

BLINKERS / VISORS / WINKERS – FLAT RACES OFFICIAL POLICY

Permission to apply blinkers / visors / winkers to a horse, must first be obtained from a Steward.

The Trainer must then lodge a gear form with the Trainers' Service Centre prior to the time for the Declaration of Acceptance for the horse's next start.

Once a horse is approved to run in blinkers / visors / winkers such horse must race in blinkers / visors / winkers in any subsequent race unless, prior to time of Declaration of Acceptance (or such other time as directed), the Stewards shall have authorised the removal of same.

Additionally with regards to blinkers, the Trainer must also amend their stable return prior to the Declaration of Acceptance for the horse's next start.

Only blinkers / visors / winkers of a design approved by the Stewards may be used. Only blinkers with an open cup may be approved.

With regards to visors, the opening in the cup must not be wider than half the width of the blinker cup.

With regards to winkers, the winker roll shall not project more than 38mm from the head when fitted.

Winkers are not to be approved additional to either blinkers or a visor.

In the event a Trainer wishes to apply a noseroll / shadowroll to a horse additional to blinkers or a visor, the horse must trial satisfactorily prior to permission being granted.

In the event the Trainer wishes to discontinue the use of blinkers / visors / winkers, permission to remove that gear must be obtained from a Steward and a gear amendment lodged with the Trainers' Service Centre and, in the case of blinkers, amend the stable return prior to the time for the Declaration of Acceptance for the horse's next start.

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