

Racing and Wagering Western Australia
Official Thoroughbred Policy
TRACK INSPECTION PROCEDURES 6.1

PRE-SEASON AND GENERAL TRACK INSPECTIONS

For the purpose of this policy all WA racetracks are categorised as follows:

CATEGORY A – Ascot, Belmont, Bunbury, Northam, Pinjarra, York, Narrogin, Albany, Mount Barker, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Esperance, Carnarvon, Broome, Port Hedland and Toodyay.

CATEGORY B – All other venues (Country and Community)

1. The racetracks listed in **Category A** are to be inspected by RWWA Steward/s or their nominee and Race Club representatives at least two (2) months prior to the first scheduled race meeting for the season.
2. All other racetracks in **Category B** are to be the responsibility of a nominated Senior Steward or the Steward in charge of the race meeting. This Steward is to arrange for the Club's representative to complete and fax a "RWWA Pre-Season Club Checklist" to the Ascot office at least one (1) month prior to race day. The Club is to outline any work which has been carried out in accordance with the recommendations from the previous "End of Season Report" and an Action Plan. If there are any concerns raised, particularly with the state of the track, the GMRI is to be informed as outlined in the process above.
3. When conducting this inspection the RWWA Steward/s are to refer to the Race Club's previous "End of Season Report" to ensure that all improvements or concerns highlighted have been addressed. During the "off season", the Club will have been requested by the RWWA Racing Development Unit, to submit a response to the EOS Report and compile an Action Plan to RWWA stating the Club's intentions towards dealing with improvements required. This plan is documented by Racing Development and will be forwarded to the Stewards on receipt from the Club.
4. The RWWA Steward/s at the completion of this inspection are to provide a written report to be submitted to RWWA GM Racing Integrity (GMRI) (copy to Executive General Manager Racing [EGMR]), outlining the condition of the track and facilities. In the event that a problem is highlighted and seen as a serious concern which may affect the race meeting proceeding, a comprehensive report including recommendations to rectify the situation is to be submitted. Any concerns flagged at this point will be conveyed to the Race Club representatives by the RWWA Stewards in writing (cc to EGMR) by forwarding a copy of the report and a covering letter addressing what is required to bring the track or facilities up to a standard fit for racing.
5. All racetracks whether passed fit for racing at the initial inspection or identified with concerns, will again be inspected by RWWA Steward/s, a RWWA Racing Development Officer (if a serious concern has been identified), WA Jockeys' Association and Race Club representatives. This inspection will be scheduled between three (3) and four (4) weeks prior to race day. The date of the second inspection will be determined by the GMRI and at some Clubs may vary to coincide with the staging of barrier trials. A written report from the inspecting RWWA Steward/s is to be submitted to the GMRI (copy to EGMR) following this inspection.

6. It is the responsibility of the GMRI or his delegate to forward to each Club a copy of this second report with a covering letter (cc to EGMR) either signifying that the track and facilities have been cleared for racing by the Stewards or that approval to race has not been granted and that details of further concerns/work is required. The RWWA Steward/s will determine a date for a final inspection, if required, or may deem a track is clear to race subject to minor work being carried out to their satisfaction. Should the Stewards determine that the track will not be clear to race on the allotted date the GMRI will be advised immediately and if satisfied he will direct the Club representative to contact the EMGR to negotiate a position e.g. delayed date for opening, racing at another venue etc.
7. In relation to the “End of Season Reports” it is the responsibility of the Steward in charge of the race meeting or in the case of Clubs outlined in Category A, the Steward in charge who was responsible for the majority of race meetings during the season to complete. These reports are to include issues relating the track condition, equipment, amenities and asset infrastructure pertaining to the conduct of race meetings, detailing any specific concerns and recommendations which the Stewards believe need addressing in the off season. These reports will be compiled and directed in the first instance to the GMRI who will consider the merits of the Steward’s advice and provide the EMGR with his recommendations regarding the Club/s concerned.
8. The RWWA Stewards, from time to time, may provide a written report to the GMRI on any issue involving the Club they deem appropriate in respect to matters such as safety, working conditions, suggestions for improvements etc. These issues will be referred by the GMRI to the EMGR for investigation and action, if applicable.
9. Inspections of official Thoroughbred Training Centres e.g. Lark Hill to be ongoing with the RWWA Stewards reporting to the GMRI as outlined above.

Thoroughbred Diary – Initial inspection dates only (approximately)

Month	Venue
June	Marble Bar
July	Wyndham, Kununurra, Newman, Onslow, Narrogin, York
August	Ascot, Toodyay, Leonora, Laverton, Junction, Geraldton, Meekatharra
September	Bunbury, Collie, Albany, Mount Barker, Moora, Landor, Mount Magnet
October	Esperance
November	Pinjarra
December	Kojonup
January	Kalgoorlie
February	Norseman, Pingrup, Mingenew, Dongara
March	Yalgoo, Broome, Carnarvon, Belmont Park, Northam, Port Hedland
April	Roebourne, Leinster,
May	Derby

PRE-SEASON INSPECTIONS

The purpose of the pre-season inspection is to assess the primary suitability for the commencement of racing, commensurate with the status and degree of racing at the venue.

1. The RWWA Steward/s at the completion of inspection to provide a comprehensive report to be submitted to RWWA GM Racing Integrity [GMRI] (copy to General Manager Racing [GMR]).

The reports prime purpose is to;

- Advise the condition of track generally
- Highlighting any problem seen as a serious concern that has the potential to prevent the race meeting from proceeding.
- Where appropriate, provide indication of minimum level/standard required to overcome problem.
- Indicate any OHS matters identified through the inspection

Any concerns flagged at this point will be conveyed to the Clubs by the GMRI in writing by forwarding a copy of the Stewards report and a covering letter addressing what is needed to bring the track up to a standard fit for racing.

Where deemed appropriate or necessary by the Stewards, racetracks will be again inspected by RWWA Stewards, a RWWA Operations' nominee, RWWA CAP Manager, WA Jockeys' Association and Club representatives between three (3) and four (4) weeks prior to race day. The date of the second inspection will be determined by the Stewards in consultation with the GMRI.

2. It is the responsibility of the GMRI to ensure appropriate notification is made to the Club with regard to approval or that approval to race has not been granted and the details of any further concerns/work that is required. Where approval is not given, the RWWA Steward/s will determine a date for a final inspection, if applicable, or may deem a track is passed fit for racing subject to minor work being carried out to their satisfaction. Should the Stewards determine that the track will not be fit for racing on the allotted date the GMRI will be advised immediately and if satisfied he will direct the Club to contact the Manager Racing Services to negotiate a position eg. delayed date for opening, racing at another venue etc.
3. All other racetracks, (**Category B**) to be the responsibility of the Steward in charge of the race meeting, who in the normal course of events, would check the state of the track with the Club concerned prior to the first race meeting along the lines as outlined in the points above.