

To become effective from midday Friday, September 18, 2020

Purpose

The objectives of the Onsite Camp-out Event Protocol is to:

- Protect racing industry stakeholders, patrons and licensed racing venues from the potential spread of COVID-19;
- Define the process for racing clubs seeking to offer camping facilities to industry participants and patrons at their racing venue leading up to and after race meetings that are conducted and managed under the Industry COVID Safe Plan for the Queensland Racing Industry and Racing Clubs (the Industry Plan).

Background

The Queensland racing industry encompasses many racing venues located in regional and rural locations throughout Queensland. Due to the remote location of these racing clubs, and the distances industry participants are required to travel between venues to participate, many stakeholders (participants and patrons) rely upon camping facilities at the racing venue in order to attend race meetings.

The Industry Plan centred on the reintroduction of patrons to race meetings and the core racing and non-racing functions associated with the licenced meetings. Given that camping is not a core racing function and that camping activities can operate for days before and/or after a specified race meeting, the Industry Plan does not specifically address the practice of on-site camping.

This protocol serves to guide racing clubs on the process and requirements to seek the appropriate authorisation to host COVID Safe camping activities at their licenced racing venue as a separate non-racing event.

Scope

This protocol has been established for racing clubs that are seeking to host and manage camping activities at a licenced racing venue.

This protocol does not cover:

- Camping activity on reserves or facilities close to or adjoining the licenced racing venue under the control of another entity; or
- Camping activity where the racing venue is located at a showground, shared reserve or Council facility, and another entity other than the licenced racing club (i.e. the Council) manages camping at the facility.

Treatment of Camping as a Separate Event

Racing clubs are to establish the camping activity as a detached event from the race meeting. To do this the 'Camp-out Event' needs to be separated and physically located away and from the area where the race meet is conducted.

Racing clubs will need to apply the Queensland Government's [Industry Framework for COVID Safe Events](#) to manage the 'Camp-out Event'.

Facility Requirements

For the camping activity to function as a separate 'Camp-out Event', racing clubs must adhere to the following facility requirements:

- Establish set boundaries separating areas controlled by the existing Industry Plan for racing, and the camping area that will operate under the COVID Safe Event Framework.
- The camping area requires its own separate facilities/amenities exclusively for campers with no sharing of facilities with the racing area, except where essential racing personnel camp at the facility, in which case they should be encouraged to use the exclusive facilities in the licenced participant area to limit their contact with the public campers.
- If racing clubs do not have separate facilities/amenities exclusively for camping, then they may only offer accommodation to self-contained caravaners (i.e. vans with on board shower/toilet).
- The following guidelines are to be adopted for the 'Camp-out Event' area:
 - Camping area population is limited to one person per 4 square metres.
 - Camping area population is limited to a maximum of 20 people per toilet facility.
 - Designated camp sites are to be 15 metres apart.
 - Physical distancing requirements are to be strictly adhered to.
 - Monitor camp set-ups to ensure they are within the designated camp sites.
 - Ensure physical distancing signage is visible within camping areas, especially within the amenities.
 - Frequent environment cleaning and disinfection must be maintained, with additional cleaning of the camping area amenities required during peak usage times, such as mornings and evenings.
 - Hand and respiratory hygiene must be encouraged.
 - Monitor levels of hand soaps and/or hand sanitiser in the camping area amenities.
 - Any person who has symptoms related to Covid-19 must be excluded from the site.
 - Contact information must be kept for all persons for contact tracing purposes, including name, email, mobile number and the date and time period of their camping stay. Information must be retained for at least 56 days.
 - The club is to develop Covid Safe protocols which detail how the above conditions will be met.

Events Framework Requirements

Racing clubs must read the Queensland Government's [Industry Framework for COVID Safe Events](#) and follow the necessary process and apply the principles outlined in order to host a separate 'Camp-out Event'. The Framework provides further guidance on developing COVID Safe Event Plans. The planned event must be hosted in accordance with the following conditions:

- **Events up to 500 people:** can proceed by following [COVID Safe Event Checklist](#).
- **Events with 500 to 10,000 people:** develop a COVID Safe Event Plan and submit to COVID19.Industryplans@health.qld.gov.au for approval by the local Public Health Unit.
- **Events of more than 10,000 people:** develop a COVID Safe Event Plan and submit to COVID19.Industryplans@health.qld.gov.au for approval by the Queensland Chief Health Officer.

Organisers of events larger than 500 people and operating in compliance with an Approved Plan other than a COVID Safe Event Plan must notify the Public Health Unit of the event a **minimum** of 10 business days before the event by emailing COVID-19.Industryplans@health.qld.gov.au.

The Framework provides further guidance to the conduct of COVID Safe Events, including, but not limited to:

- Aside from any approvals required from the Chief Health Officer or a Public Health Unit, an event organiser is required to obtain any relevant licences, permits or approvals ordinarily required to conduct the event. The event organiser may be required to submit their Event Plan to the venue owner/operator or other approval bodies in order to obtain relevant approvals. The focus of these approvals will be the non-public health aspects of the Event Plan.
- COVID Safe Event Plans and COVID Safe Event Checklists should be retained and made available if requested by relevant authorities including Local Council, Queensland Police Service and Queensland Health.
- The event organiser is required to display the appropriate Statement of Compliance for the 'Camp-out Event'. Note this is a separate Statement of Compliance from the one required under the Racing Industry's COVID Safe Plan.