



Race Day Exhibition Gallop Policy



Date

Background:

Race clubs, Racing SA Stewards and the Racing Department get various requests for exhibition gallops on race days. These requests have varied for being for Group 1 winners, to horses that have no established Black Type form but have won a feature race, such as a Provincial Cup. Following industry consultation, to streamline the process and advertise to the industry, the following protocols are effective November 1st, 2022:

Eligibility:

Racing SA determines eligibility that the horse the subject of the request must have established 'Black Type' form. That is, the horse must have placed in a race of Group or Listed status in the last two years.

Applications for 'partners' or 'galloping mates' may be approved on the proviso that the additional horse must have placed in the metropolitan area. Maidens will not be eligible to partner in an exhibition gallop.

Process:

1. Request from trainer for exhibition gallop comes to Racing SA Racing Department, who consult with Racing SA Stewards regarding scheduling suitability and eligibility. Unless approved by Racing SA, applications are to be made prior to acceptances, for the race meeting in question.
2. Racing SA then liaise with relevant race club for approval, so that track staff and other relevant race day events and promotions are considered.
3. If approved, Racing SA to determine, in consultation with the club, the relevant races to gallop in between, in accordance with the club's event and race order schedule.
4. Notification is sent from the Racing SA Racing Department to the relevant race club, who will notify their relevant race club stakeholders and staff.
5. The Racing Department will notify the trainer, then Stewards internally and the Communications Department, so that any promotion can be distributed on behalf of the club conducting the gallop.





Additional conditions:

- Racing SA reserve the right to cancel any exhibition gallop due to the track condition; however any exhibition gallop will be cancelled if the track is rated a Heavy 8 or worse at scratching time.
- No more than one exhibition gallop will take place at a race meeting. The available track gallop will be assigned on a first come, first served basis, based on the aforementioned criteria.
- Trainers are to declare rider/s at the time of approval.
- At the request of the SAJC, exhibition gallops are not to be conducted on the Morphettville Parks track, due to logistical issues and time constraints.
- Racing SA Stewards reserve the right to postpone or cancel an exhibition gallop if time, weather or other constraints and /or start positions do not allow sufficient and safe timing to conduct the gallop.
- Race clubs conducting exhibition gallops may charge a fee payable for the gallop; however that remains at the sole discretion of the club.

