

INDUSTRY NOTICE – POLICY REVIEW

Code of Racing	Thoroughbred, Harness and Greyhound
Description	Standard Required Of Licensed Venues Policy
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Feedback/Queries	policies@racingqueensland.com.au

Background

Racing Queensland (**RQ**) has conducted a review of the Standard Required of Licensed Venues Policy (**Policy**) as part of its broader review of the Licensed Venue Standards for the three codes of racing.

The draft Policy proposes to update the framework for venue categorisation, inspections, compliance and approvals, while clarifying the respective responsibilities of RQ and clubs.

RQ is seeking stakeholder feedback on the proposed Policy before it is finalised.

Key Changes Proposed

The draft Policy includes the following proposed key changes:

1. Venue Categories (section 6.3)

The proposed changes align the venue categorisation criteria with the criteria used in the draft Licensed Venue Standards.

2. Venue Inspections and Rectification (section 6.4)

The proposed changes clarify RQ's right to inspect licensed venues to assess compliance with the Licensed Venue Standards and require clubs to rectify any identified non-compliance in accordance with the process set out in those Standards.

3. Club Inspection and Reporting Requirements (section 6.5)

The proposed changes provide for RQ to require clubs to inspect or assess their venues and submit reports or other venue-related information. They also broaden the scope of existing pre-race meeting inspections to cover all critical racing assets at the venue.

4. Approval Required to Undertake Certain Works (section 6.6)

The proposed changes expand the types of venue-related works requiring RQ approval to include the construction, reconstruction, replacement or major refurbishment of infrastructure or facilities specified in the Licensed Venue Standards, including facilities for participants, stewards, officials and animals.

5. Approval Required to Undertake Master Planning (section 6.7)

The proposed changes amend the existing requirement for clubs to notify RQ of proposed master planning, by requiring clubs to obtain RQ approval before incurring, committing or authorising expenditure on master planning that may affect a licensed venue.

6. Purpose and Responsibilities (sections 2 and 7)

The proposed changes more clearly define the purpose and scope of the Policy and clarify the respective roles and responsibilities of RQ and clubs in maintaining licensed venues.

Consultation Document

RQ is seeking stakeholder feedback on the [2026 Draft Standard Required of Licensed Venues Policy](#).

The draft and existing Policies are available to download from the Policies page on the RQ website (racingqueensland.com.au/about/rules-and-policies/policies).

How to Provide Feedback

Stakeholders are invited to provide feedback on the draft Policy in accordance with the details table set out on the first page of this notice.

Any queries may also be directed to policies@racingqueensland.com.au.

Following consultation, RQ will consider the feedback received and make any appropriate changes before the draft Policy is finalised.

