

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION NOTICE

Code of Racing	Thoroughbred
Rule	N/A
Description	Procedure – Abandoned Race Meeting Compensation (Thoroughbred)
Authorised for Consultation	May 20, 2026
Consultation Closes	May 27, 2026
Submissions to	policies@racingqueensland.com.au

Racing Queensland (**RQ**) is proposing amendments to the *Procedure – Abandoned Race Meeting Compensation (Thoroughbred)* (the **Procedure**).

Following an internal review, RQ has identified a need to refine the current Procedure so that it better reflects the practical impacts on connections when a race or race meeting is abandoned, by taking into account the different preparation and travel times associated with day, twilight and night race meetings.

The proposed amendments introduce specific abandonment deadlines for each meeting type (day, twilight and night), after which the abandonment of the meeting will attract the compensation payments outlined in the Procedure.

The proposed abandonment deadlines under the amended Procedure are listed below:

- **Day Meetings:** 9:00am on the day of the meeting;
- **Twilight Meetings:** 11:00am on the day of the meeting; and
- **Night Meetings:** 1:00pm on the day of the meeting.

Additionally, the proposed amendments clarify the circumstances in which RQ may vary exercise discretion to vary the application of the Procedure and pay compensation where warranted.

The amended Procedure, with marked-up changes, is *attached* at Annexure A. Stakeholders wishing to provide feedback on the proposed amendments to the Procedure may do so using the submission details in the table above.

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1. Purpose

ANNEXURE A

The purpose of this Procedure is to outline the compensation payments made by Racing Queensland (RQ) to connections of a horse when a thoroughbred race meeting is abandoned, either in whole or in part, after the [scratching relevant abandonment](#) deadline for the meeting ([as that term is defined in this Procedure](#)).

RQ is committed to providing the thoroughbred racing industry with a clear and transparent understanding of entitlements pertaining to abandoned race meetings.

2. Scope and Definitions

The Procedure applies to all thoroughbred race meetings that are abandoned after the [scratching relevant abandonment](#) deadline, and all licensed thoroughbred trainers, owners and jockeys (including apprentice jockeys).

[For the purposes of this Procedure, the relevant abandonment deadline for a race meeting is as follows:](#)

Meeting Type	Abandonment Deadline
Day Meeting	9:00am on the day of the meeting
Twilight Meeting	11:00am on the day of the meeting
Night Meeting	1:00pm on the day of the meeting

References in this Procedure to an abandoned race meeting include race meetings that are postponed to another day, and individual races that are abandoned (or postponed to another day), in each case after the [scratching relevant abandonment](#) deadline for the meeting. [References to a 'day', 'twilight' or 'night' meeting are as designated in the racing calendar.](#)

3. Guidelines

3.1. Objective

RQ aims to run all scheduled races. On occasions, circumstances including, but not limited to, inclement weather, racing incidents, safety hazards and track conditions, will require the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards to abandon race meetings, either in whole or in part, after the [scratching relevant abandonment](#) deadline for the meeting.

In recognition of the impact of abandoned race meetings on the connections of a horse, RQ will provide a level of compensation to offset these impacts.

3.2. Application

The following sets out applicable compensation payments to the connections of a horse where a race meeting is abandoned after the [scratching relevant abandonment](#) deadline for the meeting:

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- (a) **Owners/Trainers:** A payment will be made to the trainer of a horse for credit to the owners' accounts as follows:

Base Payment	\$200 per horse
Travel (round trip)	
Up to 150km	\$150 per horse (excluding race meetings at a horse's home track*)
150km to 600km	An additional \$150 per horse
Over 600km	An additional \$100 per horse
Maximum Compensation	\$600 per horse

*as determined by RQ, acting reasonably.

- (b) **No Races:** In instances where a race is declared void (or a 'no race') by the QRIC Stewards, and is not re-run, a compensation payment of \$2,000, or the amount of prize money allocated for the race divided evenly amongst the runners engaged at the time the declaration was made (whichever is lower), will be made to the trainer of each horse for credit to owners' accounts.
- (c) **Non-TAB race meetings postponed to within 48 hrs:** The compensation payments outlined in clause 3.2(a) will not apply to Non-TAB race meetings that are postponed and rescheduled to take place at the same venue within 48 hours, unless otherwise determined by RQ on a case-by-case basis.
- (d) **Jockeys:** A payment equal to **one riding fee** will be made to jockeys declared to ride a runner at the race meeting at the time of its abandonment, provided they have not completed an engagement at the meeting (i.e., in the event of a part abandonment, those who have already ridden are not entitled to compensation).
- (e) **Other Circumstances:** RQ may, in its discretion, amend the application of this Procedure on a case-by-case basis after taking into account all relevant circumstances. For example:
- o where a horse is required to arrive on course within a stipulated timeframe prior to its race, and the necessary travel arrangements require the horse to leave its stabling facility before the relevant abandonment deadline for the meeting. RQ may provide an amount of compensation to the trainer (for credit to the owners' accounts) in respect of the associated travel expenses; or
 - o where a race meeting is postponed and rescheduled to take place on the following day, and a jockey incurs accommodation/travel expenses to attend the rescheduled race meeting. RQ may provide an amount of compensation to the jockey in respect of those expenses.

4. Roles & Responsibilities

Trainers, Owners and Jockeys should familiarise themselves with this Procedure and note the circumstances when compensation will be paid.



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RQ will act on the official information provided by the QRIC Stewards in terms of the time for the abandonment of a race meeting. RQ will make the applicable compensation payments in line with this Procedure.

QRIC will liaise with RQ and advise/confirm the official time of the abandonment of a race meeting.

5. References & Related Documents

Document	Document
N/a	N/a

6. Version History

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Version	Effective	Document Owner	Changes Made
1	01/12/2025	EGM Racing	New Procedure: Amending entitlements previously outlined in RACE Magazine.
2	DD/MM/2026	EGM Racing	Introduce abandonment deadlines for day, twilight and night race meetings; detail other circumstances.

