

OFFICIAL LICENSING PROTOCOL

APPROVAL TO RIDE IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA - APPRENTICE JOCKEY

Apprentices licensed by Racing SA

An apprentice jockey seeking permission to ride in races in the Metropolitan area in South Australia must make application on the form provided and the application must be endorsed by his/her employer.

The following criteria apply to any application made by an apprentice jockey for permission to ride in the Metropolitan area:

1. Metropolitan Race Meetings

The apprentice jockey must be able to satisfy the following minimum requirements for permission to ride at Metropolitan race meetings –

- (i) Two hundred (200) race rides with one hundred and eighty (180) of those rides at TAB race meetings, and
- (ii) Twenty five (25) winning rides, and
- (iii) The apprentice jockey must have ridden in races for a period of at least six (6) months.

2. Black Type Races

An apprentice jockey must be able to satisfy the following requirements for permission to ride in Black Type Races:

- (i) Riding experience in the Metropolitan area for a minimum of two (2) months (continuous), and
- (ii) No less than 20 Metropolitan rides in that period.

Further assessment criteria in addition to the minimum requirements

Notwithstanding the requirements in (1) and (2) above, approval to ride in races in the Metropolitan area will also be subject to a consensus view of the Stewards, taking into account, and assessing the apprentice jockey's –

- (a) Skills and competency, and
- (b) Riding record, and
- (c) Disciplinary record, and
- (d) Demeanour, and
- (e) Ability to give evidence and participate to the required standard at inquiries, investigations, protests, and/or general questioning, particularly, but not limited to, race day, and
- (f) Ability to deal with pressure.



Metropolitan Race Track Status

In addition to the requirements above, in the event permission is granted to an apprentice jockey to ride in the Metropolitan area, the Stewards reserve the right to determine at which Metropolitan track the apprentice jockey may start their riding in the Metropolitan area, having regard for, but not limited to;

The configuration and contour of any Metropolitan track, and
The rail position and associated field limits applicable to any race at any Metropolitan track, and
The degree of difficulty associated with riding at any particular track.

Stewards also reserve the right, in granting any approval to an apprentice jockey to ride at a Metropolitan track, to limit, at their sole discretion, the number of races an apprentice jockey may ride in, at any particular race meeting conducted at a Metropolitan track, regardless whether that race meeting is the first race meeting at which the apprentice jockey is to ride at, or any subsequent meeting/s.

For the avoidance of doubt, in assessing any application by an apprentice jockey for permission to ride in the Metropolitan area, there will be no distinction drawn between whether a Metropolitan race meeting is conducted mid-week or on a Saturday/Sunday, nor will any distinction be drawn between Metropolitan race tracks – the same requirements would have to be met.

Permission to ride in the Metropolitan area shall be conditional upon the apprentice jockey being subjected to ongoing assessment by the Stewards, Apprentice Academy Master/Apprentice Jockey Coach, and any permission granted may be withdrawn, at any time, at the Stewards discretion.

Interstate Apprentices

Unless otherwise permitted by the Chairman of Stewards, an apprentice jockey licensed by another Principal Racing Authority, to be considered for approval to ride in the Metropolitan area in South Australia, must have, as a minimum requirement, previously ridden in the Metropolitan area on a Saturday in the jurisdiction in which he/she is licensed.

Notwithstanding the fact that an interstate apprentice jockey may have ridden in the Metropolitan area in their own jurisdiction, Stewards reserve the right to apply the assessment criteria, and conditions applicable to South Australian apprentice jockeys seeking permission to ride in the Metropolitan area, to any application by an interstate apprentice jockey.

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