



VICTORIA RACING CLUB

FLEMINGTON TRAINING FACILITIES REGULATIONS

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1. TRAINING FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

The Flemington Training Tracks Operations Manager is responsible for the management of the Flemington Training Facilities on behalf of Victorian Racing Club (VRC). These responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- 1.1. Ensure that all training at Flemington is conducted in accordance with Australian Rules of Racing (AR) and The Rules of Racing of Racing Victoria or Local Rules (LR) and VRC Flemington Training Facilities Regulations.
- 1.2. Ensure the training tracks are suitably staffed during Flemington facilities operating times.
- 1.3. Collect statistical information daily.
- 1.4. Activate the loose horse procedure when a horse becomes riderless.
- 1.5. Open the Course Proper for Grass Gallops for group one horses as scheduled by the Senior Manager Flemington Racecourse.
- 1.6. Organise first aid for any injured persons during training using the services of the contracted onsite medic and, if necessary, call an ambulance and coordinate an incident response.
- 1.7. Ensure all riding, or other training incidents are recorded on the VRC approved incident report and logged with the VRC Work Health and Safety unit on the day of the incident.
- 1.8. Liaise with trainers, jockeys, riders and Stewards.
- 1.9. In the event of an injury, contact the relevant trainer as soon as reasonably practicable and provide the Racing Victoria Jockey Safety and Wellbeing Officer's contact details.
- 1.10. In the event of a serious incident contact VRC Work Health and Safety as soon as possible and ensure, so far as reasonably practicable, preservation of the incident scene for legislative compliance and the purpose of investigation.

As an employee of the VRC, the Flemington Training Tracks Operations Manager must, at all times, be afforded the appropriate level of professionalism expected of a licensed person towards an official. In return it is expected that the Flemington Training Tracks Operations Manager conducts the business of the VRC in a professional manner.

The Flemington Training Tracks Operations Manager reports directly to the Flemington Senior Racecourse Manager.

2. TRAINING FACILITIES OPERATING TIMES

	Monday - Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Public Holiday	Race Days
Gallop and Poly Tracks	4.00am to 8.00am	4.00am to 8.00am	Closed	4.00am to 8.00am	4.00am to 8.00am
Sand Tracks	4.00am to 9.00am	4.00am to 9.00am	Closed	4.00am to 9.00am	4.00am to 9.00am
Horse Swimming Pool	4.00am to 9.00am 1.00pm to 4.30pm	4.00am to 9.00am	6.00am to 9.00am	4.00am to 9.00am	4.00am to 9.00am
Practice Starting Stalls	Sunrise to 9.00am	Sunrise to 9.00am	Closed	Sunrise to 9.00am	Sunrise to 9.00am
Hurdles	Sunrise to 9.00am	Sunrise to 9.00am	Closed	Sunrise to 9.00am	Sunrise to 9.00am

3. FACILITIES

3.1. General

- 3.1.1. All trainers and their employees using Flemington Racecourse's training facilities must be registered with Racing Victoria Limited (RVL) and be entering the training facilities for

work purposes. All other persons must have prior approval from VRC to enter VRC Flemington Training Facilities and be accompanied by an VRC authorised person.

- 3.1.2. No child (under 18 years) is permitted to enter Flemington Training Facilities unless they are:
 - an employee of a trainer; and
 - an approved rider or horse handler in accordance with AR and LR of Racing; and
 - entering the facilities for work purposes.
- 3.1.3. It is the responsibilities of trainers to ensure their employees comply with AR, LR of Racing and VRC requirements, including the Flemington Training Facilities Regulations when using VRC facilities.
- 3.1.4. No person shall remove or alter the location of any markers, machinery, signage, equipment, or obstacles owned/operated by the VRC unless authorised by the Flemington Training Tracks Operations Manager or authorised delegate.
- 3.1.5. It is the responsibility of the trainers using the practice barriers to ensure right of way is clear.
- 3.1.6. The availability of training tracks and facilities, (open/closed), shall be displayed on the Notice Board at the approved entrance. Tracks may be closed without notice. This must be strictly adhered to and shall be deemed to be part of the conditions upon which training rights are granted.
- 3.1.9 Incidents and Hazards
 - Trainers are responsible for ensuring all incidents and hazards involving their employees, stable staff and horses in the tenanted facilities, Flemington Training Facilities or any other Flemington Racecourse locations are reported to the Flemington Training Tracks Operations Manager and/or VRC Racing Department as soon as reasonably practicable.
- 3.1.7. The Track Work Incident/Hazard Management Process must be followed for all incidents that occur during track work including those that require first aid, medical treatment, regulator notification and/or investigation.
- 3.1.8. Emergency Management
 - In the event of an emergency at Flemington training facilities under VRC management and control, VRC will implement the emergency response in accordance with VRC emergency procedures and emergency management plan.
 - Tenants are responsible for the development and implementation of emergency procedures applicable to their operations in the tenanted facility and the health, safety and wellbeing of their employees, occupants and visitors to the tenanted facility.
 - Trainers are responsible for ensuring all emergency situations are reported promptly to VRC. The stable emergency management procedure and communication requirements between the stable occupants and VRC is included in the appendix of this document.

3.2. Communal Facilities

All trainers and their employees are required to comply with the relevant safe work procedure (SWP) when using all VRC communal training facilities including:

- Horse pool
- Communal Sand Roll
- Communal Horse Walker
- Bull Ring

The SWP's are made available to all Trainers and are displayed near each VRC communal facility.

3.3. Gallop, Sand, Poly and Pool Tracks

3.3.1. Gallop and Poly Tracks:

- Horses must work in an anticlockwise direction at fast pace only.
- Horses working on the Gallop and Poly Track must be going at even time or better, up the front straight. If horses are trotting for a short distance and then cantering off, this can be done on the Gallop Track as long as horses are kept to the outside of the track. Horses are not allowed to cross to the inside of the Gallop Track until they begin to speed up.
- All horses must come off the Gallop and Poly Track at the gap on the back straight.

3.3.2. Big Sand Track:

- Horses must work in an anticlockwise direction at medium pace only.

3.3.3. Inside Sand Track:

- Horses must work in a clockwise direction at slow to medium pace only.

3.3.4. Hurdles / Practice Barriers:

- Are made available for training with prior approval from the Flemington Training Tracks Operations Manager. This is subject to the Flemington Training Tracks Operations Manager's determination that daylight is sufficient to undertake training safely.
- Horses using the hurdles are to school in the designated location.

3.3.5. Pool Track:

- Horses must work in an anticlockwise direction at slow to medium pace only.
- Horses can be pony led. The Pool Track is the only Flemington Training Track where this is permitted.

3.3.6. Any request for reverse direction training, or changes to the stipulated training pace on any of the Flemington Tracks must be submitted to the Flemington Training Tracks Operations Manager for authorisation in advance. Trainers must ensure their riders comply with any directions given as part of this authorisation by the Flemington Training Tracks Operations Manager.

3.4. Course Proper

3.4.1. When open for training, horses must work at fast pace only.

3.4.2. The opening of the Course Proper for training purposes will be at the discretion of VRC and subject to the Flemington Training Tracks Operations Manager's determination that daylight is sufficient to undertake training safely.

3.4.3. All riders are to check in with the Flemington Training Tracks Operations Manager at the gap prior to the gallop.

3.4.4. When entering horses for Course Proper gallops, Trainers are requested to state the horse's name and the track and date on which the horse is entered.

3.4 Restricted Track Work Conditions

3.4.1 In the event of fog, heavy rain, high winds, lightning, icy conditions or otherwise inclement weather, the Flemington Training Tracks Operations Manager may close any or all of the training tracks and/or facilities.

3.4.2 The Flemington Training Tracks Operations Manager is responsible for determining if visibility is sufficient and conditions are safe to undertake training at Flemington Training Facilities.

4. TRAINERS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES/STAFF

- 4.1. All trainers and their employees/staff using the Flemington Training Facilities must be appropriately registered with Racing Victoria Limited (RVL). Evidence of registration may be randomly requested by VRC. Unregistered trainers, their employees/staff and riders will not be allowed to use the Flemington Training Facilities.
- 4.2. Any reasonable or proper request by VRC to any Trainer must be complied with.
- 4.3. All Trainers are required to complete the VRC WHS induction. Trainers will be responsible for ensuring all their employees and stable staff complete the VRC WHS induction upon commencement prior to using the Flemington Training Facilities and annually thereafter.
- 4.4. Horses are deemed to be under the control of the nominated trainer when using the facilities.
- 4.5. It is the duty of the trainer to ensure that all their employees/staff are aware of the Flemington Training Facilities Regulations and that they abide by them.
- 4.6. No child (under 18 years) is permitted to enter Flemington Training Facilities unless they are:
 - an employee of a trainer; and
 - an approved rider or horse handler in accordance with AR and LR of Racing; and
 - entering the facilities for work purposes.
- 4.7. It is the trainer's responsibility to ensure that every rider wears all safety equipment in accordance with AR and LR of Racing when using Flemington Training Facilities.
- 4.8. Horses must be ridden and led in accordance with AR / LR of Racing and WorkSafe Victoria Guidelines when using Flemington Training Facilities.
- 4.9. No person shall ride or lead any horse while using a mobile phone, audio device or earpieces connected to a device.
- 4.10. Riders must not smoke whilst riding a horse including exercising or work on the racecourse or training track in accordance with LR of Racing.
- 4.11. Riders and horse handlers must be fit for work and not be under the influence of a banned substance above the respective threshold in accordance with AR of Racing, when using Flemington Training Facilities.
- 4.12. In accordance with the AR and LR of Racing, any person behaving in an improper or insulting manner may be reported to RVL.

5. ENTRY TO FLEMINGTON TRAINING FACILITIES

- 5.1. People without a licence, permit or registration as a Stable Employee with RVL, such as owners and visitors, are not permitted entry to the Infield Flemington Training Facility.
- 5.2. Only VRC authorised media may enter the Flemington Training Facilities, subject to the completion of VRC Media Induction and compliance with VRC requirements. Failure to comply with these requirements and the directions of VRC may result in the withdrawal of this authorisation.
- 5.3. Unless otherwise approved in writing by VRC, no animals other than horses are to enter the Flemington Training Facilities. Any pets or other animals that have been approved by VRC in any applicable stable lease are to strictly remain within the applicable stable facilities.
- 5.4. To the extent there are any inconsistencies between any applicable stable lease and these Training Facilities Regulations, the stable lease will prevail.

6. CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF HORSES

- 6.1. Any horse trained at Flemington Training Facilities or other facilities controlled by VRC must be a registered racehorse or a horse eligible for registration as a racehorse as per the LR of Racing and trained by a trainer or pre-trainer with appropriate training rights with the VRC.
- 6.2. Any horse suffering from an infectious disease is banned from using the facilities and entering Flemington Racecourse in accordance with AR of Racing.
- 6.3. All horses must enter the Flemington Training Facilities through the approved entrances.
- 6.4. No racehorse or lead pony shall be allowed loose or not under the control of a registered handler.
- 6.5. All horses are to walk on and off the training tracks.
- 6.6. Changeover of horses/track rider is only to be undertaken at the designated horse changeover areas at the right of the tunnel entry and right of the tunnel infield exit.
- 6.7. No horse may be ridden at the facilities after 9.00am on any day.
- 6.8. Stable Returns must be completed for all horses prior to use of the facilities, showing Flemington Racecourse as the training location, in accordance with AR of Racing. This includes visiting horses that are staying at Flemington Training Facilities.

7. SCALE OF FEES

The scale of fees for use of VRC Training Facilities is as per lease agreement.

8. REFERENCES

- Racing Australia, Australian Rules of Racing - [Racing Australia | Horse Racing Results](#)
- Racing Victoria, Rules of Racing - [Rules of Racing | Racing Victoria](#)
- WorkSafe Victoria, Guide to Health and Safety for Stables and Horse Training Facilities - [Horse stables and track riding safety - WorkSafe](#)
- Racing Victoria Jockey Safety and Wellbeing Officer - [Jockey Wellbeing Program | Racing Victoria](#)