

COVID-19 RACING CODE PROTOCOLS ADDENDUM



EFFECTIVE AUGUST 2, 2021

Background / Summary

1. This Addendum replaces the previous Addendum issued effective July 31, 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. The Queensland Government has announced an extension to the lockdown for the Local Government Areas of Brisbane, Moreton Bay, Ipswich, Logan City, Redlands, Sunshine Coast, Noosa, Somerset, Lockyer Valley, Scenic Rim and Gold Coast. These LGAs are considered “impacted areas”.
4. The lockdown restrictions took effect from 4pm July 31, 2021 and apply to all persons in the impacted areas. The restrictions also apply to any person who has been in an impacted area from 1am July 31, 2021, no matter where they are now.
5. It is expected that the Queensland Government’s lockdown restrictions and requirements will remain in place until 4pm August 8, 2021.
6. The Queensland Government declared the whole of NSW as a COVID-19 hotspot effective 1am July 23, 2021. Further, the Queensland Government implemented a NSW border zone to facilitate entry to Queensland for residents from that border zone, and for Queensland residents to enter the NSW border zone, for limited purposes including work.
7. Racing Queensland has amended its requirements around face masks, temperature testing and access to Core Racing Areas, with some restrictions recently relaxed in parts of the State reintroduced (further details below). Given this review and amendment, the introduction of the extended SEQ designated area has been removed at this time.

NSW Border Zone

8. The NSW border zone implemented by the Queensland Government facilitates entry to Queensland for residents from that border zone, and for Queensland residents to enter the NSW border zone, for limited purposes including work.
9. Relevant persons entering Queensland from the NSW border zone (and Queensland residents re-entering after working in the NSW border zone) will be required to complete and possess the appropriate Queensland Government border zone pass.
10. Relevant persons are not permitted to have been south outside of the NSW border zone in the 14 days prior to entry into Queensland. If a person travels south outside of the NSW border zone and needs to enter, or return to, Queensland within the 14 days, they will be required to go into hotel quarantine.
11. Horses/greyhounds being transported from the 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.



12. The person transporting and anyone accompanying the horses/greyhounds from the NSW border zone to Queensland race meetings must ensure they have the appropriate Queensland Government border zone pass or border declaration pass. This also applies to Queensland residents returning with horses/greyhounds after competing at race meetings in the NSW border zone.
13. Refer to the links below for details about the NSW border zone and requirements for relevant Queensland Government travel declarations and entry passes:
[Travelling to Queensland | Health and wellbeing | Queensland Government \(www.qld.gov.au\)](#)
[Entry to Queensland | Queensland Government \(www.qld.gov.au\)](#)
14. NSW border zone resident licensed persons should seek advice from the relevant NSW Government sources as to any requirements it may impose on persons who have crossed the border into Queensland.

Race meetings

15. Race meetings in the impacted areas during the lockdown period will proceed as scheduled. Noting that:
 - (a) The race meetings will be conducted as patron-free events and are restricted to Essential Racing Personnel working at the race meeting only.
 - (b) Essential Racing Personnel are entitled to attend race meetings for the purposes of work but must comply with all Queensland Health directions.
 - (c) Patrons are not permitted to attend race meetings conducted in the impacted areas.
16. Patrons can attend race meetings outside of the impacted areas (i.e., the rest of Queensland). Noting that residents from the NSW border zone cannot cross the border for the sole purpose of attending a race meeting as a spectator. A person can only cross the border for the purposes of performing work at a race meeting, and the person must possess the relevant border entry pass.
17. Notwithstanding point 16, the lockdown restrictions apply to any person who has been in the impacted areas from 1am July 31, 2021 no matter where they are now. As such:
 - (a) Essential Racing Personnel who have left the impacted areas to return to their place of residence outside of the impacted areas are subject to the lockdown restrictions, but they can attend a racing/training venue for the purposes of their work;
 - (b) Essential Racing Personnel are permitted to enter or leave an impacted area to attend a racing/training venue for the purposes of their work, but must return to their place of residence, or temporary accommodation, upon completion of their work, and are subject to the lockdown restrictions; and
 - (c) Non-licensed persons (i.e., patrons) who have been in an impacted area cannot attend a race meeting or a racing venue outside of the impacted areas as they are subject to the lockdown restrictions.

Core Racing Areas

18. Access to Core Racing Areas of all racing venues throughout Queensland is restricted to Essential Racing Personnel only.
19. Owners are not permitted entry to Core Racing Areas of any racing venue in Queensland at this time.



Face masks

20. At all race meetings in the impacted areas (i.e., the specified LGAs in point 3), a face mask must be worn by:
 - (a) All Essential Racing Personnel: at all times in line with Government requirements, including indoors, stabling/kennelling areas, in mounting yards, behind barriers, starting boxes etc. Jockeys and drivers are not required to wear a face mask whilst racing but must wear a face mask at all other times.
21. At race meetings outside of the impacted areas (i.e., the rest of Queensland):
 - (a) All Essential Racing Personnel: must wear a face mask at all times in the Core Racing Areas of the venue, including indoors, stabling/kennelling areas, in mounting yards, behind barriers, starting boxes etc. Jockeys and drivers are not required to wear a face mask whilst racing but must wear a face mask at all other times in the Core Racing Areas; and
 - (b) Face masks are not required for members of the public or owners except that if they have been in the impacted areas (i.e., the specified LGAs in point 3):
 - (i) in the last 14 days, they must continue to follow the face mask wearing requirements, until 14 days have passed since they were last in the area; or
 - (ii) since 1am July 31, 2021, they are subject to the lockdown restrictions wherever they are located and are not permitted to attend the venue.
22. 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 at all times in line with the Government's requirements. Noting that jockeys/riders/drivers can take down their face mask when mounted and going onto the track. During the lockdown period, only Essential Racing Personnel are permitted to attend.
23. Any NSW border zone resident licensed persons are required to wear a face mask at all times on all Queensland racing or training venues for race meetings, trackwork, barrier trial or jump-out sessions. Noting that jockeys/riders/drivers are not required to wear their face mask whilst racing, and at trackwork/trials/jump-outs they can take down their face mask when mounted and going onto the track.

Temperature testing on arrival

24. Temperature testing of Essential Racing Personnel on arrival at all TAB race meetings throughout Queensland will be conducted during this period.

Occupant Density

25. Occupant density requirements are 1 person per 4 square metres indoors in the impacted areas. At all times, relevant physical distancing and spacing requirements must be adhered to.
26. Racing clubs in the impacted areas offering food and drink to Essential Racing Personnel should, where possible, restrict this service to take-away/pre-packaged style food. Drink must be restricted to non-alcoholic options only.
27. Where 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 NSW border zone should be separated from local jockeys where possible).

Contact tracing alerts

28. 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 \(www.qld.gov.au\)](#)

29. 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);
 - (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).
30. Further to the Queensland Government's requirements, if you have been to any of the identified exposure venues at the relevant exposure times, you must also advise Racing Queensland and the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission. You will be prohibited from entering or attending any Queensland racing or training venue (including stables) until 14 days have passed since you were at the exposure venue.

