



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB APPRENTICE JOCKEYS

Tasracing in conjunction with the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) has the opportunity for two HKJC apprentices to continue their apprenticeships in Tasmania, for a two-year period from mid to late 2024 (subject to visa and other approval processes). Both apprentices are completing official trials in Hong Kong and are not yet licensed to ride in races.

Tasracing invites all licensed Tasmanian thoroughbred trainers who are suitably placed to lodge an expression of interest. The Tasmanian Apprentice Jockey Program is becoming increasingly competitive. Therefore, Tasracing is focused on the opportunities a trainer can provide to support and develop a HKJC apprentice in an increasingly competitive environment.

All interested parties must complete the attached document with complete responses by no later than **5pm Monday 6 May 2024** and provide it to Stewart Brown at s.brown@tasracing.com.au. The Tasracing Apprentice Jockey Panel comprising of members from Tasracing, Office Of Racing Integrity and the Tasmanian Jockeys Association will assess all applications and a recommendation will be made to the HKJC for approval.

For further information please contact Liam Swan 0428 657 500 or Stephen Maskiell 0419 390 803.

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1. Detail the reasons why you are seeking a HKJC apprentice?

2. How many horses do you currently train? Do you believe you have sufficient horse numbers to support an apprentice jockey? Do you have plans to increase or decrease numbers in the next two years?

- 3. Detail your previous experiences where you have successfully mentored, supported and professionally developed apprentices or similar (with a focus on your recent experience in the last 5 years).**

- 4. Tasracing will give consideration to the geographical distribution of apprentices across Tasmania to ensure industry needs are met and opportunities exist for apprentices.**

Where will the apprentice be located?

5. If successful in your application detail how you would support a HKJC apprentice both personally and professionally, taking into account their personal circumstances (living in a foreign country, speaking English as a second language) with a focus on the following:

- **Detail what their working week would look like including where they will be riding trackwork, approximately how many horses they will ride per day, approximately how many hours they will work per week and what their overall work-life balance will look like.**
- **How you will source trial rides for them in order for them to eventually obtain a licence to ride in races?**
- **Do you intend to allow the apprentice to ride trackwork for other trainers regularly and if so, who and how often?**
- **Accommodation arrangements – whether they will live with you with board to be paid by the HKJC or they will live independently in rental accommodation.**
- **It is unlikely either apprentice will have a driver’s licence and they are likely to require assistance with transport.**

6. If you have an existing apprentice(s) how will you provide sufficient opportunities to all apprentices and address issues that may arise from competition amongst one another from within the same stable?

7. Do you have the capacity to meet the financial commitments of having an apprentice jockey (Payment of Award Wage and Superannuation), including a current workers compensation policy that will cover the apprentice when completing groundwork? Evidence may be required*.

**No trainer will have any responsibility for any travel or visa related costs. If the apprentice resides with you an accommodation allowance will be provided to you and if they live independently the HKJC will pay costs associated with this.*

8. Please add any further information that you think is relevant to your application.