ALLOCATION OF RACE DAYS 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(b) 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 allocation of race days to licensed clubs.

2. POLICY NAME

This policy is named the *Allocation of Race Days 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 outline how RQ makes decisions in relation to the allocation of race days to licensed clubs, including the principles and processes RQ uses to determine those allocations.

5. WHO IS AFFECTED BY THE POLICY?

This policy is a policy for all codes of racing.

This policy applies to RQ, its employees and processes, in determining the allocation of race days to licensed clubs. This Policy affects all clubs licensed by RQ to hold race meetings, as well as participants who take part in those meetings and other industry stakeholders, including the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission.

6. HOW DECISIONS ARE TO BE MADE

6.1. Allocation of Race Days

Each year, RQ will allocate race days in a manner that aims to deliver the greatest overall benefit to the Queensland racing industry, having regard to commercial outcomes, industry sustainability, participant opportunities, club viability and community benefit.

Through this Policy, RQ recognises that the above considerations may be weighted differently for TAB and non-TAB race meetings, reflecting the different roles those meetings play within the industry.

6.2. TAB Race Meetings

Consistent with section 6.1, when allocating TAB race meetings to licensed clubs, RQ will give primary weight to commercial outcomes that support the long-term sustainability of the Queensland racing industry, including wagering turnover and wagering revenue, while also aiming to:

(a) support the sustainability of licensed clubs and venues, including by recognising strategic investment in those venues;
(b) provide appropriate racing opportunities for participants and racing animals, with consideration to participant and animal populations, field sizes, the timing and distribution of race meetings within a region and other relevant factors (including but not limited to environmental factors); and
(c) consider the broader economic and community benefits generated through racing activities.

6.3. Non-TAB Race Meetings

Consistent with section 6.1, when allocating non-TAB race meetings to licensed clubs, RQ will aim to:

(a) support the sustainability of licensed clubs and venues, particularly in regional and country areas;
(b) provide appropriate racing opportunities for participants and racing animals, with consideration to participant and animal populations, field sizes, the timing and distribution of race meetings within a region and other relevant factors (including but not limited to environmental factors);
(c) deliver benefits to local communities through racing and associated activities; and
(d) support the growth of commercial or wagering opportunities where appropriate.

6.4. Race Dates Calendar

By the end of April each year, RQ will release the race dates calendar for the next year starting on 1 July by publishing the calendar on the RQ website or other publications for one or more codes of racing.

In developing the race dates calendar, RQ will invite licensed clubs to submit requests concerning proposed race dates, feature meetings, carnivals, additional race days and the status of race meetings, and provide licensed clubs with a reasonable opportunity to comment on their proposed allocation prior to the race dates calendar being finalised. RQ may also consult with participants, industry bodies, commercial partners, government agencies and other relevant stakeholders.

Without limiting any of its powers under the Act, other RQ policies or the Rules of Racing, RQ may vary the race dates calendar throughout each year consistent with this Policy. RQ will consult with any licensed club materially affected by a proposed variation to the race dates calendar before making that variation.

Later versions of the race dates calendar, wherever published, will take precedence over earlier versions.

6.5. Roles & Responsibilities

RQ will administer the allocation of race days in accordance with this Policy.

Licensed clubs must comply with the Rules of Racing that govern the allocation of race days.

7. RULES OF RACING

Rules of Racing have been 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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