



TASRACING COVID SAFE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

HARNESS TRIALS - STATEWIDE





EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Harness Trials are critical to the safety and welfare of the horse as well as the efficient operation of normal race meetings.

Harness Trials are to be conducted at a racetrack with no more than 10 people in any one operational location of the racecourse facilities.

Harness Trials definition:

- Trials in the harness code refer to the training and education of standardbreds for the purpose of fitness, remedial work, injury management, education and qualifying to race.
- They differ from racing in that there are significantly less participants and minimal officials required for them to be run.
- This document outlines Tasracing's Standard Operating Procedures for Harness Trials during COVID-19 (CSOP's).
- Tasracing's harness trial operations will be managed strictly in-line with these CSOPs and will also adhere to WorkSafe Tasmania's Guidelines for COVID Safe Workplace operations.
- Tasracing has allocated a new supervisory role in the form of 'Track Marshall'. Track Marshalls will oversee and enforce these CSOPs. Tasracing's Track Marshalls will be assisted by Office of Racing Integrity Stewards who have existing powers to enforce all Tasracing operational procedures.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (cont')

WorkSafe Tasmania's COVID Safe minimum standards required to be met at a workplace are as follows:

- manage the risks of a person contracting or spreading COVID-19 in the workplace
- implement and maintain a cleaning schedule across the workplace
- have good hygiene procedures and practices (such as washing and/or sanitising of hands)
- ensure workers who have been instructed to quarantine or self-isolate don't come to the workplace
- make sure physical distancing requirements are met by workers, contractors and others entering, leaving or moving around the workplace.
- provide information, training and supervision on how the risks of COVID-19 are to be managed and ensure all processes and procedures are applied by the workers.
- provide information and instruction to other people who attend the workplace about how they are to comply with your processes and procedures, and make sure they apply them.

Trial procedures to be reviewed on an ongoing basis with any changes to be notified to industry.



TRIAL DAY PROTOCOLS

BEFORE LEAVING HOME

If you identify as any of the below factors, it is recommended you stay home and not attend any meeting.

- Are suffering coronavirus symptoms or are otherwise unwell.
- Identify if you are in a high risk group including the following:
 - aged 70+
 - A person with an underlying illness that make you more vulnerable to respiratory disease, including those with diabetes, chronic lung disease, kidney failure and people with suppressed immune systems.
- Are subject to self-isolation requirements imposed by the Government
- Have been in close contact with a person suspected or confirmed to have coronavirus.

Any race day staff or participants will be refused entry at the venue if they display any of the following symptoms:

- *Fever above 38 degrees*
- *Cough*
- *Any flu or cold-like symptoms.*

VENUE RESTRICTIONS AND HYGIENE

- No food or drink will be available for purchase or distribution at venues.
- Tasracing will permanently open doors where possible to allow access without touching surfaces.
- Tasracing will provide suitable gloves for participants to wear if they wish.
- Hand sanitiser will be supplied at the entry to the venue, toilets, stables and throughout the remainder of the venue.
- Attendees should wash/sanitise their hands thoroughly throughout the trials where possible.



TRIAL DAY PROTOCOLS (cont')

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- All approved race day personnel and participants are required to comply with the strict social distancing requirements while attending race meetings and trial sessions.
- Minimum 1.5 metres between any two personnel at all times where possible.

OBEY STEWARDS AND COVID-19 TRACK MARSHALLS

- Participants and trial day personnel will be advised that Stewards and Track Marshalls will be observing all personnel at all times to ensure compliance with protocols.
- Stewards or Track Marshall's will instruct any person breaching these protocols to leave the venue immediately.
- Compliance with protocols will be enforced as a direction of the Stewards, non-compliance will be dealt with under the provisions of AHRR 238.

DUTIES OF TRACK MARSHALLS

- Tasracing will provide COVID-19 Track Marshalls at every trial meeting.
- Track Marshalls will be responsible for ensuring all documented protocols are adhered to by all staff and participants.
- Track Marshalls will be authorised to demand identification information and will report any breach to race day stewards.

VENUE SIGNAGE AND SOCIAL DISTANCE MARKINGS

- Tasracing will display clear instructions and reminders on these protocols at all racing and training venues.
- Floor and ground markings will be installed where possible to ensure all personnel adhere to social distancing protocols.



TRIAL DAY PROTOCOLS (cont')

VENUE ENTRY PROTOCOLS

- The venue will have only one designated entry/exit point.
- Photo ID must be presented by ALL persons seeking entrance.
- All participants are recommended to download and utilise the COVIDSafe app and will be requested to produce their phone and show the installation and operation of the app on entry to the venue. Participants who fail to produce a phone or produce a phone without the app installed and functional will be need to provide a travel log prior to entry.
- The minimum requirement for travel detail to be kept by a participant attending a trial meeting (who does not have the COVIDSafe app) will be as follows:
 - Day and Date
 - Name of persons making the journey
 - Address from which departed
 - Location of any stops during the journey (road, town, business)
- Security staff will check every attendee off the official approved attendee list for trial day.
- Fever testing will be conducted at the venue entry. Any person who returns a temperature reading of more than 38 degrees, and/or submits answers which indicate possible COVID-19 exposure will be refused entry to the racecourse.
- A hygiene station will be located at the entrance and at other locations throughout the venue.

TRANSPORT CONTROLS

- On commencement of travel, personnel are to avoid un-necessary toilet, food, petrol or other stops.
- All travel must be completed in the one day (no overnight stops).



TRIAL DAY PROTOCOLS (cont')

ENTRY TO STABLING AREA

- Stall allocation on trial day will provide minimum one stall as spacing between each stable group to assist with social distancing.

STABLEHANDS

- Trainers are required to nominate the stablehand who will assist them on trial day.
- One stablehand permitted per (up to) five horses. Up to a maximum of six total stablehands.
- Any exception to the above must be approved by Tasracing and ORI prior to any meeting.

STARTING

- Only mobile starts will be permitted to reduce pre-trial interaction.
- One mobile starting barrier driver per zone will be allocated (total two drivers).

OTHER

- Drivers only permitted to wear one set of silks per meeting.
- Drivers to wear gloves when handling horses at all times.
- Hand sanitiser will be available in the stables to use

FIELDS

- Fields sizes will be limited to five (5)
- Number of trials will be determined after nominations have closed
- Trial fields will be designed around Trainers so that on course numbers are minimised



TRIAL DAY PROTOCOLS (cont')

TRIAL DAY

- Approved Industry personnel will only be able to access the venue 30 minutes prior to their first trial.
- Stalls will be allocated to ensure physical distancing.
- Large stables will be allocated a set area within stable complex
- Saddlecloths are to be collected and returned to stable office and to be sanitised after each race
- Trainers must have horses cross tied to stalls with reins on the drivers seat or dust sheet ready for driver to collect for trial.
- Those persons only engaged as a Driver must only enter the stabling area when collecting their drive. Gloves to be worn at all times
- Trials will be charged at \$10 p/trial. Tasracing will invoice trainers. No cash is to be exchanged on track.

VENUE ACCESS – APPROVED PERSONNEL

- Trainers to notify of attending stablehands by 4pm close of nominations day.
- Approved personnel list sent to Security 5pm close of nominations day.
- Only approved personnel listed will be allowed entry.
- Notifications to be advised to racing@tasracing.com.au

TRIAL DAY PROTOCOLS (cont')

TRIAL DETAILS

- Mobile Start trials only to be held
- Distances to be run:
 - Hobart 1609m and 2090m
 - Launceston 1680m and 2200m
- Qualifying and Open trials to be scheduled.
- Nominations to be submitted via harness.org
- Field sizes limited to five (5)
- Stall Directory to be allocated on trial days
- 30 minutes scheduled between trials
- Fields will be drawn considering trainer's location / total nominations to reduce on course population.
- Trainers / Stablehands / Drivers to leave venue within 20 minutes of final engagement

TRIAL SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Venue	Arrival time	Nominations close
Wednesday	20 th May 2020	Hobart	4pm – 1 st Trial 4:30pm	12 noon Monday 18 th May
Saturday	23 rd May 2020	Launceston	10am – 1 st Trial 10:30am	12 noon Thursday 21 st May
Monday	25 th May 2020	Hobart	4pm – 1 st Trial 4:30pm	12 noon Friday 22 nd May
Saturday	30 th May 2020	Launceston	10am – 1 st Trial 10:30am	12 noon Thursday 28 th May
Monday	1 st June 2020	Hobart	4pm – 1 st Trial 4:30pm	12 noon Friday 29 th May
Saturday	6 th June 2020	Launceston	10am – 1 st Trial 10:30am	12 noon Thursday 4 th June
Monday	8 th June 2020	Hobart	4pm – 1 st Trial 4:30pm	12 noon Friday 5 th June
Saturday	13 th June 2020	Launceston	10am – 1 st Trial 10:30am	12 noon Thursday 11 th June

**Hobart trials may commence earlier dependant on number of nominations*