

COVID-19 RACING CODE PROTOCOLS ALL CODES



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1. This version of the Racing Queensland (RQ) COVID-19 Racing Code Protocols replaces the version published effective January 2, 2022.
2. All licensed Queensland race clubs are required to conduct their operations in accordance with relevant requirements of the Queensland Government.
3. Particular reference is drawn to the following:
[Public Health and Social Measures linked to vaccination status Direction | Queensland Health](#)
[COVID Safe Checklist: Public Health and Social Measures - Vaccinated staff and patrons only \(covid19.qld.gov.au\)](#)
[Public Health Face Mask Requirements Direction \(No. 4\) | Queensland Health](#)
[Isolation for Diagnosed Cases of COVID-19 and Management of Close Contacts Direction | Queensland Health](#)
[Isolation for confirmed cases and quarantine for close contacts | Health and wellbeing | Queensland Government \(www.qld.gov.au\)](#)
4. Clubs are required to meet any additional requirements of these Racing Code Protocols (as well as any Addendum to the Protocols), and any additional instruction or direction provided by RQ, and any requirements of the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) that may be imposed at a race meeting.
5. At all times, clubs and the conduct of race meetings and any racing activity or operations at a racing venue, are subject to any changes, advice or further relevant Directions issued by the Queensland Government.

Restriction of entry to Queensland licensed racing and training venue

6. In line with the Queensland Government's Public Health and Social Measures linked to vaccination status Direction, entry to all Queensland licensed racing venues for the purpose of race meetings is restricted to persons who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19.
 - (a) This restriction applies to all patrons, club employees, racing industry participants, officials and volunteers.
 - (b) For the purpose of this restriction, the race meeting will be deemed to commence three hours before the scheduled time for the first race and conclude two hours after the last race is conducted.
7. COVID-19 vaccination requirements for entry to Queensland licensed racing and training venues for non-raceday activities (i.e., at times other than race meetings as defined above) will be determined by each individual club and subject to any applicable Government requirements that apply to their venue.



Checking the vaccination status and collection of contact information

8. The process to be followed in checking the vaccination status and the collection of contact information for all persons entering the venue is as prescribed by the Public Health and Social Measures linked to vaccination status Direction.
9. Clubs must make all reasonable efforts when anyone enters the venue to confirm they meet the COVID-19 vaccination entry requirements by requesting and sighting proof of COVID-19 vaccination or evidence of medical contraindication (printed or electronic). Clubs will be compliant if they act as follows:
 - (a) Comply with the vaccination entry requirements; and
 - (b) Take reasonable steps to ensure staff and visitors comply with the vaccination entry requirements; and
 - (c) Clearly display the requirement for staff and visitors to be fully vaccinated and provide evidence of COVID-19 vaccination or of a medical contraindication; and
 - (d) Request and sight proof of COVID-19 vaccination or evidence of a medical contraindication; and
 - (e) Clearly display the Check In Qld app QR code at each entry to the venue that is used by staff or visitors; and
 - (f) Collect contact information for each person entering the venue; and
 - (g) Comply with any COVID-19 density limits that may apply; and
 - (h) Operate in accordance with the [COVID Safe Checklist—Vaccinated staff and patrons only](#).
10. The following forms of evidence showing someone is fully vaccinated are sufficient:
 - (a) Vaccination information displayed on the Check In Qld app; or
 - (b) Written confirmation of COVID-19 vaccination, such as a record of vaccine card; or
 - (c) A COVID-19 digital certificate or printed vaccination certificate from the Australian Immunisation Register; or
 - (d) An online or printed immunisation history statement for COVID-19 vaccination, including confirmation of a medical contraindication; or
 - (e) An international COVID-19 vaccination certificate.
11. Clubs are to ensure that all entry points to the venue are sufficiently resourced to facilitate this process.
 - (a) To ensure the evidence of vaccination and check-in process operates efficiently, trainers are to ensure that they and their staff undertake the process prior to unloading their racing animals from their transport vehicles.
12. If a person cannot, or refuses to, provide evidence of vaccination, ask the person to leave the premises. If the person refuses to leave the premises, call the police.

General requirements for entry to Queensland

13. Entry into Queensland for all persons including race meeting patrons, racing industry participants and officials is in line with any Queensland Government requirements that may apply. Relevant information can be found via the following links:

[Travelling to Queensland | Health and wellbeing | Queensland Government \(www.qld.gov.au\)](#)



COVID-19 Test

14. RQ may require any licensed participant to undergo a COVID-19 test and may impose restrictions on that person's access to RQ licensed racing or training venues for a period of time at its discretion.

Face masks

15. Any person travelling to race meetings by air travel will be subject to face mask wearing requirements in airports and whilst on flights, as prescribed by the Queensland Government.
16. A face mask is required to be worn by all persons at all times whilst indoors in core racing areas at race meetings in Queensland (e.g., jockeys'/drivers' rooms, Stewards' rooms, Judges' towers, kennel block etc.).
17. A face mask is required to be worn by all persons in all indoor settings including hospitality areas, bars, restaurants etc. (exceptions include if a person is seated in hospitality areas, or is consuming food or drink, i.e., a person must wear a mask when entering and walking through a restaurant but may remove the mask once they are seated, including while eating and drinking).
18. 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 RQ); 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 (RQ to provide the face shield).

