

COVID-19 RACING CODE PROTOCOLS ADDENDUM



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Background / Summary

1. This Addendum replaces the previous Addendum issued effective September 23, 2021.
2. The purpose of this Addendum is to provide additional information to support the individual Racing Code Protocols following recent announcements by the Queensland Government.
3. At all times racing clubs, the conduct of race meetings and any racing activity or operations at a racing venue, are subject to any changes, advice or Directions issued by the Queensland Government.
4. The Queensland Government further eased restrictions for the 11 South East Queensland Local Government Areas of Brisbane, Moreton Bay, Ipswich, Logan City, Redlands, Sunshine Coast, Noosa, Somerset, Lockyer Valley, Scenic Rim and Gold Coast, effective from 4pm August 27, 2021 (occupant density increase and standing for eating/drinking now permitted).
5. The Queensland Government, in line with the advice given previously, reviewed the face mask wearing requirements and determined (September 24, 2021) that they will remain in place in the specified SEQ LGAs ("impacted areas") and will continue to be reviewed fortnightly. Given its proximity to these SEQ LGAs, the face mask wearing requirements remain in part for race meetings at Toowoomba also.
6. The Queensland Government issued an updated Border Restrictions Direction to:
 - (a) Establish a non-restricted NSW border zone and a restricted NSW border zone;
 - (b) Provide for a non-restricted NSW border zone resident to travel to Queensland for an essential purpose, including to perform work that cannot be done from home; and
 - (c) Provide for Queensland residents to enter Queensland after travelling to the non-restricted NSW border zone for an essential purpose, including to perform work that cannot be done from home.

The latest Direction can be found at the link below:

[Border Restrictions Direction \(No. 46\) | Queensland Health](#)

7. Racing Queensland has determined that, in line with the Queensland Government's recent changes to border restrictions, participants from the non-restricted NSW border zone will be able to participate (work) at Queensland race meetings only. Similarly, Queensland participants will be permitted to cross the border for work purposes in the non-restricted NSW border zone at race meetings only. This took effect from race meetings on Wednesday September 15, 2021.
8. Racing industry participants from the restricted NSW border zone are not permitted to attend a Queensland racing or training venue. Queensland participants are not permitted to travel to race meetings in the restricted NSW border zone.
9. The Queensland Government announced, and Racing Queensland confirms for Racing Code Protocols, that:
 - (a) The NSW LGA of Glen Innes Severn moved to be part of the non-restricted NSW border zone, effective 1am September 24, 2021;
 - (b) The NSW LGAs of Lismore City and Brewarrina moved to be part of the non-restricted NSW border zone, effective 1am September 23, 2021; and
 - (c) The NSW LGAs of Tweed and Byron remain part of the restricted NSW border zone (which took effect September 22, 2021 following earlier announcement by the NSW Government of reinstated lockdown/stay-at-home orders/directions for those LGAs).



10. The Queensland Government link below provides information about Queensland Border Restrictions, declared COVID-19 hotspots, and other related information:

[Queensland border restrictions | Queensland Government \(covid19.qld.gov.au\)](https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/queensland-border-restrictions)

Non-restricted NSW border zone (now includes NSW LGAs of Glen Innes Severn, Lismore City and Brewarrina)

11. Relevant persons can enter Queensland from the non-restricted NSW border zone to perform work that cannot be done from home if they have completed and possess the appropriate Queensland Government border zone pass. This also applies to Queensland residents returning to Queensland after having travelled to the non-restricted NSW border zone to perform work that cannot be done from home.
- (a) The Queensland Government border pass will include a declaration that the person has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration for use in Australia or endorsed by WHO-COVAX where the worker was vaccinated overseas.
 - (b) The person (and any other person with whom they reside) is not permitted in the preceding 14 days to have been in a COVID-19 hotspot outside of the non-restricted NSW border zone, or been in the restricted NSW border zone, or have had in the preceding 14 days a visitor to their residence who lives in the restricted NSW border zone or any other part of NSW outside the non-restricted NSW border zone.
 - (c) The person will be required to complete and submit to Racing Queensland a declaration of relevant matters and provide evidence of their COVID-19 vaccination status, by 4pm on the day prior to the race meeting. This includes Queensland participants who travel to perform work at a NSW race meeting.
 - (d) If the person entering Queensland from a non-restricted NSW border zone LGA must transit through a restricted NSW border zone LGA, they can do so only if they transit, without stopping, using private transport for no more than two hours.
 - (e) The person will be required to wear a face mask at all times in accordance with Queensland Government requirements, including at all times whilst on a Queensland racing or training venue (except if eating or drinking).
12. Horses/greyhounds being transported from the non-restricted NSW border zone to Queensland race meetings can travel and complete their journey as normal in line with the required arrival times oncourse as stipulated by the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission, provided they also meet the requirements of clause 11(d) above.
13. The person transporting and anyone accompanying the horses/greyhounds from the non-restricted NSW border zone to Queensland race meetings must ensure they have the appropriate Queensland Government border zone pass or border declaration pass.
14. Participants/horses/greyhounds from the non-restricted NSW border zone are not permitted to take part in Queensland barrier trials or jump-outs.

Restricted NSW border zone (includes NSW LGAs of Tweed and Byron)

15. As outlined, movement across the QLD-NSW border is still restricted in terms of the restricted NSW border zone. Racing industry participants from the restricted NSW border zone are not permitted to attend a Queensland racing or training venue. Queensland participants are not permitted to travel to race meetings in the restricted NSW border zone.
16. Horses/greyhounds from the restricted NSW border zone are still permitted to be entered to race in Queensland, subject to the following:
- (a) Horses/greyhounds must be transported by an approved commercial transport operator in accordance with the guidelines for transporting animals from declared COVID-19 hotspots, as prescribed in the respective Racing Code Protocols;
 - (b) Horses/greyhounds must be in Queensland by final scratching time on the day of the race meeting (as opposed to 5pm the day prior for other declared COVID-19 hotspots);
 - (c) Drop-off or pick-up by the interstate transport operator is not permitted at a Queensland race meeting; and
 - (d) Private transportation of animal/s is not permitted.



17. Participants/horses/greyhounds from the restricted NSW border zone are not permitted to take part in Queensland barrier trials or jump-outs.
18. Queensland trainers may still enter horses/greyhounds to race at race meetings in the restricted NSW border zone, but the animal/s must be transported by an approved commercial transport operator. Horses/greyhounds returning to Queensland are not permitted to travel via a Queensland race meeting as part of their return journey. Private transportation of animal/s is not permitted. Permission to race and transportation arrangements will also be subject to any additional requirements that the NSW authorities may impose.

Race meetings

19. Patrons can attend race meetings in the impacted areas.

Core Racing Areas / Mounting Yards

20. Owners are permitted access to Core Racing Areas of all racing venues throughout Queensland if they have a runner in a race at the meeting. This does not include access to the specific parade ring area of the mounting yard.
21. Access to the specific parade ring area is restricted to Essential Racing Personnel only (i.e., trainers, jockeys/drivers, stable/kennel staff and relevant officials).

Face masks

22. Relevant persons permitted entry from the non-restricted NSW border zone, and any Queensland participants who have been to the non-restricted NSW border zone in the preceding 14 days, must wear a face mask at all times in accordance with Queensland Government requirements. This includes at all times whilst on all Queensland racing or training venues (except when eating or drinking). Jockeys and drivers are also not required to wear a face mask during a race/trial, but must wear a face mask at all other times (the face mask can be moved down just prior to entering the barriers and then replaced immediately on pulling up after the race/trial).
23. At all race meetings in the impacted areas (i.e., the specified LGAs in point 4), a face mask must be worn by:
 - (a) All Essential Racing Personnel: when in indoor areas, in parade ring/mounting yards, behind barriers/starting boxes etc., and any other outdoor areas when unable to physically distance from others. Jockeys and drivers are not required to wear a face mask whilst racing but must wear a face mask at all other times referred to in the previous sentence. Face masks may be removed if eating or drinking, or whilst seated; and
 - (b) Patrons: when indoors, and when outdoors when unable to physically distance from other people. Face masks may be removed if eating or drinking, or whilst seated.
24. At race meetings in Toowoomba, a face mask must be worn by:
 - (a) All Essential Racing Personnel: when indoors in Core Racing Areas, and in parade ring/mounting yards, behind barriers etc. Jockeys are not required to wear a face mask whilst racing but must wear a face mask at all other times referred to in the previous sentence. Face masks may be removed if eating or drinking, or whilst seated; and
 - (b) Patrons: not required to wear a face mask.
25. At race meetings other than those specified (i.e., the rest of Queensland):
 - (a) Face masks are not required to be worn, except for Air Travel Jockeys in accordance with Racing Queensland's requirements for AT Jockeys as set out separately in the Racing Code Protocols Thoroughbred.
26. At a Queensland racing or training venue in the impacted areas for trackwork, barrier trial or jump-out sessions, a face mask is required to be worn by all persons if/when in indoor areas, and when outdoors if unable to physically distance from other people (i.e., parade ring/mounting yards, behind barriers etc.). Face masks may be removed if eating or drinking, or whilst seated. Note that there are separate requirements for AT Jockeys wherever they are riding.
27. Where required by these Protocols to wear a face mask and a person is not able to comply with the requirement due to a medical exemption, the following process should be followed:



- (a) The person must provide a copy of the medical exemption confirming that they are not able to wear a face mask. They will then be required to wear a face shield instead (to be provided by Racing Queensland); or
- (b) If the person does not have a medical exemption with them, they should be asked to leave the venue and to provide a copy of a medical exemption before they return. Then, only if they produce a medical exemption confirming they are not able to wear a face mask, and on agreement to wear a face shield instead, will they be able to return (Racing Queensland to provide the face shield).

Temperature testing on arrival

28. Temperature testing of Essential Racing Personnel on arrival has been discontinued.

Occupant Density / Food and Drink

- 29. Occupant density requirements for impacted areas are now in line with the remainder of the State – 1 person per 2 square metres indoors, no restriction outdoors.
- 30. The requirement for seated eating and drinking is removed. Standing is allowed.
- 31. There are no restrictions on self-service food.
- 32. At all times, relevant physical distancing and spacing requirements must be adhered to.
- 33. Where permitted non-restricted NSW border zone resident licensed persons are competing at a Queensland race meeting, they should, where possible, be separated from other local participants when in indoor spaces, either in separate quarters or in separate areas within the same room (e.g., jockeys from the non-restricted NSW border zone should be separated from local jockeys where possible). Similarly, Queensland participants who have returned to Queensland after competing in the non-restricted NSW border zone should also be separated from local participants as far as practicable.

Contact tracing alerts

34. Queensland has current contact tracing alerts and related public health advice. With the current COVID-19 outbreak in SEQ, there are extensive exposure venues. All race clubs and Essential Racing Personnel are advised to refer to the following link, which contains a list of venues for contact tracing. All parties should review the list of exposure venues daily as the list is updated regularly.

[Contact tracing \(exposure sites\) – coronavirus \(COVID-19\) | Health and wellbeing | Queensland Government \(www.qld.gov.au\)](https://www.qld.gov.au/health-and-wellbeing/contact-tracing-exposure-sites-coronavirus-covid-19)

35. If you have been to any of the exposure venues at the relevant exposure times you must:
- (a) immediately travel by private transport directly to your home or accommodation and quarantine;
 - (b) [get tested](#) at your earliest opportunity (wear a mask while you are out getting tested); and
 - (c) complete the online contract tracing form by clicking on the name of the relevant exposure venue. If you are unable to complete the online contact tracing form, please call 134 COVID (134 268) (after you complete the contact tracing form you will be contacted by Queensland Health).
36. Further to the Queensland Government's requirements, if you have been to any of the identified exposure venues at the relevant exposure times, you must also advise Racing Queensland and the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission. You will be prohibited from entering or attending any Queensland racing or training venue (including stables) until 14 days have passed since you were at the exposure venue.

