



TASMANIAN HARNESS TRACK RULES

DEFINITIONS:

Tasracing	Tasracing Pty Ltd
ORI	Office of Racing Integrity
BTC	Brighton Training Centre
ELW	Elwick Racecourse
CP	Carrick Park
Centres	Tasmanian Training Centres (BTC, ELW, CP)

- All Tasmanian Training Centres (BTC, ELW, CP) are available for use only if a person has the requisite ORI licence, or Interstate equivalent, as required by the Harness Australia Rules of Racing.
- All persons using the Centre are bound by the Australian Harness Rules of Racing. Persons will not use the Centre unless approved by Tasracing. (*The Rules*)
- All persons using the Centre shall be subject to the direction of Tasracing, Track Staff and ORI Stewards.
- The Track Supervisor, Office of Racing Integrity and Tasracing have the power to restrict access to the Centres for any persons at any time.
- All persons using the Centres shall ensure all gates used to enter or leave the complex are closed immediately after use.
- Unless otherwise notified by Tasracing or Track Staff the following shall apply:**
 - BTC – Big Track: Daily 4am – 11:30am & 4pm – 7:30pm; Small Track (All day)**
 - ELW – Thursdays 5:30am – 9:30am**
 - CP – Daily from daylight to 1pm, 4pm to dark**

Please note: All horses must have exited the track by Track closure times.
- Daily maintenance will be conducted on the training track. The track will be closed while track maintenance is in progress and Tasracing will not make arrangements to allow access during these times.
- No horse may work while machinery is on the track.
- Any trainers or licensed persons who are not complying with these rules may be referred to ORI Stewards.
- Tasracing is in charge of safety at the Centres and may refuse access to the track for any horse or driver that in their opinion may cause a hazard to other users.
- No licensed person will be permitted to drive trackwork, unless wearing an approved helmet, with the chin strap correctly fastened; approved boots and a body protector which has been approved by Harness Racing Australia. [AHRR 159A](#)

All persons working at the Centres will wear "High Visibility" ([AS/NZS 4602.1999 Class D/N or it's replacement](#)) attire at all times during training hours; this shall consist of a minimum of an approved safety vest. All High Visibility attire, general and safety gear must be to an approved standard and may be inspected by the Track Steward. Persons performing trackwork must wear a fluoro ([Lime/Orange](#)) high visibility vest.

- All persons performing trackwork at BTC before daylight must ensure that one light is attached to the nearside of the helmet, above ear height and is clearly visible to the Track Steward.

13. Helmet lights must be worn and active at all times consistent with track lighting at BTC. When track lighting is turned off helmet lights can also be switched off.
14. **In the event that the lights on a training track are not operational, training times will be restricted to day light hours.**
15. Day use trainers must use the designated stripping stalls and parking areas as directed by Tasracing.
16. **Stripping Stalls**
All horses must be tied up correctly if not being led.
Lunging is not permitted in this area.
Horses must be scraped down and washed in this area only, not in stalls
17. Every horse, whilst present on course, must wear the appropriate gear.
18. All horses must be identified if requested by Tasracing prior to commencing work.
19. Where possible, horses should not be left unattended.
20. Only one (1) horse per person is permitted to be led at any one time. Horses being tied directly to any part of the sulky is strictly prohibited within the boundaries of the Centres.
21. The number of horses working on track is at the discretion of Tasracing staff.
22. The number of horses which may work abreast at any time is as determined by Tasracing staff.
23. **Entry to Track**
BTC – Via the tunnel near the ground staff workshop
ELW – Via the standard track entry
CP - Via the designated entry gate to the back-training track with 3 entry points to main track
24. **Exit from Track**
BTC – Via the tunnel near the ground staff workshop
ELW – Via the crossing
CP - Via the 3 exit points off the main track
25. All horses must enter and exit training tracks at walking pace only via the designated entry and exit points. This includes all persons using the pool.
26. All work must be in the anti-clockwise direction unless otherwise approved.
27. **Sand Track –**
All 'fast' work must be on the 'Inside' of the track, whilst all 'slow' work must be on the 'Outside' of the track.
28. For Safety reasons, no vehicles shall be started or moved while in close proximity to horses at any training centre. Similarly, when a vehicle has already been started and is in motion, and with horses coming into the vicinity of the vehicle, the driver must immediately stop and turn the vehicle off until the horse is well away from the vehicle. All entry/exit gates to training facilities must remain closed at all times and must only be used for their intended purpose when horses are not within close proximity of the entry/exit points. The speed limit for vehicles must not exceed 5 km/hour at any time, with zero speed and engine off when horses are in their vicinity.
29. **Equine Pools**
The Equine Pools will be open at designated times. Closing at earlier times may be necessary on certain days. Decisions in this regard will be made by Tasracing Staff.

At no time shall any person enter the water of the Equine swimming pools.

Only persons who are authorised by the Track Supervisor are permitted to use the Horse Pool; and are only permitted to use the swimming facilities while using a life jacket supplied by Tasracing.

Only two (2) horses, that **do not** have respiratory tract problems or skin conditions, are permitted in the pool at any one time, and these horses must have head collars with a ring bit in place before entering the pool area under direct control of a responsible experienced handler that has had experience in swimming horses.

It is the responsibility of the authorised users of the horse pool to ensure that it is operated in a safe manner in accordance with these rules.

30. No smoking or use of telephone and electronic devices whilst driving horses. [AHRR.253](#)
31. The Leading of horses behind an ATV or any other form of vehicle (joggers) is only permitted at Carrick Park and King Island tracks (see Joggers policy).
32. When using the sand roll the area must be cleaned after use. No horse shall be left unattended or lunged in the rolling boxes.
33. Horses with skin or respiratory illnesses are not permitted to use the pool or sand roll and may be excluded from the centre. Trainers with horses with skin ailments using the wash must provide their own scraper.
34. Tasracing reserves the right to amend or vary these Rules from time to time with any amendments to be displayed on the notice board.

TRACK INCIDENTS/EMERGENCIES PROCEDURES

In the event of a trackwork accident or trackwork driver being dislodged, a warning siren will be sounded. All riders / drivers already on track are to ease their mounts and proceed with caution. No other horses will be permitted to enter the track until all clear is given by the Track Steward.

Any injury, incident or near miss which occurs anywhere at the Centres must be reported immediately to Tasracing. The appropriate form is then required to be completed and emailed to WHS@tasracing.com.au within 24 hours of the incident (Appendix 1 – Incident Report).

Situations that seriously endanger the health and safety of people in the immediate vicinity require notification to Tasracing.

- *Track rules are in accordance with the Australian Harness Racing Rules and are correct at time of printing, any alteration by the AHRR will supersede incumbent rule*