



Bunbury Turf Club Inc Track Rules

REGISTRATION & REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO RACECOURSE & TRAINING TRACKS

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(1.0) REGULATIONS

1.1 2020 – 2021 Track Fees and Charges – Prices are GST inclusive

Inside Jog Track	No Charge
Sand Track	No Charge
Grass Track	\$8.80 per horse
Special Gallops	\$8.80 per horse
Jump Outs Non-Trial Days	No Charge
Jump Outs Trial Days	\$22.00 per horse

(NOTE: Horses for Jump Outs need to be nominated to the Club.)

- 1.2 New trainer wishing to use Bunbury Turf Club (BTC) Training Facilities must complete and sign the 2020 – 2021 Track Work Trainers Agreement form (3.1.1 FOR – Track Work Trainers Agreement) and return to the offices of the BTC by close of business the day before initial track use.
- 1.3 Un-Financial trainers may have access to the track denied. Late fees will apply to all overdue accounts.
- 1.4 Trainers upon request must confirm with the Track Work Supervisor or BTC appointed representative, the number of horses that have used the grass or sand tracks. Failure to do so will result in the BTC record being deemed to be correct and charges may not be disputed.
- 1.5 The Racing Manager or any BTC appointed representative may at any time at their discretion restrict the use of any training ground to any area or to any day or time. This includes restriction of tracks use due to weather conditions, visibility, physical obstructions or danger or the state of the track.
- 1.6 The payment of any training fees charged by the BTC shall not be taken to confer on the person paying the same or any legal rights inconsistent with these regulations.
- 1.7 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 Track Work Supervisor / appointed RWWA Steward should be directed to the Racing Manager during office hours: **Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm.**
- 1.8 The gate to the stall area shall open at 04.00am each morning during winter and summer. No access is to be permitted on the track until the Track Work Supervisor deems it safe to do so. The Track Work Supervisor has delegated authority to close and open tracks as they determine. If the Track Work Supervisor and Track Work Medic fail to attend, no track work can proceed at all.
- Access to the Float Car Park will be via the Brittain Road Gate and exit via the Northern Gate.
 - Floats are required to park perpendicular to the perimeter fencing and those with side loading floats will be required to park north of Gate 7.

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(2.0) TRAINERS

- 2.1 No horse shall be brought onto any property of the BTC unless it is a registered thoroughbred race horse and is under the charge of a licensed trainer or their appointed licensed representative that agrees to abide by the following set of terms and conditions including payment of the fees and charges as set by the BTC:
- 2.2 Horses presented at BTC for track work MUST be under the supervision of a Trainer / Stable Foreman who holds a current license or permit issued by RWWA.
- 2.3 Trainers MUST be registered with the BTC and agree to abide by the attached set of terms and conditions including the fees and charges.
- 2.4 No trainer or other authorised 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.
- 2.5 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 to be safe to commence track work.
- 2.6 Trainers agree that all stalls and tie up areas will be cleaned after use. This includes disposing of horse manure into the bins provided.

(3.0) 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 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 on 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 oversees these horses.
- 3.7 The practice of leading two or more rider less horses at the same time is prohibited.

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(4.0) RIDERS

- 4.1 Only persons licensed as a jockey, apprentice jockey or track rider are permitted to ride on any of the BTC 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 always be mindful of their surroundings and the track and weather conditions . 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 Work Supervisor.
- 4.4 No rider shall wear any apparel or use any equipment which has not been approved by the stewards, as per the Australian Rules of Racing and / or RWWA policies.
- 4.5 The use of mobile phones whilst mounted on a horse is strictly prohibited on any part of the BTC property.
- 4.6 Smoking whilst mounted on a horse is strictly prohibited on any part of the BTC 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 day night 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 BTC which are not approved by the Stewards. Roller or Rowel spurs are not permitted.
- 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.

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(5.0) TRACKS

- 5.1 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 04:15am and 09:00am. A \$8.80 fee applies to all gallops. Grass tracks are open for use at the discretion of the Racecourse Manager between the months of November to April.
- 5.2 Grass Gallops are available every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday morning between 04:15am and 09:00am between the months of November and April.
- 5.3 Practice Barriers are at the 1000 metre mark are available for educational purposes every day after 07.30am or at the Track Work Supervisor's discretion. Please notify the Track Work Supervisor prior to usage and consider other track users during this time.
- 5.4 The practice barrier located behind the Horse Stalls is for educational (walk-through) purposes only. It is not to be used as a jump barrier. The fixed practice barriers may not be used prior to sunrise.
- 5.5 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.
- 5.6 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**.
- 5.7 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 and no circling is permitted on any BTC tracks at any time.
- 5.8 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.
- 5.9 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.
- 5.10 Horses working on the inside slow work track must work in a clockwise direction only. Trotting and cantering is only permitted on this track.

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Grass Tracks

- 5.11 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.
- 5.12 **When doing one lap:** Horses must be doing a minimum or even time from the 600 metre mark. **i.e.** 15 seconds per 200 meters.
- 5.13 **When doing two laps:** Horses must be cantering at the 600 metre mark and $\frac{3}{4}$ pace by the 400 metre mark on the first lap. Horses must be doing even time (15 sec per 200 meters) from the winning post prior to the second lap.

Inside Grass

- 5.14 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: -

- 5.15 Horses entering the track shall **give way** to horses on the track.
- 5.16 On entering the track all horses shall go to the **inside**.
- 5.17 All horses working shall pass on the **outside** of the slower horses.
- 5.18 All horses pulling up must keep to the **inside** of the track.
- 5.19 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

- 5.20 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: -

- 5.21 Horses entering the track shall **give way** to horses on the track.
- 5.22 On entering the track all horses shall go to the **inside** area of the section marked off for track work.
- 5.23 All horses working shall pass on the **outside** of the slower horses.
- 5.24 All horses pulling up must keep to the **inside** section of the mark off area.

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- 5.25 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

- 5.26 **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).
- 5.27 Trotting is **not permitted** on the main sand track between the 600 metre mark and the woodchip crossing (please read paragraph 5.28 and table 6.0 for exception to this rule).
- 5.28 The use of the sand track is available on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for educational purposes where trotting is permitted. Trainers / riders please reconsider fast work during this time as young horses or breakers may be present on these days.
- 5.29 Horses must be ridden on the **inside** of the track, and horses doing faster work shall pass them on the **outside**.
- 5.30 Horse entering **must give way** to horses working through.
- 5.31 Horses entering tracks must proceed directly to the **inside** of the track.
- 5.32 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

Non-Race Days

- 5.33 For the period from 1 October until 31 May inclusive, all tracks close at **09:00am**.
- 5.34 For the period from 1 June until 30 September inclusive, all tracks close at **9:00am**.
- 5.35 The use of any of BTC's tracks after this time is **strictly prohibited**.

Race Days

- 5.36 On race days, all tracks close at **07:30am**.
- 5.37 The use of any of the BTC's track after this time is **strictly prohibited**.

Trial Days

- 5.38 On trial days, all tracks close at **07:30am**.

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5.39 The use of any of the BTC's track after this time is **strictly prohibited**.

(6.0) TRACK WORK USAGE TABLE

Jog Track	Slow work only (Trotting and Cantering ONLY)	Everyday
Main Sand (8m)	Fast/Slow Work	Monday to Saturday
Small Grass	Fast Work – ONLY	Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday
Main Grass (outside markers)	Fast Work – ONLY	Subject to availability
<p>Breakers – not permitted on grass tracks. Permitted on Main Sand Track Monday, Wednesday & Friday After 07:30am on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday or at Track Work Supervisor's discretion Horses must be doing a minimum speed of 20 seconds per furlong at 600 metre marker on all days on the main sand. (BTC will offer leniency towards breakers in this instance)</p>		
<p>The use of the sand track is available on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for educational purposes. Trainers please reconsider fast work during this time frame. (This is to be reviewed by the TAB before winter)</p>		
<p>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)</p>		

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(7) GENERAL

- 7.1 The BTC 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 7:30am on “Fast workdays” – 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 is only permitted in combination with stock saddles.

Club Allocated Vehicle

- 7.5 Trainers and staff will be transported around the grounds on request. Track Work Supervisor or the First Aid Attendant are only permitted to drive this vehicle.

First Aid

- 7.6 The BTC employs a qualified First Aid Attendant who attends track work every day from 4:00am until 9:00am. The First Aid qualification is the minimum requirement of the RWWA Stewards for the code of track work at the BTC.

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(8) TRACK CLOSURE

Warning Siren and Light Protocol

- 8.1 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 with the siren, 7 flashing orange safety warning beacons, located at the 1675 metre, 1400 metre, 1100 metre and the 400 metre and 200 metre towers as well as the winning post will also be activated.
- 8.2 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 slow down their mounts to a trot to avoid an accident. The siren will be reactivated if it is evident that a rider has not responded to the siren.
- 8.3 The stalls area 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, 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.
- 8.4 While 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, all licensees must abide by the instructions of the medic and the Track Work Supervisor and not hinder the movement of the Ambulance or Horse Ambulance.
- 8.5 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

- 8.6 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 based on faulty artificial lighting or poor visibility due to weather conditions is at the absolute discretion of the Track Work Supervisor or RWWA Steward. In the event of heavy fog, the Track Work 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.
- 8.7 Following any significant rain the Track Work Supervisor 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.

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