

BUNBURY TURF CLUB INC
REGISTRATION & REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO RACE COURSE & TRAINING TRACKS
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WARNING SIREN AND LIGHT PROTOCOL

In the event of a riderless horse or a fallen rider the Emergency Siren located on the light tower adjacent to the stalls and in the medic's lookout tower will be activated. In conjunction to the siren 4 flashing orange safety warning beacons, located at the 1675 metre, 1400 metre, 1100 metre and the 400 metre towers, will also be activated.

The activation of this system can be made by anyone who has witnessed an incident on the track. The system is activated by pressing down the red button located on the Stewards' tower near the horse stalls. Riders using the track must respond to the siren and lights by being prepared to restrain and pull up their mounts to avoid an accident. The siren will be reactivated if it is evident that a rider has not responded to the siren.

The siren is on a timer and will shut down after 10 seconds. The safety lights will remain flashing. If the situation requires the track to be closed down, a red warning beacon light, located on top of the medics lookout tower will be activated. All riders are to leave the training tracks as quickly as possible via the nearest exit.

Whilst the siren is activated and the safety lights are flashing no horses, under any circumstances, are to enter any of the training tracks. During the period of a track close down, all licensees' must abide by the instructions of the track medic and the Morning Track Work Manager and not hinder the movement of the Ambulance or Horse Ambulance.

Once the track has been cleared and determined safe to resume track work the orange and red safety beacons will be turned off, this will signify that it is all clear to continue track operations.

TRACK CLOSURE DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of an electrical storm the track will be closed immediately until any threat of lightning strikes has passed. The decision to close the track or delay its opening on the basis of faulty artificial lighting or poor visibility due to weather conditions is at the absolute discretion of the Morning Track Work Manager or RWWA Steward. In the event of heavy fog the Morning Track Work Manager or RWWA Steward may close the track or limit the number of horses working on the tracks at any one time to be satisfied that track work can proceed safely.

Following any significant rain the Morning Track Work Manager must be satisfied that the training tracks are in a suitable condition to recommence training activities. The Track Work Supervisor may order the closure of any or all tracks if they are in an unsafe condition.

IMPORTANT SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

HIGH VISIBILITY APPAREL

Every person must, when mounted on a horse for the duration of track work wear a coloured high visibility vest with reflective strips.

SAFETY LIGHTING

Every person must when entering onto any of the BTC's tracks wear a coloured high visibility vest with reflective strips.

Every person when mounted on a horse prior to sunrise must have affixed **high** on their skull cap safety warning lights that are clearly visible from both the right and left hand sides. Bright red flashing lights are recommended at BTC, as they offer superior visibility. The lights must be activated prior to entering onto any track. In inclement weather conditions the Track Work Supervisor may extend the period for the use of these lights.

(1)REGULATIONS

1.1 2009-10 TRACK REGISTRATION

Tier 1 Trainer	\$460	100 + grass gallops
Tier 2 Trainer	\$350	50 – 99 grass gallops
Tier 3 Trainer	\$150	Up to 49 grass gallops (minimum fee available)

- 1.2 Any trainer wishing to use the training facilities must first pay the Bunbury Turf Club, the trainers' registration fees for the current season.
- 1.3 Payments of track registration fees are due by the 31 August 2009. Payments of accounts are due within 30 days.
- 1.4 In addition to the 2009-10 Track Registration Fee, trainers will be invoiced \$10.00 for each grass gallop and special gallop. Use of the sand track is included in the 2009-10 Track Registration Fee.
- 1.5 Un-Financial Trainers may have access to the track denied. Late fees will apply to all unpaid accounts.
- 1.6 Trainers upon request must confirm with the Track Work Supervisor or BTC appointed representative, the number of horses that have used the grass and/or sand. Failure to do so will result in the BTC record being deemed to be correct and charges may not be disputed.
- 1.7 The Racing Manager or any BTC appointed representative may at any time restrict the use of any area of the BTC (including but not limited to all BTC tracks, stalls and other training areas).
- 1.8 Stalls and sand rolls are to be cleared of manure after use by the person in charge of the horse.
- 1.9 No person shall bring a dog on to any property of the BTC without the permission of the Racing Manager.
- 1.10 The Track Supervisor or any BTC Official may at any time at their discretion restrict the use of any training ground to any particular area or to any particular day or time. This includes restriction of tracks use due to weather conditions, visibility, physical obstructions or danger or the state of the track.
- 1.11 The payment of any training fees charged by the BTC shall not be taken to confer on the person paying the same any legal rights inconsistent with these regulations.
- 1.12 The BTC takes its responsibility in providing a safe training complex very seriously and appreciates your co-operation in identifying and rectifying possible hazards. Any injury or safety issues that cannot be resolved by the Morning Track Work Supervisor (Tuesday to Saturday) should be directed to the Racing Manager during office hours: **Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm.**
- 1.13 The gate to the stall area shall open at 04:15am each morning during winter and summer. No access is permitted on the track until the Morning Track Work Supervisor deems it safe to do so. The Morning

Track Work Supervisor has delegated authority to close and open tracks as they determine. If the Morning Track Work Supervisor and Track Work Medic fail to attend, no track work can proceed at all.

(2) TRAINERS

- 2.1 No horse shall be brought onto any property of the Bunbury Turf Club unless it is a registered thoroughbred race horse and is under the charge of a licensed person that agrees to abide by the following set of terms and conditions including payment of the fees and charges as set by the Bunbury Turf Club:
- 2.2 A Trainer or Stable Foreman who holds a license or permit issued by RWWA.
- 2.3 A visiting trainer who holds a clearance from another Principal Club or Association.
- 2.4 A RWWA approved registered horse breaker who has been granted permission by the BTC to use the Bunbury Turf Club's facilities and;
- 2.5 Is registered with the BTC and the trainer has agreed to abide by the following set of terms and conditions including the fees and charges.
- 2.6 No trainer or other authorized person shall permit any horse under their charge to be on any property of the BTC unless such horse is in the charge of a licensed person.
- 2.7 Trainers agree that no horses are to be taken onto the tracks until the Track Work Supervisor or BTC appointed person has inspected the tracks and declared them safe to commence track work.

(3) HORSES

- 3.1 Horses must be unloaded/loaded in the designated float parking area and led directly to the horse stalls.
- 3.2 No horse is allowed on the property of the BTC unless it is wearing a head collar or bridle. While being led on any part of the BTC grounds, every horse must have a bit in its mouth which must be attached to a lead or reins. A stallion restraint is an acceptable alternative to a bit.
- 3.3 Horses suffering from any infectious diseases or any complaint causing discharges from the nostrils are not permitted on the grounds of the BTC.
- 3.4 Walking exercise for horses on the BTC grounds is prohibited except in the areas provided for such purpose. Trotting and cantering is not allowed in areas set aside for walking.
- 3.5 No "unmounted" horse may be led or exercised on the course proper or on any training track including the jog track.
- 3.6 No horses are to be left unattended in the horse stall area. Should this occur the Track Work Supervisor must be advised of who is in charge of these horses.

(4) RIDERS

- 4.1 Only persons licensed as a jockey, apprentice jockey or track riders are permitted to ride on any of the Bunbury Turf Club tracks or grounds.
- 4.2 It is the riders' responsibility to be an accredited RWWA track work rider and to have read and understood these track work rules. This does not diminish the responsibility of the trainer in any way.
- 4.3 All riders must be mindful of their surroundings and the track and weather conditions at all times. These regulations are in place to provide a safe and efficient workplace for all industry participants; however, regulations cannot cover every situation. Please use common sense and exercise courtesy when using the racecourse facilities. If in doubt, please contact the Morning Track Work Supervisor.
- 4.4 No rider shall wear any apparel or use any equipment which has not been approved by the stewards.
- 4.5 The use of mobile phones whilst mounted on a horse is strictly forbidden on any part of the Bunbury Turf Club property.
- 4.6 Smoking whilst mounted on a horse is strictly prohibited on any part of the Bunbury Turf Club property.
- 4.7 At all times when mounted on a horse, riders must wear an approved skull cap with chin strap fastened, approved body protector vest, approved riding boots and a high visibility reflective style vest.
- 4.8 When mounted on a horse prior to sunrise, riders must have affixed **high** on their skull cap safety warning lights that are clearly visible from both the right and left hand sides. Bright red flashing lights are recommended at BTC, as they offer superior visibility. The lights must be activated prior to entering onto any track. In inclement weather conditions the Track Work Supervisor may extend the period for the use of these lights.
- 4.9 No rider shall use any spurs on the property of the Bunbury Turf Club which are not approved by the Stewards. Roller or Rowel spurs are not permitted. Shanks must be on a smooth metal and shall not be sharpened. See Notice Board for current apparel.
- 4.10 All riding apparel and equipment must be of good condition and proof of age of skull caps and vests must be made available upon request of the Track Work Supervisor or RWWA Steward. Please see Notice Board for current Safety Apparel.

(5) TRACKS

- 5.1 No Fast Work is permitted on any of the Bunbury Turf Club's tracks after 08:30am.
- 5.2 The designated area of the main grass track and the small grass track are available for fast work on Tuesday's and Saturday mornings between the hours of 04:30am and 08:30am. A \$10 fee applies to all gallops. Grass tracks are open for use at the discretion of the Race Course Manager between the months of November to April.
- 5.3 Special Grass Gallops are available every Thursday morning between 04:30am and 08:30am between the months of November to April. These gallops are restricted to horses that have accepted to race on the following Saturday, Sunday, Monday or Tuesday. These Gallops must be booked with the BTC Racing Manager/ BTC Track Manager by 4:00pm on Wednesday. The Horses Racing Name and meeting for which the horse has been accepted to race in must be supplied. Bookings will not be accepted on the Thursday morning under any circumstance.
- 5.4 Practice Barriers at the 1000 metre mark are available for educational purposes every day after 8.00am. Please notify the Track Work Supervisor prior to usage and consider other track users during this time.
- 5.5 The practice barrier located adjacent to the 1400 metre marker is for educational (walk-through) purposes only. It is not to be used as a jump out barrier. The fixed practice barriers may not be used prior to sunrise, unless otherwise approved by the BTC Steward.
- 5.6 Horses working on the grass must keep to the areas marked off for work. Riders found to be working horses outside of these areas will be reported to the RWWA Stewards and will be liable for a fine.
- 5.9 Horses pulling up must keep to the **inside** of the track. When one horse is being passed by another, the horse overtaking shall keep to the **outside** and the horse being passed shall pull to the **inside**.
- 5.10 Once the horses track work is completed horses must be pulled up within sufficient distance of the track exit. Horses are to exit the track immediately without delay no circling is permitted on any BTC tracks at any time.
- 5.11 Horses galloping or working on the training tracks must not work more than three abreast, or such other number as the Committee or Stewards may from time to time direct. Horses must be doing 20 second / furlong at the 600 metre mark on all days.
- 5.12 All horses shall be taken anti-clockwise to the point from which their gallop is intended to start. The only exception is for un-raced horses that are permitted to trot clockwise for approximately one hundred metres before commencing their gallop so that they may "sight" the woodchip crossing for the first time. Riders please ensure safety at this time.
- 5.13 Horses working on the inside slow work track must work in a clockwise direction only. Trotting and cantering is only permitted on this track.

GRASS TRACKS

- 5.14 The grass tracks shall be used only for the purpose of **fast work**. No trotting or cantering exercise will be allowed on them. Horses working on the grass must keep to the areas marked off for work. Riders found to be working horses outside areas marked will be reported to the RWWA Stewards and will be liable for a fine.
- 5.15 **When doing one lap:** Horses must be doing even time from the 400 metre mark.
- 5.16 **When doing two laps:** Horses must be cantering at the 600 metre mark and $\frac{3}{4}$ pace by the 400metre mark on the first lap. Horses must be doing even time by the 400 metre mark on the second lap.

INSIDE GRASS

- 5.17 All horses must proceed to the sand track or jog track for warm-up by way of the woodchip crossing. When ready to proceed to the Little Grass track they do so at the woodchip crossing.
- THEN:-**
- 5.18 Horses entering the track shall **give way** to horses on the track.
- 5.19 On entering the track all horses shall go to the **inside**.
- 5.20 All horses working shall pass on the **outside** of the slower horses.
- 5.21 All horses pulling up must keep to the **inside** of the track.
- 5.22 Once pulled up they must leave the inside grass track by way of the 1400 metre gap on the inside fence, cross the sand track to the centre of the course via the cutaway rail, then proceed to the woodchip crossing and return to the stall area.

MAIN GRASS

- 5.23 When the Main Grass track is being used all horses will once again do their warm-up on the jog tack and then go to the designated area of the Main Grass by way of the woodchip crossing.
- THEN:-**
- 5.24 Horses entering the track shall **give way** to horses on the track.
- 5.25 On entering the track all horses shall go to the **inside** area of the section marked off for track work.
- 5.26 All horses working shall pass on the **outside** of the slower horses.
- 5.27 All horses pulling up must keep to the **inside** section of the marked off area.
- 5.28 Once pulled up, all horses must go to the outside fence, through the gap at the 1400 metre, and then return to the stall area via the walkway adjacent to the southern perimeter fence/wall.

SAND TRACK

- 5.29 **When the grass tracks are closed**, horses are permitted to work three abreast on all days as long as the minimum speed at the 600 metre mark is a strong working canter (20 seconds per furlong on all days).

- 5.30 Trotting is **not permitted** on the main sand track between the 600 metre mark and the woodchip crossing (with the exception of Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 7.00am and 9.00am).
- 5.31 Fast work is **not permitted** after 08:30am. Please see 6.00 for the exception to this rule.
- 5.32 The use of the sand track is available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for educational purposes where trotting and cantering is permitted between 7.00 am and 9.00am. Trainers please reconsider fast work during this time. (This is to be reviewed before winter).
- 5.33 Horses must be ridden on the **inside** of the track, and horses doing faster work shall pass them on the **outside**.
- 5.34 Horse entering tracks **must give way** to horses working through.
- 5.35 Horses entering tracks must proceed directly to the **inside** of the track.
- 5.36 Horses must pull up and return on the inside of the sand track and exit via the cutaway rail at the 1400 metre mark, or at Barrier area at 1000 metre mark.

TRACK CLOSURE TIMES

- 5.37 The grass tracks shall close at 08:30am sharp. Except on Bunbury Turf Club race days when all tracks shall close at 08:00am. Horses will be denied access to the grass tracks at 08:30am.

Non Race Days

- 5.38 For the period from 1 October until 30 April inclusive, all tracks close at **09:00am**.
- 5.39 For the period from 1 May until 31 September inclusive, all tracks close at **09:00am**.
- 5.40 The use of any of the BTC's tracks after this time is **strictly prohibited**.

Race Days

- 5.41 On race days, all tracks close at **08:00am**.
- 5.42 The use of any of the BTC's track after this time is **strictly prohibited**.

Trial Days

- 5.43 On trial days, all tracks close at **08:30am**.
- 5.44 The use of any of the BTC's tracks after this time is **strictly prohibited**.

(6) Lap times and speeds to be displayed:

Jog Track	Slow work only (Trotting and Canterng ONLY)	Everyday
Main Sand (8m)	Fast/Slow Work	Monday to Saturday No Fast Work after 08:30am on all days
Small Grass	Fast Work - ONLY	Tuesday & Saturday until 08:30am (Thursday please refer to track rules)
Main Grass	Fast Work - ONLY	Subject to availability
Breakers – not permitted on grass tracks. Permitted on Main Sand Track after sunrise Monday, Wednesday & Friday After 07:30am on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday Horses must be doing a minimum speed of 20 second per furlong at 600 metre marker on all days on the main sand. (BTC will offer leniency towards breakers in this instance)		
The use of the sand track is available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for educational purposes where trotting and cantering are permitted between 07:00 and 09:00am. Trainers please reconsider fast work during this time frame. (This is to be reviewed before winter)		
Pace work (20 seconds a furlong), $\frac{3}{4}$ (17 seconds a furlong), evens (15 seconds a furlong), working gallop (at the discretion of a trainer)		

(7) GENERAL

- 7.1 The Bunbury Turf Club holds a zero tolerance policy towards violence and verbal abuse towards any of its employees. Any instance of violence or verbal abuse will be immediately reported to the RWWA Stewards for action.
- 7.2 Any person displaying improper or insulting behavior or failing to adhere to these regulations will be reported to the stewards.
- 7.3 Stock Saddles are not permitted on grass tracks at any given time. They are permitted on the main sand track after 07:30am on "Fast work days" – Tuesday, Thursdays & Saturday and "Daylight" – Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Standard Speed Rules apply see Figure 6.0 if using a Stock Saddle/ all purpose saddle for any other reason – please advise the Track Work Supervisor.

Whip

- 7.4 The RWWA approved standard whips must be in use as of 01 December 2009. Excessive use of the whip during track work or elsewhere on the property of the BTC will not be tolerated. Penalties will be issued by RWWA. The use of schooling whips are only permitted in combination with stock saddles.

Four Wheel Motor Bike

- 7.5 The BTC is happy for trainers to use the 4 wheel motorbike after track work, for transport around the grounds. The bike is strictly limited to one person. The BTC provides a motor bike helmet which must be used at all times when mounted on the bike. Riding helmet is also permitted.

First Aid

- 7.6 The BTC employs a qualified Senior First Aid attendant who is in attendance at track work every day from 4.30am until 9.00am. The senior First Aid qualification is the minimum requirement of the RWWA stewards for the code of track work at the BTC.