

**Applying to Thoroughbred and Standardbred race horses 12 years old and over accepted for any race or official trial.**

1. Each horse 12 years old and over that is accepted will be formally flagged to Stewards at acceptance time.
2. An *Aged Horse Report* (attached) will be provided in the race day documents for the official race day Veterinary Surgeon to complete.
3. The Veterinary Surgeon will examine such horse upon arrival on course, and complete the pre-race examination section indicating the horse's general state of health, fitness and soundness.
4. In the event that the Veterinary Surgeon is of the opinion that the horse examined is unsound, not fit or capable of performing competitively, they will report this to the Steward in charge of the meeting immediately.
5. The Veterinary Surgeon will examine such horse post race, and complete the post race examination section indicating the horse's general state of health, fitness and soundness.
6. The Steward in charge of the meeting will then complete the section recording the performance of the horse.
7. The Aged Horse Report will be filed with the Chief Steward and this record will form part of a continual assessment of the aged horses performance and soundness. Where ongoing fitness, soundness or competitiveness issues occur Stewards will discuss the horses racing future with the trainer/connections of the horse. Where Stewards are of the opinion that the welfare of the horse is at risk, or the horse is not performing competitively, consideration must be given to retiring that horse.

### **Horses reaching 14 years of age**

No Thoroughbred or Standardbred horse that is 14 years of age or older will be eligible to compete in any race or official trial in Western Australia.

Dr. Judith Medd  
RWWA Racing Industry Veterinarian  
3<sup>rd</sup> February 2009

# RWWA STEWARDS - AGED HORSE REPORT



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Race Meeting Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_

Age of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_

Branded:           Off Side: \_\_\_\_\_

                          Near Side: \_\_\_\_\_

Trainer: \_\_\_\_\_

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## (a) Pre Race Veterinary Examination:

Attitude – demeanour:  
General body condition:

H.R. ....

R.R. ....

Gait/Soundness:

Additional Comments:

Veterinary Surgeon: \_\_\_\_\_

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## (b) Performance:

Distance of Race: \_\_\_\_\_ Class of Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Placing: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Starters: \_\_\_\_\_

Beaten Margin: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

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## (c) Post Race Veterinary Examination:

General appearance/recovery:

H.R. ....

R.R. ....

Gait/Soundness:

Additional Comments:

Veterinary Surgeon: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Office Use

Signed by Steward in Charge of Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Sighted/filed by Chief Steward: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_