



# TASRACING COVID SAFE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

## THOROUGHBRED TRIALS - STATEWIDE





# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

Thoroughbred track gallops, jump-outs and trials are critical to the safety and welfare of the horse as well as the efficient operation of normal race meetings. The key differences between Track Gallops, Jump Outs and Trials are:

## **Track gallops**

- These are practice gallops on an official race track surface to assist horses in preparation for racing conditions.
- They can be conducted with one or more horses.
- They are often conducted with a small number of horses on track at one time. (Maximum four horses at any one time.)
- They do not use official starting barriers or track staff, horses simply exercise on the race track.
- Security, track marshals and medical staff will attend.

## **Jump-outs**

- Jump-outs are unofficial trials used by trainers as part of their overall training programs.
- Security, track marshals and medical staff will attend.

## **Trials**

- Trials are used as an extension of track gallops and jump-outs as part of an integrated training schedule to prepare horses for race days.
- Trials are operated under limited full race-day conditions including official times, margins, placings.
- Limited essential racing operational staff are required: vet, two medical staff, one steward, four barrier attendants, one mounted clerk of the course, one Tasracing operational staff member, one broadcast technician, one race caller.
- Security, track marshals and medical staff will attend.

All are critical to the education and fitness preparation of a horse to enable it to race safely and for other horses and jockeys to race safely around it.



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (cont')

This document includes Tasracing's Standard Operating Procedures for thoroughbred track gallops, jump-outs and trials under in Covid-19 conditions.

Tasracing's thoroughbred track gallops, jump-outs and trials will be managed strictly in-line with these CSOPs and will also adhere to WorkSafe Tasmanian's Guidelines for COVID Safe Workplace operations.

Tasracing has allocated a new supervisory role in the form of 'Track Marshall'. These Track Marshalls are Tasracing employees and 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 trial and race meeting operational procedures.

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 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.
- Are subject to self-isolation requirements imposed by the Government
- Have been in close contact with a person suspected or confirmed to have coronavirus.

People aged 70 years and over, people aged 65 years and over with chronic medical conditions, people with compromised immune systems, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over the age of 50, are at greater risk of more serious illness if they are infected with COVID-19. Chronic medical conditions include diabetes, lung disease, heart disease, cancer and kidney failure. There is currently no cure or vaccine for COVID-19 coronavirus, or immunity in the community, so you need to protect yourself. so you must exercise a high degree of caution when deciding to attend race meetings and trials.

Tasracing strongly recommends that people most at risk continue to stay at home, avoid contact with others and carefully consider whether attending race meetings and trial sessions (including accessing licensed kennels) will compromise their health. Should you attend race meetings and trial sessions, Tasracing reminds you to practice good hygiene and physical distancing measures to ensure your health and wellbeing.

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')

## VENUE ENTRY PROTOCOLS

- The venue will have only one designated entry/exit point.
- Photo ID must be presented by ALL persons seeking entrance.
- Tasracing encourages all licensed participants to play an important role in helping stop the spread of COVID-19 by downloading the COVIDSafe app. Downloading the app is something you can do to protect yourself, your family and the industry. The app helps expedite contact tracing and serves to benefit the racing industry in the event the app user tests positive for COVID-19. If you do not wish to download the app or do not have a smartphone to download the app, Tasracing recommends that you maintain a travel log to perform a similar function.
- 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')

## **SOCIAL DISTANCING**

- All personnel are required to comply with the strict social distancing requirements while attending trial sessions.
- Minimum distance of 1.5 metres between any two personnel.

## **OBEY OFFICIALS AND COVID-19 TRACK MARSHALLS**

- Track Marshalls will be observing all personnel at all times to ensure compliance with protocols.
- Any participant who is found to be breaching a rule/protocol will be reported to the stewards for inquiry and will be subject to any penalty the stewards deem appropriate and will be required to leave the race venue immediately.

## **DUTIES OF TRACK MARSHALLS**

- Tasracing will provide COVID-19 Track Marshalls at every trial session.
- Track Marshalls will be located throughout the venue.
- Track Marshalls will be responsible for ensuring all documented protocols are adhered to by all persons.
- Track Marshalls may demand identification information and will be authorised to report breaches to the stewards.

## **VENUE SIGNAGE AND SOCIAL DISTANCE MARKINGS**

- Tasracing will display clear instructions and reminders on these protocols at the venue.
- Floor and ground markings will be installed (where feasible/possible) to assist all personnel to adhere to social distancing protocols.
- COVID-19 Track Marshalls will monitor personnel in relation to adhering to floor or ground markings.



## **TRIAL DAY PROTOCOLS (cont')**

- The trainer, or the licensed Stablehand in charge of Thoroughbred/s at the meeting, are required to stable and gear their own horses. If a Trainer has five or more Thoroughbreds at a race meeting additional stablehands will be permitted and must be advised by the prescribed time.
- Participants are required to leave the racecourse once their horse(s) have raced and/or they have no further involvement in the meeting.
- All persons entering the track will be temperature tested. Access will not be permitted to any person that:
  - Is suffering from coronavirus symptoms or is otherwise unwell.
  - Is subject to self-isolation requirements imposed by the Government.
  - Has been in close contact with a person suspected or confirmed to have coronavirus.

### **STABLE ALLOCATION**

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

### **STARTING**

- Fields to be capped at four.
- Participants who leg riders on are required to wear gloves or sanitize hands between trials.
- All starters will be loaded alternatively to ensure social distancing requirements are met.
- All barrier attendants will wear gloves and may not touch the jockeys, unless absolutely required from a safety perspective.

### **CLOTHING AND SADDLE CLOTHS**

- Jockeys are required to wear a single set of silks for all trials.
- Saddle cloths will be allocated so that they can be disinfected between trials. Multiple sets will be used throughout each trial session.

# ELWICK SITE MAP



- Security Guards / Track Marshall
- Temperature Testing
- Hygiene Station
- Transporter's Car Park



## Elwick Trial locations

*Note - each track operational location must have less than ten personnel at all times*



# LONGFORD SITE MAP



- Security Guards / Track Marshall
- Temperature Testing
- Hygiene Station
- Transporter's Car Park

## Longford Trial Locations

*Note – each track operational location must have less than 10 personnel at all times*



## Thoroughbred Trials

Day	Date	Venue	First Trial	Nominations close
Tuesday	19th May 2020	Longford	9am	Monday 18th May - 9am
Friday	22nd May 2020	Hobart	9am	Thursday 21st May - 9am
Tuesday	26th May 2020	Longford	9am	Monday 25th May - 9am
Friday	29th May 2020	Hobart	9am	Thursday 28th May - 9am
Tuesday	2nd June 2020	Longford	9am	Monday 1st June - 9am
Friday	5th June 2020	Hobart	9am	Thursday 4th June - 9am
Tuesday	9th June 2020	Longford	9am	Monday 8th June - 9am
Monday	15th June 2020	Hobart	9am	Friday 12th June - 9am
Tuesday	16th June 2020	Longford	9am	Monday 15th June - 9am
Friday	26th June 2020	Hobart	9am	Thursday 25th June - 9am

*\*Trial dates are subject to change.*