THE WAY RACES ARE TO BE HELD POLICY
EFFECTIVE FROM 1 NOVEMBER 2026

1. BACKGROUND

This policy is made under s.102(1)(a) and 102(3) of the *Racing Act 2002* (Qld) ("**the Act**") and s.6(e) of the *Racing Regulation 2023* (Qld). Those provisions require Racing Queensland ("**RQ**"), as the control body for all codes of racing in Queensland, to make a policy for the way in which races are to be held including, for example, classes of races, nominations and prize money.

2. POLICY NAME

This policy is named *The Way Races Are to be Held Policy* ("**Policy**").

3. DATE MADE & DATE OF EFFECT

This Policy is made on **1 November 2026** and takes effect on the same day.

4. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is to ensure Queensland races are conducted in accordance with the Rules of Racing and RQ policies.

5. WHO IS AFFECTED BY THE POLICY?

This policy is a policy for all codes of racing.

This policy applies to licensed clubs, venues, participants and other industry stakeholders, including the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission.

6. APPLICATION

6.1. How Decisions Are to be Made

The allocation of race days is governed by RQ's Allocation of Race Days Policy. For each of the race days allocated in accordance with that policy, race programs will be published in the racing calendar setting out race details (including classes of races, nomination and acceptance deadlines and prize money).

Licensed clubs must only conduct race meetings and betting meetings on days allocated by RQ, as published in the racing calendar for each code (Thoroughbred, Greyhound, & Harness).

The classes of races that licensed clubs conduct will be in accordance with the conditions prescribed in the racing calendar and any conditions advised by RQ.

Races are to be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Racing for the relevant code (Thoroughbred, Greyhound, & Harness).

6.2. Roles & Responsibilities

RQ will allocate race days and approve and publish conditions for races.

Licensed clubs must comply with the RQ policies and Rules of Racing that govern the way races are to be held.

7. RULES OF RACING

Rules of Racing are made to support this policy.

Rules of Racing (*Thoroughbred*)

Rules of Racing (*Harness*)

Rules of Racing (*Greyhound*)

8. RELATED DOCUMENTS

All Racing Queensland Policies

Racing Act 2002

Racing Integrity Act 2016

Racing Regulation 2023

9. REFERENCES

In this Policy:

(a) **Act** means the *Racing Act 2002* (Qld);

(b) terms defined in the Act, or an instrument made under the Act, have the same meaning as set out therein, except as otherwise stated in this Policy.

10. VERSION HISTORY

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