



## **NOTICE TO LICENSED PERSONS, OFFICIALS AND CLUBS**

### **BIOSECURITY INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THOROUGHBRED RACE MEETINGS WITHIN SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

**(Until further notice)**

#### ***DIRECTIONS MADE BY TRSA LIMITED STEWARDS UNDER RULE ARR.64K(7A)***

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*The containment and eradication strategies to prevent the spread of Equine Influenza within Australia appear to have succeeded. As of this week, fewer than 300 properties remain infected in New South Wales, however, until the Chief Veterinary Officers are able to declare ALL infected properties in Australia EI free, trainers and their staff are requested to remain diligent in applying biosecurity measures within and limit access to their stable environment.*

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#### **A. Clubs**

1. Clubs are required to ensure that the general public must not be permitted to come in physical contact with any horse on race day.  
***TRSA Limited Stewards will assist Clubs with protocols to ensure the general public does not come in contact with any personnel who have contact with, or work in horse only areas.***
2. In accord with the directions of TRSA Limited Stewards, to this end, all barrier fencing must be intact and access points manned. All staff need to be thoroughly briefed in relation to what is required of them. Clubs are required to ensure the public cannot in any way have physical contact with horses or attendants in the horse movement areas.
3. In the event that a race day stall is required to be used more than once, the stall shall be decontaminated prior to reuse.
4. Barrier stalls must be thoroughly disinfected prior to the start and at the conclusion of each race meeting.
5. Unless otherwise approved by the Chairman of Stewards, Clubs will attempt to provide separate saddlecloths for each race.
6. All saddlecloths (and strapper's bibs, if used) must be laundered prior to and at the conclusion of each race meeting.

**B. Trainers, Strappers, Race Day Staff/Officials (involved in horse only areas, including gate attendants)**

1. All personnel must ensure they present for work showered, wearing clean/freshly laundered clothing and footwear which has been cleaned of organic matter and disinfected immediately prior to coming to the races (see section A, item 4).
2. Trainers should limit physical contact between horses in your care with Vets, farriers, Stewards, barrier attendants, clerks of the course, strappers, trainers, sampling assistants and riders.

***Contact between horses and members of the general public attending the race meeting is strictly prohibited.***

***Upon application to the Stewards, Trainers and Stable Foremen may be permitted to enter the public enclosure but may not return to the restricted area or go directly to their stables following the meeting.***

3. In the event that a race day stall is required to be used more than once, the stall shall be decontaminated prior to reuse.

**C. Riders (South Australian based)**

1. Riders must ensure they shower and wear clean/freshly laundered clothes to a race meeting. They must also ensure that their footwear has been cleaned and disinfected (refer section B, item 2) before entering the racecourse.
2. All gear, helmets, whips, saddles and associated packing must be cleaned and disinfected before arrival on the racecourse.
3. All clothes brought on course, including riding apparel, must have been cleaned and freshly laundered beforehand.
4. Between rides, all riders must decontaminate in that they wash their hands and wipe any riding gear used in a previous race with disinfectant.
5. At the completion of each rider's engagements for the day, they must shower, put all soiled clothing and saddle cloths (packing) into a plastic bag (to be supplied), clean and disinfect all gear (helmet, whip, saddle, packing and riding boots) and pack separately to the soiled clothing.
6. Riders must avoid direct personal contact (eg shaking hands, kissing, hugging) with any other person on the racecourse and entry to the public areas during the race meeting is prohibited.

**D. Barrier Attendants, Veterinarians, Farriers, Clerks of the Course, Starters & any other relevant personnel who may have direct horse contact.**

1. Please ensure that you arrive at the racecourse in clean/freshly laundered clothing (including hats, jumpers and coats). Footwear should be cleaned of all organic matter and disinfected (refer section B, item 2). All gear to be used on horses must be similarly disinfected.
2. Keep direct contact with horses during the day to a minimum.
3. Where possible, avoid contact with the head of the horse and any nasal secretions.
4. After completing their duties in regards to each race, each person must decontaminate to the best of their ability by washing their hands, checking their footwear and using the sprays provided.

**E. Farriers/Vets**

1. These personnel must ensure that they shower, wear clean/freshly laundered clothes, cleaned and disinfected footwear before coming to the races.
2. All additional gear and any protective clothing must be disinfected prior to arrival at the course and after completing their task with each horse.
3. Contact with horses is to be kept to a minimum.

**All Industry personnel are requested to respond to these instructions. They are also requested to comply, without reservation, to the requests of race day officials.**

By Order of:

**GRAHAM LOCH**  
**CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS**  
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