Transfer of Meeting to SCTC All-Weather (Synthetic) Track Procedure

RACING QUEENSLAND

1. Purpose & Scope

RQ reserves the right to transfer a race meeting from a turf track to the Sunshine Coast Turf Club (SCTC) all-weather track after considering the track rating and both the prevailing and forecast weather conditions.

The potential transfer of race meetings which include Black Type or Feature races, whilst subject to the provisions of this procedure, will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

The following guidelines are to be applied should a meeting at SCTC or another turf track require transferring to the SCTC all-weather track.

2. Procedure

2.1 Transfer of SCTC Course Proper Meetings to the SCTC All-Weather Track - Prior to Scratching Deadline

The decision to transfer an SCTC course proper meeting to the all-weather track may be made under the following circumstances:

If, prior to 6:30am on race morning, the course proper track condition is deemed unsuitable for racing on or weather forecast predictions are that any further rain prior to the commencement of the race meeting may render the track unsuitable for racing on.

Timing of Decision

To ensure RQ is positioned to appropriately communicate with stakeholders the deadline for the decision to transfer the meeting to the all-weather track will be made no later than 6:30am on raceday morning.

This timeframe will enable RQ to review race distances and field sizes (if necessary) and to advise stakeholders via various communication mediums (including SMS messaging) prior to the 7:30am scratching deadline.

Adjustment of Race Distances and Field Sizes

As the all-weather track may not cater for the same race distances and field limits as the course proper, RQ may be required to alter the race distances or field sizes of some or all of the transferred races at the

meeting. In instances where field sizes are adjusted standard RQ balloting conditions will be applied to reduce the field size(s) to the safety limit.

This information will then be disseminated to affected stakeholders at 6:30am on raceday by RQ via various communication mediums (including SMS messaging).

All race names and race orders shall remain as were previously published at final acceptance deadline.

Scratchings

The scratching deadline will remain at 7:30am for any SCTC meeting transferred to the all-weather track.

RQ will waive scratching fees in respect of any horse scratched following the transfer of a meeting to the all-weather track.

Any horse scratched by its connections prior to the decision to transfer the meeting having been made cannot be reinstated into a race.

Communication Strategy

Due to time constraints surrounding the 6:30am decision making process, RQ will utilise SMS functionality, other communication methods and media to disseminate information pertaining to the meeting's transfer to stakeholders.

Where it is deemed necessary, RQ will also endeavor to contact trainers and riders with engagements at the meeting via mobile phone as soon as practicable in advance of the scratching deadline.

2.2 Transfer of SCTC Course Proper Meetings to SCTC All-Weather Track – After Scratching Deadline

Should QRIC Stewards, following consultation with appropriate stakeholder sector groups and RQ, deem the condition of the SCTC course proper unsuitable for racing on after scratching deadline (including once the meeting has commenced), they may proceed to transfer a race meeting (in full or in part) to the all-weather track.

To ensure RQ is positioned to appropriately communicate with stakeholders the timing of a decision to transfer a meeting to the all-weather track after scratching time and in particular in instances where it is during the course of a race meeting, it may require the race meeting to be rescheduled back one or more races according to the official published race times.

The decision to amend the race times in such instances will be made by QRIC Stewards in conjunction with club management, Sky and RQ.

Adjustment of Race Distances and Field Sizes

As the all-weather track may not cater for the same race distances or field limits as the course proper, RQ may be required to alter the race distances or field sizes for some or all of the transferred races at the meeting. In instances where field sizes are adjusted standard RQ balloting conditions will be applied to reduce the field size(s) to the safety limit.

This information will then be disseminated to affected stakeholders as soon as practicable by RQ via various communication mediums (including SMS messaging).

All race names and race orders shall remain as were previously published at final acceptance deadline.

Scratchings

RQ will waive scratching fees in respect of any horse scratched following the transfer of an SCTC race or a race meeting to the all-weather track after the scratching deadline.

Any horse scratched by its connections prior to the decision to transfer the meeting having been made cannot be reinstated into a race.

Communication Strategy

Due to time constraints surrounding the decision-making process, RQ will utilise SMS functionality and media to disseminate information pertaining to the meeting's transfer to stakeholders.

Where possible, RQ will also endeavour to contact trainers and riders with engagements at the meeting via mobile phone to confirm the transfer and when appropriate, the change to advertised race distances, starting limits and race times.

2.3 Transfer of Race Meetings from other Venues to SCTC All-Weather Track - Prior to Scratching Deadline

If, in the opinion of RQ and QRIC Stewards, and following the appropriate track inspection processes having been undertaken, the racing surface at a venue other than SCTC is considered to be unsuitable for racing on prior to 1:00pm on the day prior to the race meeting, it may be considered for transferring to the SCTC all-weather track.

The decision to transfer meetings in such instances will necessitate engagement between RQ, QRIC, Sky and management of both clubs.

Note: There is also the potential for race meetings at other venues to be transferred to the SCTC all-weather track for reasons other than unsuitable track conditions, and these will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Timing of Decision

To ensure RQ is positioned to appropriately communicate with stakeholders, the deadline for the decision to transfer a meeting to the all-weather track from another venue must be made prior to 3:00pm on the day prior to the race meeting.

This timeframe will enable RQ to review race distances and field sizes and to advise stakeholders via various communication mediums (including SMS messaging) prior to raceday.

Adjustment of Race Distances and Field Sizes

As the all-weather track may not cater for the same race distances and field limits as the venue from which the meeting has been transferred, RQ may be required to alter the distances and field sizes for some or all of the transferred races.

In instances where the field sizes are adjusted, standard RQ balloting conditions will be applied to reduce the field size(s) to the safety limit. This information will then be disseminated to affected stakeholders on the day prior to raceday by RQ via various communication mediums (including SMS messaging).

In the event that the transfer occurs after final acceptance time and/or when race field publication deadlines have passed, all race names and race order are to remain as published at final acceptances.

If the transfer occurs prior to final acceptance deadline, the race order and race names will be determined by RQ in conjunction with both clubs.

Scratchings

The scratching deadline will remain at 7:30am on the day of the meeting for any race meeting transferred to the SCTC all-weather track from another venue.

RQ will waive the scratching fee for any horse scratched as a consequence of a race meeting being transferred to the SCTC all-weather track from another venue.

Any horse scratched by its connections prior to the decision to transfer the meeting having been made cannot be reinstated into a race.

Communication Strategy

RQ will utilise SMS functionality, media, ATA and AJA to disseminate information pertaining to the meeting's transfer to stakeholders.

2.4 Race Distance and Field Safety Limit Changes

The transfer of races or a race meeting in its entirety from the SCTC course proper to the SCTC all-weather track may result in the requirement to amend some race distances on the program and commensurate with that the safety limits applicable to those races. The following table provides for this:

The changing of race distances and safety limits applicable to race meetings transferred from another venue to the SCTC all-weather track will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

SCTC Course Proper	SCTC All-Weather Track	Field Limits
850 metres	1000 metres	12 Runners
1000 metres		
1100 metres	1100 metres	14 Runners
1200 metres		
1300 metres	1400 metres	12 Runners
1400 metres		
1600 metres	1600 metres	12 Runners
1800 metres	2000 metres	12 Runners
2200 metres	2150 metres	14 Runners
2400 metres		

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