



## TRACK REGULATIONS

THE FOLLOWING TRACK REGULATIONS ARE APPLICABLE  
TO THE RACECOURSE AND THE TRAINING FACILITY  
UNDER THE CONTROL OF **ALBANY RACING CLUB**  
AND ARE CURRENT AS AT:

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## **1. TRACK REGULATIONS**

- 1.2 All horse trainers, strappers, track riders or stable hands wishing to utilise the Albany Racing Club facilities must complete a race club induction including signing the track regulations acknowledgement form (found at the back of this document).

Note- this induction is a mandatory RWWA and race club requirement.

The signed Track Regulations acknowledgement form must be returned to the club manager, track work supervisor or race club office prior to using the facilities of the ARC for the first time.

- 1.3 Trainers upon request must confirm with the track work supervisor or race club appointed representative the number of horses that have used the grass track for that particular morning. Failure to do so will result in the ARC records being deemed to be correct and charges may not be disputed.
- 1.4 The Track Manager or any other race club appointed representative may at any time at their discretion restrict the use of the training facility on any particular day or time. This includes restricting access to tracks due to weather conditions, visibility, physical obstructions or danger or due to the general condition of the track.
- 1.5 ARC takes its responsibility in providing a safe training complex very seriously and appreciates your co-operation in identifying and rectifying possible hazards. Any injury or safety issues that cannot be resolved by the track work supervisor or a RWWA Steward should then be directed in writing to the Track Manager during office hours Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm.
- 1.6 No access is to be permitted to the track until the track work supervisor deems it safe to do so. The track work supervisor has the delegated authority to close and open the track as they so determine. The decision of the track work supervisor is final and must be followed by all track users. The track work supervisor or authorised delegate must be in attendance for track work to proceed – there are no exceptions to this rule.
- 1.7 Access to the grounds other than the on course stables, will be from 5.00am until 9.00am these times are subject to change at the discretion of the ARC committee and management team.

## **2. HORSE TRAINERS**

- 2.1 No horse shall be brought onto the property of ARC unless it is under the care and supervision of:
- A trainer or his/her approved stable foreperson who holds a current licence or permit issued by RWWA.
  - A visiting trainer who is licensed and holds a clearance from another principal club or racing association.
  - A pre-trainer (horse breaker) who holds a licence or permit issued by RWWA and has been granted permission by ARC to use the race club's facilities.
  - Have agreed to abide by these track regulations at all times including the payment of all associated fees and charges.
- 2.2 No trainer or other authorised person shall permit a horse under their charge to be on the property of ARC unless that horse is handled by a licensed person at all times.
- 2.3 No trainer or other authorised person in charge of a horse shall occupy any scrapping box/ wash down bay or rolling ring for a longer time than may be deemed necessary.
- 2.4 Trainers agree that no horses are to be taken onto the tracks until the track work supervisor or race club appointed person has inspected the tracks and declared them to be safe to commence track work.
- 2.5 Trainers must ensure that their horses are being led at all times when entering or leaving the racecourse via designated horse gates or any other exit/entrance gates under the control of ARC.

## **3. HORSES**

- 3.1 No horse is allowed on the property of ARC unless wearing a head collar or bridle. While being led on any part of ARC property every horse must have a bit in its mouth which must be attached to a lead or reins. A stallion restraint is an acceptable alternative to a bit.
- 3.2 Horses suffering from any infectious diseases or any complaint causing discharges from the nostrils are not permitted on the grounds of ARC.
- 3.3 No 'unmounted' horses may be led or exercised on any training track (without permission of RWWA stewards).
- 3.4 Horses being exercised on race days shall only be walked in areas set aside for such purposes as directed by race club representatives and / or RWWA stewards.
- 3.5 Walking exercises for horses on the racecourse property of ARC is prohibited except in areas provided for such purposes. Trotting and cantering in areas set aside for walking is prohibited at all times.
- 3.6 Horses exercising in breaking-in/stock saddles are restricted to working on the slow track only.

3.7 No horses are to be left unattended in the horse stalls area.

#### 4. TRACK RIDERS

- 4.1 Only persons licensed as a jockey, apprentice jockey, approved track work rider, RWWA trainee or horse trainer (with permission to ride in licence conditions) are permitted to ride on ARC tracks and grounds.
- 4.2 Prior to using the facility on the first occasion it is the responsibility of all approved track work riders to advise the track work supervisor of the status of their licence (fast/slow work) and if required provide proof of accreditation from RWWA. **All** track users (riders) must read a copy of ARC regulations and sign the attached form to acknowledge their understanding and acceptance of the conditions to use the facility. This signed acceptance form must be returned to the track work supervisor or race club office and will be kept on file. Access to the tracks will only be permitted on compliance to this provision. This does not diminish the responsibility of the trainer in any way to ensure the person riding his/her horses holds an appropriate licence and has complied with the above requirement.
- 4.3 All riders must be mindful of their surroundings and the track and weather conditions at all times. These regulations are in place to provide a safe and efficient workplace for all industry participants; however regulations cannot cover every situation. Please apply common sense and exercise courtesy when using the racecourse facilities at all times. All riders have a personal duty of care for other track users and if in doubt please contact the track work supervisor or club manager for further information.
- 4.4 The use of mobile phones whilst mounted on a horse is strictly prohibited on any part of the ARC.
- 4.5 Smoking whilst mounted on a horse is strictly prohibited on any part of the ARC.
- 4.6 No track rider shall wear any apparel or use any equipment which has not been approved by RWWA.
- 4.7 No track rider shall use any spurs on ARC property or tracks which are not RWWA approved. Roller or Rowel spurs are not permitted. Shanks must be of a smooth metal and shall not be sharpened.
- 4.8 Track riders must at all times when mounted on a horse wear an approved skull cap with the chin strap fastened, approved body protector vest, approved riding boots and a light coloured high visibility reflective style vest.
- 4.9 All track riders must, when mounted on a horse during darkness have affixed to their skull cap a safety warning light or lights that are clearly visible from both the right and left hand sides. The lights must be activated prior to entering onto the track. In inclement weather conditions the track work supervisor may extend the period for use of these lights.

4.10 Track riders who are not wearing suitable safety lighting and the approved safety and high visibility apparel will not be permitted to ride track work – there are no exceptions.

## 5. TRACKS

5.1 The ARC has four work tracks:

5.1.1 Inside trotting track

5.1.2 Sand track

5.1.3 Grass track (main)

5.1.4 Grass track (inside)

5.2 No track work is permitted after 9am.

5.3 The inside trotting track is for trot purposes **ONLY**. Horses are to work in a clockwise direction **ONLY**.

5.4 The sand track is available for work between 5.00am (depending on sunrise) and 9.00am each morning (except Sunday) or at any other time as approved by the track manager. As it is used for all pace work, including fast work, education young horses etc., trainers and riders must be mindful of other users of the track. Riders must ensure when entering the track at the crossing that the straight is clear of traffic, and upon entering proceed to the inside of the track. Other horses working through must pass on the outside of a slower horse. Riders of the slower horses should get over the horses neck as early as possible. Trotting on the sand track is strictly prohibited.

5.5 The grass track shall only be used for the purpose of fast work only. The grass track will be open pending availability on Tuesday and Friday 5.00am (depending on sunrise) to 9.00am. Horses are permitted to trot to the 800 metre mark. Trainers need to gain permission from the track work supervisor should they want to trot past the 800 metre mark, the track work supervisor's (TWS) decision is final. Horses working on the grass track must at all times keep to the designated areas marked off for work.

5.6 No fast work is permitted on any track after 9.00am.

5.7 Horses using any of the tracks will enter and exit at the designated entrance situated at the crossing.

5.8 On completion of track work horses must be pulled up ensuring that there are no horses working through and within the track exit point. Horses are to exit the track immediately without delay, where possible and should be walked to the nearest exit and then proceed via:

5.8.1 The designated track exit chute – horses must be walked where practicable.

5.8.2 Horses leaving the track must at all times be walked from the crossover to the race day stall area.

5.9 Horses must pass over track crossings in single file and keep to the left.

5.10 Horses shall pass on the outside of all tracks.

5.11 Horses entering tracks must proceed directly to the inside of the track.

- 5.12 When one horse is being passed by another the horse overtaking shall go to the outside and the horse being passed shall pull to the inside.
- 5.13 Horses galloping or working on the sand training tracks must not work more than three abreast or such other number as the RWWA stewards may from time to time direct.
- 5.14 Special permission to work horses in a clockwise direction on either the slow or fast work tracks must be obtained from the track work supervisor, who will ensure it is safe to do so. No person is to work a horse in this way without the track work supervisor's permission. No horse is to be worked or travel in any manner in a clockwise direction on either the fast or slow work tracks during the hours of normal track work.
- 5.15 All tracks will be closed at 9am on race days. Permission to work after 9.00am must be obtained from the track manager or his representative.
- 5.16 The following will apply to unruly horses that enter the fast track via the crossover:
- 5.16.1 The rule applies to daylight hours only.
  - 5.16.2 Notification must be given to the track work supervisor before the horse passes the trainers stand / observation area.
  - 5.16.3 It is the trainer's responsibility to ensure that the track is clear of traffic before the horse crosses onto the fast track.
  - 5.16.4 The horse must be led across the crossover and onto the fast track.
  - 5.16.5 The fast track in the straight must be clear of all working horses at the time of the horses release from the handler.

## **6. TRACK CLOSURE**

### **WARNING SIREN AND LIGHT PROTOCOL**

- 6.1 In the event of a riderless horse or fallen rider the Emergency Siren located at the administration block and will be activated for a period of not less than 10 seconds to alert all relevant people of the incident.
- 6.2 If the track work supervisor is not in the immediate vicinity the activation of this system can be made by anyone who has witnessed an incident on the track. The system can be activated by pushing the white button located below the emergency siren sign
- 6.3 Riders using the track must respond to the siren by being prepared to restrain and pull up their mounts to avoid a further accident.
- 6.4 The flashing lights will remain on until such time as the track is cleared.
- 6.5 When the Emergency system is activated under no circumstance can riders/horses enter any track.
- 6.6 During the period of a track closure all licensed personnel must abide by the instructions of the track supervisor and not hinder the movement of the ambulance or horse ambulance.
- 6.7 Once the track has been cleared and deemed safe to resume track work, track operations may continue.



## **TRACK CLOSURE DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER**

- 6.8 In the event of an electrical storm the track will be closed immediately until any threat of lightning strikes has passed. The decision to close the track or delay its opening on the basis of faulty artificial lighting or poor visibility due to weather conditions is at the absolute discretion of the track work supervisor, track manager or RWWA steward. In the event of heavy fog the track work supervisor, track manager or RWWA steward may close the track or limit the number of horses working on the tracks at any one time to be satisfied that the track work can proceed safely.
- 6.9 Following any significant rain the track work supervisor must be satisfied that the training tracks are in a suitable condition to commence or recommence training activities. The track work supervisor or track manager may order the closure of any or all tracks if deemed necessary.
- 6.10 No person or horse shall enter the tracks through the closed gate.

## **7. HORSE TRIALS**

- 7.1 Trials will be conducted by ARC on the following basis:
- 7.1.1 Open trials will be held prior to the commencement of the race season or as determined by the race club in consultation with RWWA stewards
  - 7.1.2 Trials after race meetings will be conducted on a restricted basis and in the event of too many nominations the first horses balloted will be horses that have not raced for a period of 12 weeks prior to the trial date.
  - 7.1.3 Eligible conditions for horses nominating for restricted trials are as follows:
    - Horses referred back to trials by RWWA stewards
    - Horses that have not raced or trialed in the previous 12 weeks.
    - All two year olds
    - All unraced horses
    - Nominations for trials close 9:30am on the Monday prior to the advertised date as per the trial schedule or other times as determined by ARC
    - A minimum number of 4 horses are required for official trials.
    - Trial distance and horse numbers in the trial will be determined by the position of the rail and the condition of the track at the 400 corner at the time of the trial.
    - A schedule for trials to be conducted will be advertised accordingly.

## **8. PRACTICE BARRIERS / SUPERVISED JUMP OUTS**

- 8.1 The practise barriers situated in the 1600m chute will be available when approved by the track manager.
- 8.2 Scheduled supervised jump outs on the main grass will be held only as determined by and arranged with the track manager.

*Horses eligible for jump outs:*

- Un-raced horses;

- Horses referred by the Stewards;
- Horses requiring remedial training.

## 9. FIRST AID

- 9.1 An accredited first aid officer (minimum Senior First Aid Qualification) must be in attendance at all times, before any training/ track work can proceed.
- 9.2 A first aid kit and telephone are located in the Track Work Supervisors Hut.
- 9.3 All accidents must be reported to the track work supervisor in attendance.
- 9.4 The track work supervisor in attendance has control of all training facilities and their directions / instructions must be followed at all times.
- 9.5 In the event of the Ambulance being required to attend the track your cooperation is required to ensure that the patient is attended to as quickly as possible.

## 10. RACECOURSE FACILITIES

- 10.1 Sand rolling rings are for the purpose of rolling only. Please close the gate after you.
- 10.2 Please ensure that manure is removed from the rolling rings and put into the receptacles / bins provided.
- 10.3 Trainers utilising the race day stalls for morning track work are required to ensure that all horse manure is put into the receptacles / bins provided before leaving.
- 10.4 The race club equipment workshop is located within general horse handling areas. The immediate area around the workshop is designated as “no go” area for horses after 9:30am. Machinery and equipment will be moving within the area on any given day which may impact on the behaviour of horses in the area.
- 10.5 The boundary or firebreak track is one way only – **clockwise**. Any rider riding alone must inform the TWS of their start time. Walk-on riders (riders coming in from off course stables) must either inform the TWS in person or via phone call/text. **NO EXCEPTIONS**. The Albany Race Club is private property and your safety and that of other riders and horses is paramount. The boundary is solely for the purpose of trotting or cantering. **NO GALLOPING** is allowed. Riders must slow down and **walk** over the front gate driveway.

## 11 GENERAL INFORMATION

- 11.1 ARC holds a zero tolerance policy towards violence and verbal abuse towards any club employees, RWWA staff or other persons associated with the race club. Any instance of violence or verbal abuse will be immediately reported to the RWWA stewards for further action.
- 11.2 Any person displaying improper or insulting behaviour or failing to adhere to these regulations will be reported to the RWWA stewards for further action.

- 11.3 All persons entering the training tracks area of the racecourse for any purpose shall wear an appropriate high visibility vest. Entrance to this area is defined by passing the track entrance gate to the main grass crossover.
- 11.4 Stock saddles are not permitted on the grass track at any time. Refer rule 3.7.
- 11.5 Track riders are only permitted to carry and use padded whips which conform to the Australian Rules of Racing. Excessive or unnecessary use of the whip during track work or elsewhere on ARC property is an offence and will be reported to the RWWA Stewards for further investigation.
- 11.6 No person shall be permitted between the fences or on the training tracks or courses or to stand about the entrance gates of the same whilst horses are being worked, except the owners and trainers of such horses, officials and employees of ARC and any other persons so authorised by the Committee or RWWA.
- 11.7 All trainers and strappers and barrier staff are expected to present themselves in clean and neat attire and maintain a professional appearance on race days with appropriate covered footwear. Thongs and sandals are not to be worn whilst leading horses.
- 11.8 The jockey's room and facilities and catering are for jockeys only. No other admittance except for stewards and race club officials. Unauthorised persons will be removed and fined.
- 11.9 Notwithstanding that it or any person may have acted negligently or in breach of any contract, or in breach of statutory duties neither the race club nor the Chairman or any member of the Committee nor any officer, agent, independent contractor or employee of ARC shall be under any liability to any person for any loss, damage, injury (including death) of or to any horse or person while on any part of ARC premises or while on any approach thereto or while using any facility provided by ARC or while in the custody or control or under the direction of any officer, agent, independent contractor or employee.

## **12 AUTHORISED OFFICERS OF THE RACE CLUB**

### **CLUB MANAGER**

**Jack Young 0437 866 677**

### **TRACK MANAGER / CURATOR**

**Trevor Ness 0429 629 021**

### **TRACK WORK SUPERVISOR / FIRST AID OFFICER(S) / CLUB STEWARD**

**Jonica Horner 0427 424 388**

### **RWWA STEWARDS**

**Philip Douglas 0427 772 570**

**Jonica Horner 0427 424 388**

### **EMERGENCY CONTACT**

**AMBULANCE / FIRE / POLICE: 000**

### 13 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Please refer to the following page for the acknowledgement form which must be signed and returned to the track work supervisor or race club office for review and filing.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**

In signing this form I acknowledge that I have received, read and understood the Track Regulations issued to me by **Albany Race Club**.

I also agree to abide by the requirements outlined within the Track Regulations booklet, the RWWA Rules of Racing in addition to any instructions issued to me by race club representatives whilst present on **Albany Race Club** property.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

### **Race Club Representative (Witness)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Note** – Please ensure this form is returned to the club manager / secretary or the track work supervisor for review and filing.