

HORSES RETURNING FROM LENGTHY SPELL OR EXTENDED INJURY LAYOFF

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.

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