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With regard to the Club's upcoming race-meetings given the COVID-19 situation, the Newcastle Jockey Club has implemented the guidelines provided by the Federal Government regarding COVID-19 and Government restrictions.

The following notice from Racing NSW regarding the conduct of Race Meetings, Barrier trials and trackwork - Restrictions on public access protocols effective 16 March 2020 – remains current as at 9 April 2020:

The only persons that will be permitted to attend thoroughbred race meetings, barrier trials and trackwork (including access to licensed training stables) in New South Wales will be Essential Personnel. No public access will be permitted, including for owners (unless providing an essential service, for example, an owner who is also a trainer).

Essential Personnel at race meetings are the following persons:

- *Racing NSW Stewards and Veterinarians*
- *Trainers, Jockeys and Stable hands with a runner at the race meeting*
- *Barrier Attendants, Starters and essential Track Staff*
- *Clerks of the Course*
- *Judges and Sectional Timing Teams*
- *Weighing Room Staff and jockeys' attendants*
- *Race day Event Staff and security including horse stalls, mounting yards and float carpark*
- *Club Doctor and Ambulance Services*
- *Farriers and other essential service providers*
- *Broadcast services including Race Caller*
- *Effective 27 March 2020, other than essential broadcast media, media are prohibited from attending race meetings.*
- *One photographer per racecourse at provincial and country meetings and two in the metropolitan area.*
- *Restricted operational Race Club staff and management*

Essential Personnel will be required to leave the racecourse after their horses have run. No on course wagering facilities will be available.

Access

No more than two access points to the racecourse with one required access point through the Horse Stall area (for both horses and Essential Personnel) and one optional access point (for Essential Personnel only that have been approved by Racing NSW and the Race Club). Access will not be permitted to any Essential Personnel that:

- *Is suffering from coronavirus symptoms or is otherwise unwell;*



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- *Has been to a [country considered at higher risk of COVID-19](#) in the past 14 days, being mainland China, Iran, Italy and South Korea (and any such other countries added to that list from time to time);*
- *Is subject to self-isolation requirements imposed by the Government;*
- *Has been in close contact with a person suspected or confirmed to have coronavirus;*
- *Has an elevated temperature.*

Further, if any Essential Personnel is in a high-risk group such as older people or people with underlying illnesses that make them more vulnerable to respiratory disease, including those with diabetes, chronic lung disease, kidney failure and people with suppressed immune systems, that person should not attend race meetings, barrier trials and trackwork (including accessing licensed training stables).

Enhanced hygiene measures

Sufficient cleaning staff are to be engaged to provide ongoing and continual disinfection of common surfaces used by Essential Personnel during the conduct of the race meeting. This is to include at a minimum twice daily periodic disinfection of all common surfaces including but not limited to door handles, handrails, lift call buttons, internal lift buttons and escalator handrails, light switches, fridges, microwaves, cabinets, tap handles, phones and keyboards etc.

Hand sanitizer stations to be installed in all areas used by Essential Personnel and cleaning staff are to continually monitor hand sanitizer stations, soap & hand drying for replenishment.

Trackwork, barrier trials and stable attendance protocols effective 16 MARCH 2020 – Still Current

- 1. Only Essential Personnel are permitted to attend trackwork, barrier trials and trainers' stables (licensed premises).*
- 2. Owners are not permitted to attend these venues.*
- 3. Should any Essential Personnel display the COVID-19 symptoms detailed above, do not attend your workplace and notify your employer of the symptoms you are experiencing and advise of your unavailability to attend work. You should isolate yourself and immediately seek medical advice by calling Coronavirus Health Information Line 1800 020 080 or your medical practitioner.*

Yours sincerely,
Newcastle Jockey Club Limited

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