

# COVID-19 RACING CODE PROTOCOLS ADDENDUM



## EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 5, 2021

### Background / Summary

1. This Addendum replaces/updates the Addendum published effective October 13, 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. Following announcement by the Queensland Government, restrictions for the Local Government Areas of Brisbane, Moreton Bay, Logan City and Gold Coast fell in line with the LGAs of Ipswich, Redlands, Sunshine Coast, Noosa, Somerset, Lockyer Valley and Scenic Rim, effective 4pm October 8, 2021. The eased restrictions relate to occupant density, eating and drinking whilst standing, and face mask wearing. These LGAs are referred to in this Addendum as "impacted areas". Given its proximity to these SEQ LGAs, RQ has determined the face mask requirements will remain in part for race meetings at Toowoomba also.
5. Following announcement by the Queensland Government, the restrictions previously in place for the LGAs of Townsville and Palm Island eased, effective 4pm October 8, 2021. Residents of these LGAs are still encouraged to carry a face mask with them at all times and wear it if unable to physically distance from others.
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 \(No. 51\) | 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, **and at official barrier trials or Stewards' trials (see further below)**. Queensland participants will be permitted to cross the border for work purposes in the non-restricted NSW border zone at race meetings only.
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 Moree Plains Shire has moved to be part of the restricted NSW border zone, effective 12.01am November 5, 2021.
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 \(covid19.qld.gov.au\)](#)



### Non-restricted NSW border zone

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. Note the following:
  - (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; and
  - (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 permitted to participate in Queensland official barrier trials or Stewards' trials (but not trackwork or jump-outs). The trainer of the horse/greyhound must complete and submit the relevant RQ declaration for the attending staff by 4pm the day prior to the official barrier trial or Stewards' trial.**

### Restricted NSW border zone (LGA of Moree Plains Shire)

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;
  - (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 trackwork, official 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 (the owner is then subject to the relevant face mask requirements detailed below).
21. Owners are not permitted access to the specific parade ring area of the mounting yard. 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 indoors whilst moving about, and outdoors 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 (standing eating and drinking allowed), or generally whilst seated; and
  - (b) Patrons: when indoors whilst moving about, and when outdoors when unable to physically distance from other people. Face masks may be removed if eating or drinking (standing eating and drinking allowed), or generally 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 whilst moving about, and outdoors 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 (standing eating and drinking allowed), or generally 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 indoors whilst moving about, 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. 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. All areas (including impacted areas, Toowoomba and rest of Queensland):
- (a) Occupant density requirements: indoors 1 person per 2 square metres, and outdoors no restrictions;
  - (b) Food and Drink: the requirement for seated eating and drinking no longer applies. Standing eating and drinking is allowed; and
  - (c) There are no restrictions on self-service food.
30. At all times, relevant physical distancing and spacing requirements must be adhered to.
31. 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

32. 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/coronavirus/covid-19/contact-tracing-exposure-sites)
33. 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 contact 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).
34. Further to the above, you are prohibited from entering or attending any Queensland racing or training venue (including stables), until such time as you have satisfied any Queensland Government requirements that may have been imposed relating to COVID-19 testing and isolation.

