

1. Background

This policy is made under s.102(1)(a) of the *Racing Act 2002* (Qld) and s.2B(d) of the *Racing Regulation 2013* (Qld). Those provisions require Racing Queensland (RQ), as the control body for all codes of racing in Queensland, to make a policy for the standard required of licensed venues, including criteria for different categories of venues.

2. Policy Name

This policy is known as the “The Standard Required of Licensed Venues Policy”.

3. Date Made and Date of Effect

This policy is made on 31 March 2021 and takes effect on the same day.

4. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to specify the standard required of licensed venues.

5. Who Is Affected by the Policy

This policy is a policy for all codes of racing.

This policy applies to all Clubs and Racing Venues licensed by, or proposed to be licensed by, RQ. This policy affects all Racing Venues licensed by RQ, and all Clubs licensed by RQ in relation to the management and standard of their licensed venue/s.

6. How Decisions Are to be Made

6.1 Venue Minimum Standards

RQ has developed Venue Minimum Standards for each code of racing which sets out the standard required of a Racing Venue to stage and conduct a race meeting as contemplated by the Club Licence.

RQ categorise venues according to the Club tier and the standard of racing conducted at that venue.

The Venue Minimum Standards outline the requirements that must be considered when refurbishing existing facilities and equipment. These requirements must also be considered when constructing or acquiring new facilities and equipment.

The Venue Minimum Standards are published by RQ on its website and may be updated from time to time.

6.2 Roles and Responsibilities

In accordance with the RQ Club and Venue Licence General Conditions the club must:

- ensure that the Racing Venue complies with the Governance Requirements and Venue Minimum Standards.

- adopt and implement any policies and procedures reasonably necessary to ensure compliance with all Laws relating to health and safety and adopts all safety standards that a reasonably prudent person operating a club, a race meeting or a Licensed Venue would adopt.
- perform its obligations under the licence in a manner that complies with all applicable laws.

RQ may develop an audit program and conduct inspections of a Licensed Venue to assess the condition or racing assets, compliance with the Venue Minimum Standards and the continued suitability of the venue to be licensed.

RQ will provide details of any maintenance requirements to the club including key inspection observations.

In accordance with the Club and Venue Licence General Conditions RQ may (acting reasonably) give the club a written direction to take specific actions or refrain from taking specific actions in relation to the operations of the Club or Licensed Venue; and the club must comply with any direction given by RQ under the clause.

7. Rules of Racing

Rules of racing are not made to support this policy.

8. References & Related Documents

Other relevant documents include:

Document	Document
Applicable Venue Minimum Standards	Club & Venue Licence General Conditions

9. Version History

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