

**ROCKHAMPTON JOCKEY CLUB
CLUB TRAINING POLICY
2015**

The training policy has been compiled to advise all trainers with training rights granted by the Rockhampton Jockey Club Inc (“the Club”) of the regulations governing the training of race horses at Callaghan Park or any facility under the control of the Committee of the Club (“the facilities”).

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Training Rules and Regulations

1.0 GENERAL

- 1.1 In addition to these, the Australian Rules of Racing, Queensland Racing and Local Rules shall bind every person using the Facilities.
- 1.2 The use of Facilities for training is a privilege granted by the Club and granted upon the conditions set by the Club from time to time. Additionally, trainers and their employees shall at all times abide by these rules and non-compliance shall constitute a breach thereof.
- 1.3 The use of facilities shall be determined at the sole discretion of the Club but a consultative approach with the Trainer's representatives is maintained.
- 1.4 The Club may refuse to grant such a privilege and may at any time vary, cancel or revoke the same.
- 1.5 Any person using the Facilities without permission will be deemed to be trespassing and in breach of these Rules, and the appropriate authorities will be notified forthwith by the Club.
- 1.6 Handling horses and being in an area that horses are being handled may result in an accident or injury within the boundaries of the racecourse and all persons entering the course and using the Facilities shall do at their own risk. Every user and person on the racecourse must conduct themselves in a safe manner and diligently follow safe practices.
- 1.7 The Committee reserves the right to amend any or all of these rules or add or make additional Rules. Notice will be given by lodging a copy on the website www.callaghanpark.com.au; in the office of the RJC, on Trainer's notice board at Callaghan Park and disseminated by email.
- 1.8 The Club shall from time to time set out such fees as it deems appropriate for the use of facilities.
- 1.9 Wherever possible the Committee will consult with the Trainers' Association executive regarding proposed amendments to training facility rules and fees.
- 1.10 Except in the case of an emergency, no vehicle owned or under the control of a trainer or his employee or person under his control shall be permitted on any track within the bounds of the Racecourse unless authorized by RJC staff.
- 1.11 To facilitate communication between trainers and the Club, all trainers are encouraged to provide their email to the RJC, become members of the Rockhampton Jockey Club and/or the Rockhampton Trainers Association.
- 1.12 Strictly NO DOGS are allowed on the racecourse or within the prescribed training times.

2.0 TRAINERS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES

- 2.1 All trainers must be registered with Racing Queensland Ltd. Should any trainer cease for any reason whatsoever to be so registered then any rights or privileges granted by the Club shall cease forthwith.
- 2.2 Any reasonable request by the Club or its Agents to any trainer or rider must be complied with immediately.
- 2.3 Every trainer shall ensure that any employee using the facility is registered with Racing Queensland Ltd and no trainer shall employ any such employee who is not so registered. Trainers have a duty of care to any non licensed person (including owners) that they invite or bring onto the course. These persons must observe the relevant horse movement policies set out by the Club and Racing Queensland Ltd.
- 2.4 Horses shall be deemed to be under the control of the nominated trainer when using the Facilities.
- 2.5 It is the duty of the trainer to ensure that all their employees are aware of the Training Rules and Regulations and ensuring that they abide by them.
- 2.6 Permission to use the Training Facilities is conditional on signed acceptance of/and understanding of the Training Rules and Regulations.
- 2.7 Any trainer who ceases to live in the locality, or commences to train horses at another track, must notify the Club.

3.0 THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF HORSES

- 3.1 Any horse trained at Callaghan Park or other facilities controlled by the Club, must be a registered racehorse or a horse eligible for registration as a racehorse under the Rules of Racing Queensland Ltd, and trained by a trainer with the appropriate training rights with the Club.
- 3.2 Any horse in a diseased state is banned from using the Facilities and entering the precincts of Callaghan Park.
- 3.3 All horses must enter through the approved entrances.
- 3.4 All horses brought onto Callaghan Park must be controlled by the use of an approved bridle and wear a bit.
- 3.5 No racehorse or lead pony shall be allowed loose or out of control.
- 3.6 No racehorse can physically be led from a pony on any track other than on the back track.
- 3.7 All horses are to walk on and off the training track.
- 3.8 Stable returns must be completed for all horses trained at the facilities, showing the Club as the training location.

4.0 FACILITIES

4.1 GENERAL

- 4.1.1 No person shall remove or alter the location of any markers, machinery, equipment or obstacles owned and placed by the Club unless authorized by the Racecourse Manager or his authorized agents.
- 4.1.2 Availability of training tracks and facilities shall be notified on the notice board at the approved entrance – tracks may be closed without notice. Notice board practices must be strictly adhered to, all signage must be adhered to and shall be deemed to be part of the conditions upon which training rights are granted.
- 4.1.3 Horses must only be worked in the manner approved and in the approved areas or tracks as advised.

4.2 TRAINING TRACKS

4.2.1 The sand tracks will be open Monday to Saturday. Use of the facility on Sundays will be strictly by special arrangement only and must be organized with the Racecourse Manager with at least 48 hours notice. *Please note:* If weather is inclement or fog is present the track work Supervisor has the ultimate authority to close or suspend training until conditions improve.

SUNDAY: All Facilities Closed

CHRISTMAS DAY: All Facilities Closed

GOOD FRIDAY: All Facilities Closed

4.2.2 On days when the Club is to conduct a race meeting or official trials, the training Tracks will be open however this will be at the discretion of the Racecourse Manager.

4.2.3 Official Trials and Jump outs will commence at 8:30am, this means all other training facilities will close at 8:00am sharp.

4.2.4 All horses passing shall pass on the inside of slower horses on both sand tracks.

4.2.5 Uneducated horses (normally but not exclusively indicated by the use of buck jumpers or big saddle) are to use the outside track on fast mornings. Trainers must act responsibly in determining suitability of the horses to use the sand track.

4.2.6 All horses must enter and exit training tracks at walking pace only.

4.3 COURSE PROPER

4.3.1 The use of the Course Proper for training purposes is at the sole discretion of the Club, and will be advised on website www.callaghanpark.com.au, at RJC office, at Trainers notice board and disseminated by email.

4.4 EQUINE SWIMMING POOL

- 4.4.1 The Equine Swimming Pool will be open from 5:30am – 8:00am MON-SAT.
- 4.4.2 Only persons who are authorized by the Club are permitted to use the Horse Pool. Those persons will have undertaken a briefing session on the use and safety of the pool with Club representatives.
- 4.4.3 Use of the Equine Swimming Pool is not permitted unless there is a RJC employee present for supervision
- 4.4.4 It is the responsibility of the authorized users of the horse pool to ensure that the horse pool is operated in a safe manner in accordance with these rules.
- 4.4.5 At no times shall any person enter the water of the horse pool.
- 4.4.6 Users of the horse pool must at all times follow the instructions of the RJC staff or pool attendant.
- 4.4.7 Horses using the pool must be under direct control of responsible experienced handler that has experience in swimming pools.
- 4.4.8 All horses must have head collar with ring bit in place before entering the pool area.
- 4.4.9 Horses with respiratory tract problems are **not** permitted to enter the pool.
- 4.4.10 Bandages and Tapes must be removed prior to entering the pool.
- 4.4.11 Horses must be free of any bedding, soil and sweat prior to entering the swimming pool.
- 4.4.12 Only one horse is permitted in the pool at any one time.

4.5 HORSE WALKING MACHINE

4.5.1 Trainers have full use of the horse walking machine. The horse walking must be shared in an orderly manner and the safety of attendants and horses must be maintained. The following conditions apply:

- No horses are to be left unattended at any time
- Speed of the walking machine has been set and must not be altered unless approved by a RJC employee.

4.6 SAND ROLL

- 4.6.1 The sand roll will be open during training hours, subject to Clause 4.1.2 above, closing at earlier times may be necessary on certain days. Decisions in the regard will be made by the Club.
- 4.6.2 One horse may use the Sand Roll at all times.
- 4.6.3 When allowing a horse to roll, the gate to the Sand Roll must be closed at all times with the handler on the outside of the enclosure.
- 4.6.4 Horses are not to be left unattended at any time.

- 4.6.5 Horses with skin or respiratory diseases are **not** permitted to use the Sand Roll.
- 4.6.6 Manure must be removed promptly by the horse handler.

4.7 PRACTICE STARTING STALLS

- 4.7.1 The Practice Starting Stalls will be available for use. (Decisions in this regard will be made by the Club).
- 4.7.2 The Practice Starting Stalls may be used on any day. It is the responsibility of trainers using the starting stalls to ensure the right way is clear and safe.
- 4.7.3 Under some circumstances the starting stalls may be unavailable for use.
- 4.7.4 Any injury or incident must be reported to the Track Work Supervisor. Any damage caused to the starting stalls must be reported to the Track Supervisor or Race Course Manager.
- 4.7.5 It is the responsibility of the trainers using the Starting Stalls to ensure right of way is clear.

4.8 TIE UP STALLS

- 4.8.1 Trainers have full use of the tie up stalls under the following conditions:
- 4.8.2 Horses are not to be left unattended at any time.
- 4.8.3 Tie up stalls are not allocated but will be, by the Club, if required.
- 4.8.4 Unlicensed and unauthorized persons are not permitted in the tie up stalls during training times.
- 4.8.5 Tie up stalls area are to be left clean and free of material brought in such as rubbish, bandages, tapes etc.
- 4.8.6 All training gear left by trainers in the tie up stalls area or any room/cupboard/shed is at the trainers' risk. The club will not take any responsibility for any lost or stolen items.

4.9 FLOAT & CAR PARK AREA

- 4.9.1 Trainers and their employees are to ensure that float and car parking area utilized at track work are kept clean and tidy at all times.
- 4.9.2 Cleaning of manure from horse floats on to the surface of the float car parks is prohibited. It is the responsibility of the trainer and their staff to dispose of this material in the proper manner.
- 4.9.3 Trainers and their employees caught inappropriately disposing of rubbish or manure will have their right to access the RJC training facility revoked.

5.0 TRACK WORK SUPERVISOR

The Training Supervisor is an employee of the Rockhampton Jockey Club and his or her primary objectives are as follows:

- To ensure that all training at the Rockhampton Jockey Club is conducted within the Training Rules and Regulations of the Club.
- Be present at the Training Supervisors Hut at all times from the training times indicated above.
- Collect statistical information from time to time.
- Activate a flashing signal light and alarm to indicate the presence of a loose horse as soon as it is detected.
- Close the gate to the track when a horse becomes rider less and contain loose horse inside the training area.
- Open the Course proper for Grass Gallops at the appropriate times.
- Administer the appropriate level of First Aid to injured riders and if necessary call an ambulance. All riding accidents must be logged in the Accident Report Book.
- Liaise with Trainers, Jockeys and Track Riders.
- At no time should any person place themselves at risk to contain a loose horse.
- Close training tracks should he/she be concerned with the safety of horse and rider.

As an employee of the club the Training Supervisor must be afforded at all times the appropriate level of professionalism expected of a licensed person towards an official.

In return it is expected that the Track Work Supervisor conducts the business of the Club in a professional manner.

6.0 INCIDENT NOTIFICATION

Any injury, incident or near miss which occurs anywhere on the Racecourse must be reported to the Track work Supervisor under work safe and OH & S guidelines.

Please Note: It is the responsibility of trainers to report to the Club, through the Training Supervisor or the Racecourse Manager any reported injuries from an incident at the Club within 24 hours.