

1. BACKGROUND

This policy is made under s.102(1)(a) of the [Racing Act 2002](#) (Qld) (“**the Act**”) and s.2B(e) of the [Racing Regulation 2013](#) (Qld). Those provisions require Racing Queensland (“**RQ**”), as the control body for all codes of racing in Queensland, to make a policy for the way in which races are to be held including, for example, classes of races, nominations and prize money.

2. POLICY NAME

This policy is named *The Way Races Are to be Held Policy* (“**Policy**”).

3. DATE MADE & DATE OF EFFECT

This Policy is made on **3 November 2021** and takes effect on the same day.

4. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure Queensland races are conducted in accordance with the Rules of Racing and RQ policies.

5. WHO IS AFFECTED BY THE POLICY?

This policy is a policy for all codes of racing.

This policy applies to race Clubs, race venues, licensees, and other Industry Participants.

6. APPLICATION

6.1. How Decisions Are to be Made

The allocation of race days is governed by RQ’s [Allocation of Race Days Policy](#). Race details (including classes of races, nominations and prize money) are as set out in the calendar published pursuant to that policy.

Race clubs must only conduct race meetings and betting meetings on days allocated by RQ, as published in the Racing Calendar for each code (Thoroughbred, Greyhound, & Harness).

The classes of races that Queensland race clubs run will be in accordance with the conditions described in the Rules of Racing and any conditions advised by RQ.

6.2. Roles & Responsibilities

RQ will allot race days and approve conditions for races.

Race Clubs must comply with the RQ Policies and Rules of Racing that govern the way races are to be held.

7. RULES OF RACING

Rules of Racing are made to support this policy.

[Rules of Racing \(Thoroughbred\)](#)

[Rules of Racing \(Harness\)](#)

[Rules of Racing \(Greyhound\)](#)

8. RELATED DOCUMENTS

[All Racing Queensland Policies](#)

[Licence General Terms - TAB Clubs](#)

[Licence General Terms - Non-TAB Clubs](#)

[Minimum Venue Standards](#)

[Racing Act 2002](#)

[Racing Integrity Act 2016](#)

[Racing Regulation 2013](#)

9. REFERENCES

In this Policy:

- (a) the **Act** means the [Racing Act 2002](#) (Qld).
- (b) **Club** means a licenced club or venue for any code of racing in Queensland;
- (c) **Industry Participants** includes anyone holding a licence, approval, or authority of any kind under the Act or the [Racing Integrity Act 2016](#) (Qld).
- (d) **Licensed Premises** means premises which are the subject of any licence, approval or authority of any kind under the Act or the [Racing Integrity Act 2016](#) (Qld).
- (e) any capitalised terms defined in the Act, the *Racing Integrity Act 2016*, or an instrument made under either of them, has the same meaning as set out in that legislation or instrument, except as otherwise stated in this Policy.

10. VERSION HISTORY

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