**TRACK RULES**

**2023-2024**

**GENERAL RULES**

* **All persons using the Complex must comply with the following requirements:**
* **Must hold an appropriate HRV License.**
* **Wearing correctly fastened and approved skullcaps is compulsory.**
* **Approved Safety Vests must be worn at all times in accordance with HRV Rules.**
* **Enclosed shoes must be worn whenever working with horses.**
* **No mobile phones are to be used whilst in control of horses.**
* **Reflective Vests must be worn if working at dawn or dusk.**
* **All horses being driven on tracks must have a suitable spotter in place at all times.**
* **All Joggers entering the Complex must have suitable reflectors and/or lighting attached.**
* **Horses floated to the Complex must be unloaded in the Float Park Area and no horses are to be tied to fences or to horse floats.**
* **If any track gates are closed, gates MUST NOT, in any circumstances, be opened and the facilities accessed by horses.**
* **The BHRC reserves the right to close tracks at any time. Wherever possible, notice will be given to trainers via SMS messaging.**
* **No litter to be left in any area and it is an expectation that trainers will clean up manure from their horses when using the stable areas.**
* **BHRC takes no responsibility for any loss or damage to any equipment left on the course**
* **No leading of a horse in sulky on all tracks, except on INNER TRACK.**
* **Only one horse is** **permitted to be led from a sulky at a time and only on the Third Track (Inner Track)**
* **Horses tied to the side of carts/sulky is Prohibited**

1. **FACILITY RULES OF MEMBERSHIP, FEES, AND USAGE.**

* **All new applications for membership must be approved by Committee.**
* **All users of the Complex must pay the Annual Fee as set by the Bendigo Harness Racing Club, and return a signed copy of their “Trainers Details & Acceptance Form”.**
* **THE BHRC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE USE OF THE COMPLEX TO ANY PERSON DUE TO NON-COMPLIANCE WITH TRACK RULES, NON-SUBMISSION OF FORMS, OR NON-PAYMENT OF FEES. NON-PAYMENT OR NON-COMPLIANCE WILL ALSO BE REPORTED TO HRV STEWARDS FOR FURTHER ACTION.**

1. **ACCESS TO COMPLEX**

**Hours.**

* **THE TRACKS/COMPLEX MAY ONLY BE USED DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS, OR DURING THOSE TIMES WHEN THE SUPPLEMENTARY LIGHTING ON THE GRANDSTAND IS IN OPERATION.**

**Access.**

* **Trainers MUST use the designated crossing points to access jog tracks and race tracks. As such, walking across the tracks at random is prohibited.**

**Closed.**

* **All access gates to the Race Track will be closed/locked in the evening before Race Meetings and reopened at 6.00AM on Race Day.**
* **Automated gate access to the bottom of the main straight is prohibited whilst greyhounds are trailing or racing**

1. **MAIN TRACK (RACE TRACK)**

**Closed.**

* **Track Maintenance may be conducted from 12 noon till completed on all days (when required). No horses will be allowed on track until maintenance is completed.**
* **Track will be closed at 12 noon on the day BEFORE a race meeting, as per HRV direction.**
* **Track will be closed at 12 noon on weekday Trial Days.**
* **Track will be closed 12 noon on Saturday before Sunday Morning Trials.**
* **Track may be closed earlier than above if weather poses a threat to race day preparations**

**Rules.**

* **Main track to be used for FAST WORK ONLY.**
* **All horses to work outside markers caps.**
* **Any marker caps turned over are to be reinstated.**
* **Caps are generally left off track day after race meetings.**
* **Galloping as a pacemaker is permitted (no individual galloping). NOTE: TRIAL BASIS.**

**Prohibited.**

* **Individual galloping, jogging, warming up, or walking.**
* **Any carts with tyres other than standard sulky tyres.**

1. **SECOND TRACK (MIDDLE TRACK)**

**Closed.**

* **Track Maintenance may be conducted from 12 noon till completed on all days (when required). No horses will be allowed on track until maintenance is completed.**
* **Closed 8.00 AM on Day Race Meetings**
* **Closed 9 AM on Twilight Race Meetings.**
* **Closed 12 noon on Night Race Meetings.**
* **Closed 7.30 AM on Sunday Trial Days and 4.00 pm on Monday Trial Nights.**

**Rules.**

* **Galloping is permitted on this track only. Drivers must advise other drivers of their intention to gallop their horses.**
* **Horses galloping or conducting fast work take preference over horses jogging.**
* **Only as a last resort, Joggers can be used on the inside track, but permission is strictly required by Track Curator or General Manager**

**Prohibited.**

* **Horses tied to the side of carts/sulkies.**
* **Leading of horses.**

1. **THIRD TRACK (INNER TRACK)**

**Closed.**

* **Track Maintenance may be conducted from 12 noon till completed on all days (when required). No horses will be allowed on track until maintenance is completed.**
* **Closed 8.00 AM on Day Race Meetings**
* **Closed 9 AM on Twilight Race Meetings.**
* **Closed 12 noon on Night Race Meetings.**
* **Closed 7.30 AM on Sunday Trial Days and 4.00 PM on Monday Trial Nights.**

**Rules.**

* **Leading of a single horse by cart permitted on INNER TRACK only.**
* **Only one horse is permitted to be led.**
* **Slow cantering is permitted on this track.**

**Prohibited.**

* **Galloping or fast work is prohibited on this track.**

1. **HAROLD PARK (MAIN CARPARK TRACK)**

**Closed.**

* **Two (2) hours prior to the start of Greyhound Race Meetings.**

**Rules.**

* **Horses are permitted to travel in both a clockwise and anti-clockwise direction.**
* **All Joggers must have** **lead ropes and a neck strap attached per horse to the jogger**
* **All Joggers entering the Complex must have suitable reflectors and/or lighting attached.**

**Prohibited.**

* **All working of horses not attached to a jogger**

1. **STALLS**

**Closed.**

* **Closed 8.00 AM on Day Race Meetings**
* **Closed 9 AM on Twilight Race Meetings.**
* **Closed 12 noon on Night Race Meetings.**

**Rules.**

* **Stalls to be used whilst training are Stalls 1-46 only.**
* **Trainers must clean stalls of all manure and rubbish as they leave.**

**Highlighted Rules**

* **Rules that have been highlighted are consistently broken by certain trainers & stable hands. These and all rules are in place for safety of our venue, you, your horses & the general public. Non compliance may see the BHRC refuse access to our complex.**