (b) [get tested](#) at your earliest opportunity (wear a mask while you are out getting tested);
 - (c) complete the online contract tracing form by clicking on the name of the relevant exposure venue. If you are unable to complete the online contact tracing form, please call 134 COVID ([134 268](#)) (after you complete the contact tracing form you will be contacted by Queensland Health).
29. Further to the Queensland Government's requirements, if you have been to any of the identified exposure venues at the relevant exposure times, you must also advise Racing Queensland and the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission. You will be prohibited from entering or attending any Queensland racing or training venue (including stables) until 14 days have passed since you were at the exposure venue.

