

Harness Racing | Notice to Participants

Location of horses – Stable Returns

Effective 30 June 2017

Trainers and owners are reminded that RWWA and the Stewards must at all times know the whereabouts of registered horses. This is done by the lodgement of a stable return.

Rule 25(1)(a) states:

A stable return containing true and correct particulars must be lodged with the Controlling Body by the connections of a horse within the time and in the manner and form determined by the Controlling Body and the connections shall ensure that all particulars on the stable return are true and correct.

Please note this rule means that once a registered horse enters or leaves the care of a Trainer, a stable return (or amendment) must be lodged. The rules makes no reference to whether the horse is named or un-named and does not specify that a stable return is only lodged for horses being prepared to race.

Therefore, a trainer must lodge a stable return for any registered horse in their care (named or un-named) regardless of whether the horse is being prepared for racing, is being pre-trained, being broken in or being spelled under the care of the trainer.

The above rule makes reference to a stable return being 'lodged within the time determined by the Controlling Body'. Please note this timeframe is:

- Once a registered horse enters or leaves the stable - within 48 hours.
- If the horse is engaged to race – immediately.

Please also note that Rule 119B states:

Unless the stewards otherwise approve, a horse shall not be eligible to be nominated for a race unless the horse has been trained by a licenced trainer for not less than 28 days immediately prior to the date fixed for nomination.

Stewards will use stable return information to determine if a horse has been trained by a licenced trainer for not less than 28 days prior to nomination. Stewards continue to monitor nominations and stable return information and any trainer that fails to lodge a stable return and/or amendment within the timeframe detailed above will be penalised.