

COVID-19 RACING CODE PROTOCOLS ADDENDUM



EFFECTIVE AUGUST 12, 2021

Background / Summary

1. This Addendum replaces the previous Addendum issued effective August 10, 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. At all times racing clubs, the conduct of race meetings and any racing activity or operations at a racing venue, are subject to any changes, advice or Directions issued by the Queensland Government.
4. The Queensland Government's 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, lifted at 4pm August 8, 2021. Some restrictions remain in place in these LGAs ("impacted areas") until 4pm August 22, 2021.
5. The Queensland Government's lockdown for the LGAs of Cairns and Yarrabah, which took effect 4pm August 8, 2021, lifted at 4pm August 11, 2021. Some restrictions remain in place in these LGAs ("impacted areas") until 4pm August 22, 2021.
6. **Effective 12.20pm August 12, 2021, the Queensland Government issued an updated Border Restrictions Direction and Interstate Places of Concern (Stay at home in Queensland) Direction. This followed recent announcements by the NSW Government relating to stay-at-home orders/restrictions for certain LGAs in the NSW border zone.**
7. **Effective immediately, racing industry participants from the NSW border zone are not permitted to attend a Queensland racing or training venue. Similarly, Queensland participants are not permitted to travel to race meetings in the NSW border zone.**
8. Racing industry participants had previously been able to enter Queensland from the NSW border zone for the purposes of work. The updated version of the Border Restrictions Direction is more restrictive and only allows entry for limited permitted purposes including for essential work. However, the racing industry does not fit within this category or the definition of essential work or essential workers.
9. The updated Interstate Places of Concern (Stay at home in Queensland) Direction provides that anyone in Queensland who has been in the NSW LGAs of Byron, Richmond Valley, Lismore, Ballina, Bourke, Brewarrina and Walgett in the last 14 days, or since the identified start date (whichever is the later) must follow the [New South Wales stay at home restrictions](#). You must follow these restrictions until the NSW Government lifts their restrictions or 14 days have passed since you left the area (whichever is shorter). The identified start dates are:
 - (a) for the LGAs of Byron, Richmond Valley, Lismore, Ballina, 6pm August 9, 2021; and
 - (b) for the LGAs of Bourke, Brewarrina and Walgett, 7pm August 11, 2021.

NSW border zone

10. As outlined, movement across the QLD-NSW border is now more restricted. As a result, racing industry participants from the NSW border zone are not permitted to attend a Queensland racing or training venue. Queensland participants are not permitted to travel to race meetings in the NSW border zone.
11. Horses/greyhounds from the NSW border zone are still permitted to be entered to race in Queensland, but must be transported by an approved commercial transport operator in accordance with the



guidelines for transporting animals from declared COVID-19 hotspots, as prescribed in the respective Racing Code Protocols, except that the animal/s must be in Queensland by final scratching time on the day of the race meeting. Private transportation of animal/s is not permitted.

12. Horses/greyhounds from the NSW border zone are not permitted to take part in Queensland trials or jump-outs.
13. Queensland trainers may still enter horses/greyhounds to race at race meetings in the NSW border zone, but the animal/s must be transported by an approved commercial transport operator. Private transportation of animal/s is not permitted. Transportation arrangements will also be subject to any additional requirements that the NSW authorities may impose.

Race meetings

14. Patrons can once again attend race meetings in the impacted areas.

Core Racing Areas

15. Access to Core Racing Areas of all racing venues throughout Queensland is restricted to Essential Racing Personnel only.
16. Owners are not permitted entry to Core Racing Areas of any racing venue in Queensland at this time.
17. 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

18. At all race meetings in the impacted areas (i.e., the specified LGAs in points 4 and 5), 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.
19. 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.
20. 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.

Temperature testing on arrival

21. 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

22. 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.
23. At all times, relevant physical distancing and spacing requirements must be adhered to.
24. 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.

Contact tracing alerts

25. 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 \(www.qld.gov.au\)](#)
26. 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); and
 - (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).
27. 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.

