

1. Applies to all Steeple Trials conducted in South Australia

1. Trials will be conducted over about 3200 metres and over at least ten (10) steeples.
2. Trials will be viewed by two Stewards, one of whom may be a Deputy Steward.
3. Stewards in attendance have the sole discretion to approve any horse for steeple races. Stewards will assess the horse's ability to jump safely, particularly when under pressure, and its fitness to complete the distance.

Note: Trials should be run at an approximate pace of 16 seconds per 200 metres. Horses finishing outside this criteria may not be approved.

- 4 (a) A minimum of four (4) horses must be nominated for a Steeple Trial or it may be deleted from the programme, at the discretion of TRSA Limited.
- (b) A minimum of four (4) horses are required to permit horses to be approved by the Stewards to compete in Steeplechase Races, however, at their absolute discretion, Stewards, in circumstances regarded to be exceptional, may permit horses to be approved in a School where three (3) horses are available to trial.
5. Riders for horses nominated in a Steeple Trial are required to be advised by 5 p.m. on the day of nomination.

In the event that a Steeple Trial is required to be divided, Stewards will divide runners on the course. In the event Stewards are required to ballot horses, preference will be granted to horses trialling on the following basis:-

- (1) horses with riders declared;
- (2) horses to be qualified;
- (3) suspended horses requiring reinstatement; and
- (4) horses already qualified.

Division will nevertheless be at the discretion of the Stewards in attendance.

2. Applies to all Steeple Schools conducted in South Australia

(in the event programmed Steeple Trials do not eventuate)

1. A Steeple School will be conducted over a minimum distance of 2000 metres over a minimum of eight (8) steeples.
2. Trials will be viewed by two Stewards, one of whom may be a Deputy Steward.
3. Stewards in attendance have the sole discretion to approve any horse for Steeplechase races. Stewards will assess the horse's ability to jump safely, particularly when under pressure.
4. Any horse seeking qualification must be accompanied in a Steeple School by at least one other horse.
5. Any horse seeking qualification in a Steeple School must have –
 - (i) Previously completed the course to the satisfaction of the Stewards in at least two Hurdle Races; and
 - (ii) In the preceding 60 days (prior to the date of the Steeple School) completed the course and been competitive in a race of at least 2000 metres.

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