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## BUNBURY TURF CLUB INC

### REGISTRATION & REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO RACE COURSE & TRAINING TRACKS

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#### 2008-09 TRACK REGISTRATION *(Based on usage from 2007-08)*

Tier 1 Trainer	\$420	100 + grass gallops.
Tier 2 Trainer	\$310	50 - 99 grass gallops.
Tier 3 Trainer	\$130	Up to 49 grass gallops (minimum fee available).
Season Pass	\$80	Access to up to 10 uses of the sand track. After 10 uses of the sand track, a fee of \$7 per sand use and \$12 per grass use applies.

Payment of accounts are due within 30 days of the end of the month.

Access to the track may be denied for any trainer with an unpaid account and a \$15 monthly finance charge may be charged on outstanding amounts.

A trainer must confirm with the First Aid Officer when leaving track work 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.

#### REGULATIONS

1. No horse shall be brought on to any property of the BTC unless it is a thoroughbred race horse and is under the charge of:-

- (a) a trainer who holds a license or permit issued by RWWA.
- (b) a visiting trainer who holds a clearance from another Principal Club or Association; or
- (c) a horse-breaker who has been granted permission by RWWA to use the BTC's facilities and;
- (d) is registered with the Bunbury Turf Club and the trainer has agreed to abide by the following set of terms and conditions including the fees and charges.

2. The Committee, or any Official authorised to act on its behalf, 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.

3. No trainer or other authorised person shall permit any horse under his/her charge to be on any property of the BTC unless such horse is in the charge of a licensed person.

4. No "unmounted" horse may be led or exercised on the course proper or on any training track, excluding the jog track.

5. No person shall bring a dog on to any property of the BTC without the permission of the Committee. Any dog found on such property without the permission of the Committee, may be removed or destroyed if considered a threat to horse and/or rider.



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6. Walking exercise for horses on the lands of the BTC is prohibited except in the area provided for such purpose. Trotting and cantering in areas set aside for walking is forbidden, except where permission is otherwise given.

7. Any trainer wishing to use the training facilities must first pay the Bunbury Turf Club, the trainers' registration fees for the current season. (Attached)

8. 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 who are permitted to trot clockwise for approximately one hundred metres before commencing their gallop so that they may "see" the woodchip crossing for the first time.

9. Horses working on the inside slow work track must work in a clockwise direction only.

10. 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**.

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.

12. 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.

13. The General Manager should be contacted immediately in writing should an injury or safety issue arise. In the first instance contact the Track Supervisor. Failing that bring it to the attention of the Track Manager, RWWA Steward, SWOTBA representative or BTC committee track representative. An incident report should be completed as soon as possible if injury has occurred to a person, animal or property. The BTC takes its responsibility in providing a safe training complex very seriously and appreciates your co-operation in identifying and rectifying possible hazards.

14. The gate to the stall area shall open at 4.15am each morning during Winter and Summer. No access is permitted on the track until the Track Supervisor deems it safe to do so. The Track Supervisor has delegated authority to close and open tracks as he/ she determines. If a Track Supervisor fails to attend, no track work can proceed at all.

15. **Fast Work** - The designated area of the Main Grass track and the Little Grass track are available for fast work on Tuesdays and Saturday mornings. No fast work is permitted on any of the BTC tracks after 8.30 am.

**Special gallops** are available every Thursday mornings between 4.30am and 8.30am for horses who have accepted for a race to be conducted on the following Saturday, Sunday, Monday or Tuesday race days. Fee applies.

**Jump outs** are conducted at 8.30am as per the BTC's seasonal calendar determines. Fee applies.

**The grass tracks on Tuesday and Saturday shall close at 8.30am. First aid attendant is contracted from 4.30 to 8.30 only. Gallops are NOT permitted after this time.**

16. The fixed practice barriers may not be used prior to 8.00am, unless otherwise approved by the BTC Steward.

17. Track Closure Times:

**Non Race Days** - Sand track closes at 9am. Jog track closes at 12 noon (dust permitting, see below). Grass tracks closes at 8.30am.

**Race Days** - On race days all tracks, including the jog track, close at 8am.



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18. Only RWWA licensed jockeys, track work riders and approved trainers are permitted to ride horses on racecourse grounds.

19. 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.

20. All riders must be mind full 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 Track & Grounds Manager.

## GRASS TRACKS

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.

**When doing one lap:-** Horses must be doing even time from the 400m.

**When doing two laps:-** Horses must be cantering at the 600m mark and  $\frac{3}{4}$  pace by the 400m mark on the first lap. Horses must be doing even time by the 400m mark on the second lap.

**Inside Grass** - 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:-

- (a) Horses entering the track shall **give way** to horses on the track
- (b) On entering the track all horses shall go to the **inside**
- (c) All horses working shall pass on the **outside** of the slower horses
- (d) All horses pulling up must keep to the **inside** of the track
- (e) Once pulled up they must leave the inside grass track by way of the 1400m 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** - When the Main Grass track is being used all horses will once again do their warm-up on the jog track and then go to the designated area of the Main Grass by way of the woodchip crossing.

### THEN:-

- (a) Horses entering the track shall **give way** to horses on the track.
- (b) On entering the track all horses shall go to the **inside** area of the section marked off for track work
- (c) All horses working shall pass on the **outside** of the slower horses
- (d) All horses pulling up must keep to the **inside** section of the marked off area
- (e) Once pulled up, all horses must go to the outside fence, through the gap at the 1400m, then return to the stall area via the walkway adjacent to the southern perimeter fence/wall



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## SAND TRACK

- (a) **When the grass tracks are closed.** Horses must be doing  $\frac{3}{4}$  pace from the 600m on Tuesdays and Saturdays
- (b) At all other times on the sand track, slow pace is permitted; however where possible, trainers are requested to complete fast work for their horses before 8.30 am. Fast work is not permitted after 8.30 am.
- (c) Horses must be ridden on the **inside** of the track, and horses doing faster work shall pass them on the **outside**
- (d) Horses entering tracks **must give way** to horses working through
- (e) Horses entering tracks must proceed directly to the **inside** of the track
- (f) Horses must pull up and return on the inside of the sand track and exit via the cutaway rail at the 1400m.

## JOG TRACKS

Trainers using the jog track between 9am and 12 noon do so at their own risk and with the full knowledge that machinery may be working on training tracks and racecourse surrounds during this time.

When using the jog track in summer the horses using the sand and grass tracks have priority until 9am. Dust from the jog track affecting these other exercising animals may render the jog track closed as a result.



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## IMPORTANT SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

### HIGH VISIBILITY APPAREL

Every person must, when mounted on a horse, wear a coloured high visibility vest with reflective strips.

### SAFETY LIGHTING

Every person must, when mounted on a horse in darkness, have affixed to their skull cap a safety warning light or lights which is clearly visible from both the right and left hand sides.

### 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 Track Supervisor or RWWA Steward. In the event of heavy fog the Track Supervisor 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 Track Supervisor must be satisfied that the training tracks are in a suitable condition to recommence training activities. He may order the closure of any or all tracks if they are in an unsafe condition.

### WARNING SIREN AND LIGHT PROTOCOL

In the event of a rider less 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 meter, 1400 meter, 1100 meter and the 400 meter 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, and a yellow plastic chain will be erected at the track crossing. 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 Track Supervisor 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.

