

Approved Rider Policy

Commencement Date

30 September 2003

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the principles for an Approved Rider's policy as a consequence of the introduction of the Queensland Community Racing Scheme (QCRS).

Policy statement

Racing Queensland Limited (RQL) has implemented a rule permitting the licensing of Approved Riders under set conditions which restricts their riding activities to QCRS, grass-fed and picnic meetings. RQL will reinforce the liability and other insurance requirements for amateur and approved riders.

Application

RQL implements the following condition of licence for Approved Riders:

- An Approved Rider can be an experienced rider too heavy to participate as a professional jockey.
- To ride at QCRS meetings only.
- May hold a stable hand or track work rider licence.
- Must carry insurance.
- Must compete in jump outs or barrier trials as designated by the Regional Chairman of Stewards.
- Must produce a medical certificate.

RQL implemented the following local rule for Approved Riders.

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- (1) A person may upon application to the Principal Racing Authority be approved to ride at a QCRS meeting in accordance with any relevant Principal Racing Authority policy.
- (2) A Club at which an Approved Rider rides shall pay to the Principal Racing Authority a prescribed fee representing the cost of public liability insurance covering the Approved Rider.

RQL Policy

A person may upon application to RQL be approved to ride at a QCRS meeting, provided that person must not:

- (a) Receive any fee or reward in money, or be in any way reimbursed for services for riding in any race other than for reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, the amount of which may be specified by the Stewards in their discretion;

- (b) Be or have been at any time within the previous three years a licensed trainer or the holder of a permit to train horses, other than an owner trainer permit or the holder of a QCRS permit to train.
- (c) Be or have been at any time within the previous five years licensed as a bookmaker;
- (d) At any time have been disqualified or suspended except that, if the disqualification or suspension has ended, RQL may in their discretion grant the applicant permission to ride as a Approved Rider.
- (e) In the opinion of the Stewards, be other than a fit and proper person to ride as an Approved Rider
- (f) Have been prohibited by RQL from riding as an Approved Rider.

Expenses

All out-of-pocket expenses to be paid to an Approved Rider must be:

- (a) Lodged no later than the day of the meeting with the Secretary of the Club conducting the QCRS Race Meeting for on-payment to the Approved Rider; or
- (b) With the permission of the Stewards paid directly to the Approved Rider.

Allowances for Approved Riders

(1) Allowances: Unless otherwise provided in the conditions of the race, Approved Riders may claim an allowance of the following scale:

- (a) If he or she has not ridden 5 winners: 3kg
- (b) If he or she has ridden 5 winners but has not ridden 10 winners: 2kg
- (c) If he or she has ridden 10 or more winners: no claim permitted.

(2) Claim: An Approved Rider may claim the same allowance throughout a day of racing which he or she was entitled to claim at the beginning of the day.

Riding Fees:

Any professional rider riding at a QCRS race meeting is to receive a fee of \$50 per ride and receive normal winning percentages of prizemoney. This riding fee of \$50 will be charged to connections. The Approved Rider must not receive any fee or reward in money, or be in any way reimbursed for services for riding in any race other than for reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses at QCRS race meetings.