



RQ Designated Racing Regions - Thoroughbreds

RQ has divided Queensland into eight training/racing regions with racing restricted to 15 venues. Jockeys are permitted to be based and ride in one of five zones. The attached map demonstrates the zones.

The objectives of the designated racing regions/zones are to:

- Limit the movement of people and horses throughout Queensland, and in turn any unnecessary spread of COVID-19; and
- Protect Queensland licensed racing and training centres from the spread of COVID-19.

CONDITIONS OF OPERATING

TRAINERS AND STABLE STAFF

- Trainers and Stable Staff (track riders and stable hands) are restricted to attending work at the stables, training tracks and race meetings within their designated zone only.

Metro Zones

- Trainers and Stable Staff located at **BRC, GCTC, TTC & SCTC** are restricted to working **at their designated club venues only. This includes official trials and jump outs.**
- Trainers and Stable Staff located at **other training locations** are restricted to working **at their designated club for trackwork, with allowance to attend alternate like venues for jump outs or official trials within their designated zone (e.g. Lockyer Valley RC & Ipswich TC).**
- Any Trainer or Stable Staff member wishing to relocate to a venue within their designated zone must get permission of the QRIC Stewards prior to recommencing work.
- Any Trainer or Stable Staff member wishing to **relocate to a venue in another zone must get permission of the QRIC Stewards and complete 14-day self-isolation** prior to recommencing work.

Regional Zones

- Trainers and Stable Staff located at **regional training locations** are restricted to working **at their primary designated club venue for trackwork, with allowance to attend alternate local venues (within 50km) in their designated zone for official trials and jump outs.**

- Any Trainer or Stable Staff member wishing to relocate to a venue within their designated zone must get permission of the QRIC Stewards prior to recommencing work.
- Any Trainer or Stable Staff member wishing to **relocate to a venue in another zone must get permission of the QRIC Stewards and complete 14-day self-isolation** prior to recommencing work.

JOCKEYS

Metro Zones

There are two Metro Jockey Zones. Jockeys can select to operate in **one Metro Zone exclusively** and must comply with the following:

- Provide notification to RQ and QRIC of chosen Metro Zone for activity.
- Jockeys located at **BRC, GCTC, TTC & SCTC** are restricted to working **at their designated club venues only. This includes official trials and jump outs.**
- Jockeys located at **other training locations** are restricted to working **at their designated club venue for trackwork, with allowance to attend alternate local venues for jump outs within their designated zone (e.g. Lockyer Valley RC & Ipswich TC).**
- Any Jockey wishing to relocate to a venue within their designated zone must get permission of the QRIC Stewards prior to recommencing work.
- Any Jockey wishing to relocate to **a venue in another zone must get permission of the QRIC Stewards and complete 14-day self-isolation prior** to recommencing work.

Regional Zones

There are three Regional Jockey Zones (which operate across the trainer zones) to allow Jockeys east-west movement between two adjacent trainer zones. Jockeys can select from the following:

- Darling Downs and SEQ Coastal (Zones 3 and 4).
- Central West and Central (Zones 5 and 6).
- North West and North (Zones 7 and 8).

Jockeys must comply with the following requirements:

- Provide notification to RQ and QRIC of chosen zones for activity.
- Jockeys are restricted to only attend race meetings within their designated zone/s.
- Jockeys located at **regional training locations** are required to nominate **their primary designated club for trackwork, with allowance to attend alternate local venues (within 50km) for trackwork, trials and jump outs.**
- Any Jockey wishing to relocate to a venue within their designated zone/region must get permission of the QRIC Stewards prior to recommencing work.
- Any Jockey wishing to **relocate to another zone/region must get permission of the QRIC Stewards and complete a 14-day self-isolation period** prior to recommencing track work or racing.

APPRENTICES

- Apprentices must remain in the zone in which their master employs them, unless otherwise approved by RQ RTO and the QRIC Stewards.
- Noting that all apprentices are subject to the same conditions as prescribed for Jockeys.

INTERSTATE TRAVEL TRAINERS, STABLE STAFF and OTHER ESSENTIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

- Any licensee who arrives in Queensland via interstate travel, regardless of their mode of transport, will no longer be permitted access to race meetings, training centres or any other licenced premises for a period of at least 14 days.
- These travel restrictions will apply irrespective of where the individual is licensed, registered and/or their primary state of residence.

HORSES TRAVELLING

- During this period, horses will NOT be permitted to be transferred between zones for the purpose of racing (any movement between registered training/racing locations).
- Furthermore, any horse that is presently domiciled interstate and does not enter Queensland by 11.59pm on Sunday, March 29, will not be allocated a region and will no longer be able to race until further notice.
- Horses will be permitted to be transferred across regions for non-racing purposes such a spelling or re-homing, whereby:
 - Spelling within zone – spelling (as per stable return), no restriction; and

- Spelling out of zone – spelling (as per stable return), must be for a minimum of 14 days.
- A review of these measures will be conducted by RQ after 14 days of implementation (no earlier than Tuesday 14 April).

ANIMAL CARE PROVIDERS

- During this period, persons whose primary business is the provision of key animal husbandry and care services (veterinarians, farriers, chiropractors) are permitted to continue to operate and service clients, including across zones.
- RQ recommends, wherever possible, these services should be provided:
 - Outside of track-work hours to limit exposure to licensed participants;
 - and
 - Within one zone only on any one day.
- Animal care providers must adhere to the strict bio-security requirements of federal and state governments, including social distancing and hygiene.
- Trainers are required to keep a log-book to record all visits to stables by animal care providers.