

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

WA RACING INDUSTRY

Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWWA), the State's Principal Racing Authority, is taking the threat of COVID-19 seriously, and has since 16 March 2020 implemented a range of strict bio-security measures to protect both the health and livelihood of the industry's workforce, and as a result, the wellbeing of the State's racing animals. RWWA is continuously monitoring State and Federal Government advice to ensure that the racing industry is and in many cases beyond compliant.



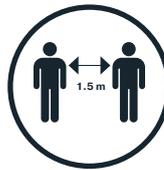
Essential Persons Only

Racecourses are restricted to essential personnel only



Consolidated Race Meetings

To reduce travel substantially, race meetings have been consolidated to only 11 out of 51 racetracks, with the more regional locations including Albany, Geraldton and Kalgoorlie restricted to local horses only.



Good Hygiene & Social Distancing

Good hygiene and social distancing practices must be adhered to at all times at racecourses and trainers' private properties



Compliance Support Officers

Officers ensure social distancing and good hygiene practices are adhered to on racecourses, with stewards having powers to take action against anyone not complying to the stringent requirements



Race Clubs

Race Clubs are required to ensure general and sensible hygiene practices are maintained



Guidelines Developed

Guidelines have been provided to all trainers and their stable/kennel staff outlining strict bio-security measures



On-Course Signage

Signage outlining required hygiene and social distancing measures are displayed at racecourses



Restricted Areas

Increased security in restricted areas to ensure social distancing (e.g. jockey/driver and steward rooms)



Stable Staff Restrictions

Trainers are restricted on the number of licenced strappers/stable staff allowed to accompany them at racecourses



Proof of Identity

Essential persons must display their RWWA issued licence card as proof of identity at racecourses



Race Day Practices Adjusted

A number of race day practices have been adjusted to ensure social distancing, including kennelling, boxing and gearing up horses



Team Segregation

Jockeys and critical RWWA staff have been segregated into "A & B" teams that in the event a member becomes impacted directly or indirectly, not all personnel will be required to isolate



Equipment

All greyhound and horse gear must be cleaned and disinfected regularly including when interchanging who is handling the equipment



No On-Course Hospitality

All on-course food and beverage facilities are closed



Jockey/Driver Silks

The same set of silks are not allowed to be used more than once at the same race meeting



Travel Requirements

Strict travel requirements have been provided including ensuring industry do not travel in groups and ensuring vehicles and floats/trailers are cleaned and disinfected before and after traveling