

Racing and Wagering Western Australia

Official Thoroughbred Policy

TRIAL / TRACKWORK 4.2

HORSES RETURNING FROM LENGTHY SPELL OR EXTENDED INJURY LAYOFF

AR 88B Horses returning from extended layoffs, injuries etc.

(1) Where a horse has not participated in a race for 12 months or more, the trainer and any other person in charge of the horse must comply with the Racing Australia Code of Practice: Horses that have not started for 12+ months (as amended from time to time) in respect of any future running of the horse in a race, official trial or jump-out. (Date of effect 1st June 2023)

Pursuant to the requirements of rule AR 88B above, where a horse has not raced for 12 months or longer, a veterinary clearance must first be produced, and subsequently the horse must trial satisfactorily before being granted permission to nominate for a race.

Protocols

1. Veterinary clearance before trialling

The trainer of a horse that has not raced for 12 months or longer must submit a veterinary clearance from a registered veterinary surgeon indicating that the horse is suitable to resume trialling and racing. Details of any injury or medical condition which might have caused the prolonged break from training or racing must be provided with the veterinary clearance. Following receipt of a satisfactory veterinary clearance permission may be granted for the horse to be nominated for and participate in an official trial.

2. Satisfactory trial

If permission to trial is granted by the Stewards, the horse must:

(a) participate in an official trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards; and

(b) pass a post-trial veterinary examination by the official on-course trial veterinarian to ensure that the horse is suitable to continue its training regime.

3. Permission to race

Following a satisfactory trial and upon passing the on-course post-trial veterinary examination, the Stewards may grant permission for the horse to be nominated for and participate in a race.

1 July 2003 (Amended)

12 July 2005 (reaffirmed)

1 March 2020 (reaffirmed)

1st June 2023 (amended) pursuant to new rule AR 88B