



HORSE MOVEMENT PROTOCOL DECLARATION COVID -19 INTERSTATE HOTSPOT

TRAINER NAME & LOCATION: _____

RACING VENUE & RACE MEETING DATE	HORSE NAME

INTERSTATE HOTSPOT TRAVEL :

It is mandatory for trainers located within COVID-19 declared hotspots (including border zones) to notify QRIC stewards of arrangements for travel and care of horses travelling into Queensland from interstate for racing purposes by completing this declaration prior to the horse's departure*; and

- Horses traveling to Queensland for the purposes of racing must have completed their journey prior to 5pm on the day prior to their nominated race. (unless Trainer has an approved RQ border zone declaration)

NAME & LOCATION OF INTENDED LICENCED PREMISES FOR RACING PURPOSES:

METHOD OF TRANSPORT :

NAME OF APPROVED FLOAT COMPANY: _____

- An 'Approved Float Company' is any float company which is registered as a transport company and which has sought and been granted approval by Racing Queensland to transport racing thoroughbreds within Queensland or from interstate, as the case may be.
- The 'Approved Float Company' acknowledges all responsibilities and requirements associated with the Queensland Government freight protocols.



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BORDER ZONE – PRIVATE TRAINING LOCATION

For participants located at a private training location within the border zone, who are eligible for Queensland Government border pass for the purposes of work and have an approved RQ border zone declaration.

TRANSPORT BY OTHER THAN APPROVED FLOAT COMPANY: YES NO

NAME OF PERSON TRANSPORTING HORSE(S): _____

In instances where horses are transported within the Border zone by parties other than an approved float company, the person transporting that horse should not have accessed any licensed racing or public training facility in a declared hotspot (all of NSW and Victoria) in the previous 14 days.

DECLARATION:

I hereby agree to abide by the conditions and determinations as prescribed by the State Government of Queensland, Racing Queensland and the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission in relation to the movement of thoroughbred racehorses, during the COVID-19 period. Further, I have sighted and agree to conform with the stipulations of the attached Racing Queensland Recommended Horse Transportation Protocols.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

***ONCE COMPLETED, THIS DECLARATION MUST BE PROVIDED TO QRIC STEWARDS at Peter.Chadwick@qric.qld.gov.au WITHIN THE AFOREMENTIONED PRESCRIBED TIMEFRAMES. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS STIPULATION MAY RESULT IN THE HORSE(S) BEING WITHDRAWN BY QRIC FROM THE RACE IN WHICH IT HAS BEEN ENTERED.**



RECOMMENDED COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR TRANSPORT OF RACEHORSES

Racing in Queensland is currently being conducted in a restricted format to minimise the risk of spread of human COVID-19 amongst racing participants and the general public.

As horses are not the primary species involved in spread of coronavirus infection, a decision has recently been made to allow movement of horses between racing regions to enable better matching of horses with racing opportunities.

As any movement of a horse necessarily also involves movement of people who are directly involved in the horse's transport, it is vital that protocols are in place to prevent unnecessary contact between the people involved in the horse's transport at either end of the journey.

In order to achieve the desired outcome, horse transport should involve the minimum staff necessary at all stages of the journey (pick-up, transport and drop-off). Attention must also be drawn towards the potential for gear and other objects (including the animal) that come into contact with a potentially infected person to spread the infection to another person.

Accordingly, the following protocol has been developed by Racing Queensland in conjunction with the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC).

Horse Pick-up

- Prior to arrival at pick-up location, the horse transporter should be showered and wearing a clean set of clothing. Hand hygiene should be performed just prior to arrival;
- Prior communication with pick-up location should occur to facilitate efficient pick-up of horse;
- The transporter should be met by one allocated person at the pick-up location who has undergone the same level of personal hygiene and hand sanitisation;
- The truck should be made ready to receive the horse (ramps down, dividers open etc); and
- There shall be an allocated person at the pick-up location to open the horse's stable (while maintaining social distancing from transporter) allowing the transporter to catch the horse with their own head collar and lead and place it in the transport bay on their truck, secure the gate and drive to the destination.



Transport

- Stops en-route should be kept to a bare minimum (fuel stop, toilet stop etc) with close attention paid to social distancing and regular hand hygiene;
- Travel should be planned to follow the most direct route to minimise travel time; and
- For longer journeys the legislative requirements for rest and watering stops for land transport of the horse will need to be adhered to, ensuring the horse's welfare during the journey.

Horse Drop-off

- Prior communication with the drop-off location is necessary to ensure the efficient drop-off of the horse at destination;
- The transporter is to be met by a single allocated person at the drop-off destination, who has undergone personal and hand hygiene procedures as previously detailed (shower, clean clothes and hand hygiene);
- The transporter is to remain in the cabin at all times and provide access to the horse in the transport bay to the allocated drop-off person;
- The allocated drop-off person is to undo the transporter's head collar and replace it with their own head collar and lead prior to leading the horse off the truck and into the stable complex;
- The horse is to be shampooed in horse wash/detergent before drying off and being placed in its allocated stable;
- All head collars and leads (transporter's and drop-off recipient's) are to be disinfected prior to next use; and
- The transporter and drop-off recipient are to undergo hand hygiene.