

COVID-19 RACING CODE PROTOCOLS THOROUGHBRED – ADDENDUM AIR TRAVEL JOCKEYS



EFFECTIVE JULY 30, 2021

Background / Summary

1. The purpose of this Addendum is to highlight additional measures implemented by Racing Queensland for Jockeys who use air travel to attend race meetings in Queensland, to provide a level of risk mitigation and protection for the local racing stakeholders.
2. Geographically, Queensland faces a significant challenge for participants, in particular Jockeys, to service all the racing venues throughout the state. This is compounded by the fact the greater proportion of racing participants are in the most populous areas of the state, particularly within the south-east corner.
3. To overcome this, a high volume of Jockeys regularly travel by air to attend venues throughout the state from their SEQ base.
4. To mitigate the chances of COVID-19 transmission or disruption to the racing schedule, by Jockeys exposed as part of this travel process, RQ has adopted the following additional protocol procedures for thoroughbred racing.
5. The additional measures outlined below are incorporated in the Racing Code Protocols Thoroughbred, effective from Friday, July 30, 2021, and will be in place until further notice.
6. Given the effective date and the notification requirement in point 7 below, RQ will liaise with individual Jockeys to determine their status for any affected race meetings in the immediate future.

Air Travel Jockeys Protocol (*Extract of Racing Code Protocols Thoroughbred*)

7. Jockeys choosing to utilise air travel as a means of travel to race meetings in Queensland must advise RQ (jockeys@racingqueensland.com.au) of their status as an Air Travel (AT) Jockey by 4pm on the day of declarations for the race meeting.
8. The Jockey will then be considered part of the AT Jockey group and will be subject to additional COVID-19 measures.
9. AT Jockeys are required to wear a face mask during air travel and at all times whilst on a licensed racing venue (i.e., race meetings and trackwork/trials).
10. Subsequently, at any Queensland race meeting, whether having travelled by air to the race meeting, or by car in the AT Jockey's home area, the AT Jockey must wear a face mask at all times whilst oncourse. This includes in jockeys' rooms, scales areas, stewards' rooms etc, as well as in the mounting yard. The face mask can be taken down prior to entering the barriers and remain down during the race.
11. AT Jockeys travelling by car to race meetings should avoid travelling by car with non-AT Jockeys. If this cannot be avoided, then the AT Jockey must wear a face mask for the duration of the car journey.
12. At trackwork and trials, the face mask must be worn by AT Jockeys at all times including in the stalls area and whilst on ground in conversation with other



stakeholders. The face mask can be taken down when mounted and going onto the track.

13. Where possible, the race club conducting the race meeting will be required to segregate the AT Jockeys from the non-AT Jockeys, either within separate quarters, or in an area within the same Jockeys' room. At all times, relevant physical distancing and spacing requirements must be adhered to.
14. The AT Jockeys will not be permitted to access oncourse spas.
15. Where possible, the race club should endeavour to have at least one toilet cubicle and shower for the AT Jockeys. Where there are multiple toilet cubicles and showers available, the race club should manage/allocate these proportionately according to the number of AT Jockeys and non-AT Jockeys present. If not practicable for separate toilet cubicles and showers, the race club must ensure appropriate cleaning and sanitization processes.
16. AT Jockeys will be required to undergo a weekly COVID-19 test (RQ will cover the costs involved). AT Jockeys can continue carrying out racing and trackwork/training functions whilst awaiting their result given the face mask wearing requirements.
17. AT Jockeys wishing to exit the AT Jockey group will have to meet the following criteria:
 - (a) to have not travelled by air in the previous five days; and
 - (b) to provide evidence to RQ of a negative COVID-19 test.

This would mean the Jockey would then not be subject to the additional requirements. If the Jockey then recommences air travel, they would then have their status revert to AT Jockey and would be subject to the additional requirements once again.

