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## **PREAMBLE**

These Training Facility Regulations apply to the Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club training facility ("The Facility") and govern the use of the Facility by all persons engaged in the training, education, schooling, care, or management of horses.

These Regulations have been adopted by the Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club ("GBJC") and apply to all trainers, riders, stable employees, horse attendants, contractors, visitors, and any other persons entering or using The Facility.

Any person who fails to comply with these Regulations may be subject to disciplinary action or sanctions imposed by the GBJC and/or Racing SA. For the purposes of these Regulations, any duly authorised officer of the GBJC may exercise the powers and responsibilities conferred under these Regulations without the need for prior approval from the GBJC Committee.

The Australian Rules of Racing, the Racing SA Local Rules of Racing, and all applicable Racing SA policies, directives, and procedures, as amended from time to time (collectively referred to as "The Rules"), apply to The Facility and form part of these Regulations. By entering or using The Facility, all persons acknowledge and agree that they are bound by The Rules and these Regulations.

All persons attending or using a racecourse, recognised training track, private training establishment, or any other facility associated with thoroughbred racing and training must comply with all applicable rules, regulations, policies, directions, and conditions of entry at all times.

The primary purpose of these Regulations is to promote the safety of riders, horses, staff, contractors, and visitors, protect the welfare of horses, preserve the condition and integrity of the training and racing surfaces, and ensure the orderly and efficient operation of The Facility.

# 1. ENTRY & GENERAL CONDITIONS

## 1.1 Who may use the facility

- (a) Only persons inducted to The Facility may use the Facility in accordance with Clause 2.3 of these Regulations.
- (b) All persons holding a current license issued by Racing SA or another Principal Racing Authority (PRA) including (but not limited to) Trainers, Stable Forepersons, Stable Employees, Track Work Riders, Apprentice Jockeys and Jockeys.
- (c) Professionally qualified persons attending to a horse may also enter The Facility for the purposes of performing their duties/functions or providing their services including (but not limited to) Veterinarians, Chiropractors, Farriers and Horse Transport Operators.
- (d) Registered horse owners and their partners, children and/or siblings. In the event a child is a minor, the child shall be in the company and under the direct supervision and control of an adult parent or guardian at all times.
- (e) Stewards and/or officials employed by Racing SA or GBJC employees.
- (f) Any person contracted by Racing SA or the GBJC to perform or assist in performing duties in relation to the taking of samples for analysis to ensure compliance with either the rules of racing or relevant Work Health & Safety (WHS) requirements.
- (g) Registered thoroughbred racehorses that belong to trainers approved to use the facility.
- (h) Companion horses or lead ponies with the prior permission of the Trackwork Supervisor.
- (i) Horses from disciplines other than thoroughbred racing may be permitted to access The Facility for the purpose of utilising the Equine Pool and/or Treadmill, provided the horse and its owner, trainer, or authorised attendant have received prior approval from the GBJC, completed any required induction.
- (j) All horses present at The Facility must be under the care and control of a registered attendant at all times and must not be left unattended under any circumstances.
- (k) Dogs are prohibited from entering or remaining on any part of the racecourse, training facilities, stable precinct, or associated Club grounds unless specifically authorised by the GBJC.

## 1.2 Entry and access points to the facility and tracks

- (a) All training tracks including the tie up stalls area can only be entered at points provided for this purpose. All persons attending are required to observe signage displayed in this regard.
- (b) During trackwork hours 5:00am to 9:30am, the primary horse access laneway is used by horses entering and exiting the training facilities and must be kept clear at all times. Persons must not stand, congregate, park equipment, or undertake any unnecessary activity within the laneway that may impede the safe movement of horses or create a safety risk to other facility users.
- (c) The Facility is designated primarily for the training and education of Thoroughbred horses between the hours of 5:00am and 9:30am, Monday to Saturday, under the supervision of the Trackwork Supervisor. Use of The Facility for recreational, unauthorised, or non-approved activities is prohibited. Access to training areas outside of designated operating hours is not permitted unless prior approval has been granted by the GBJC.

## 1.3 Reference to the rules of racing

- (a) The Australian Rules of Racing, the Local Rules of Racing as promulgated by Racing SA and any Policies issued by Racing SA (collectively referred to as The Rules) supplement these Training Facility Regulations and apply to the use of The Facility.

- (b) A copy of The Rules and related Policies are available from the Trackwork Supervisors Office; or alternatively they can be downloaded from the Racing SA website.

#### **1.4 First aid attendant**

- (a) A First-Aid Attendant is available on course during the stipulated hours that training tracks are open.
- (b) In the event the First-Aid Attendant considers it necessary they may call for the services of the SA Ambulance Service to attend as a result of a particular incident.
- (c) In the event a person is attended to by a member of the SA Ambulance Service and after assessment by the member it is recommended that the person be transported to hospital for observation then such person shall be obliged to comply with the recommendation. Failure to comply with this provision will result in the person being suspended from using The Facility in accordance with Disciplinary Procedure & Sanctions of this document.
- (d) If the individual is admitted to hospital as an inpatient the trainer of the horse(s) involved in the incident must notify SafeWork SA and the GBJC immediately.
- (e) In the event of a rider falling from a horse and sustaining an injury that prevents them from being moved from the track to the First Aid Room, all training tracks in the immediate vicinity will be closed for the period that the person remains on the track until such time they are moved by the First Aid Attendant and/or SA Ambulance Service.
- (f) The decision of whether the person may be moved is at the sole discretion of the Trackwork Supervisor will enforce this decision.

#### **1.5 Grazing**

- (a) No grazing shall be allowed on any racing or training surfaces or any area inside of the course.

#### **1.6 Control of fractious horses**

- (a) The practice of walking fractious or troublesome horses on to and off of the track is encouraged.
- (b) The Trackwork Supervisor may, should they feel that the nature of the horse poses a real and direct risk to the safety of the users of The Facility, direct a Trainer to have a horse lead on to and/or off of the track.
- (c) In exceptional circumstances, where the Trackwork Supervisor determines that a horse, due to ongoing or serious fractious behaviour, presents a real and significant risk to the safety of horses, riders, handlers, staff, or other users of The Facility, the GBJC may prohibit the horse from accessing or using The Facility.
- (d) Prior to any decision being made under this clause, the GBJC will consult with the local branch of the Australian Trainers' Association and any other persons considered appropriate.
- (e) The trainer of a horse prohibited from accessing The Facility may be directed to undertake further education or retraining of the horse away from Gawler before applying for the horse to return to The Facility.
- (f) The GBJC may require the horse to undergo an assessment or demonstration of satisfactory behaviour before approval is granted for the horse to re-enter and use The Facility.

#### **1.7 Housekeeping and Cleanliness**

- (a) Trainers are responsible for ensuring that all manure and horse waste generated by their horses is promptly collected and disposed of in the designated bins, buckets, or waste

disposal areas provided by the GBJC. This requirement applies to all areas of The Facility, including but not limited to tie-up stalls, horse walkways, access laneways, the Equine Pool precinct, Treadmill area, Bull Ring, Round Yard, stable areas, and float parking areas.

(b) All areas used by a trainer, their employees, contractors, riders, attendants, or horses must be left in a clean and tidy condition immediately following use.

(c) Failure to comply with this clause may result in the GBJC arranging for the area to be cleaned and recovering the associated costs from the trainer responsible, in addition to any disciplinary action available under these Regulations.

### **1.8 Assumption of Risk**

(a) Horse training and associated activities involve inherent risks, including the risk of injury, illness, death, loss or damage to persons, horses and property. All persons entering or using The Facility do so voluntarily and entirely at their own risk.

(b) To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club, its Committee members, employees, volunteers and authorised representatives accept no responsibility or liability for any injury, loss, damage or expense sustained by any person or horse arising from, or in connection with, the use of The Facility, except where such liability cannot lawfully be excluded.

(c) By entering or using The Facility, all persons acknowledge that they have accepted these risks and agree to comply with these Training Facility Regulations, the Australian Rules of Racing, Racing SA Local Rules, and all lawful directions issued by the GBJC.

## **2. WORK HEALTH & SAFETY AND HORSE WELFARE**

### **2.1 Work health & safety related matters**

(a) All persons using The Facility must comply at all times with the Work Health and Safety (WHS) requirements of the (GBJC), the Australian Rules of Racing, the Racing SA Local Rules of Racing, and all applicable Club policies and directions. Without limiting the general application of these requirements, persons using The Facility should have particular regard to the following:

- Regulations in respect of smoking.
- Regulations in respect of the wearing of reflective equipment.
- Regulations in respect of the leading of more than one horse by one person.
- Regulations in respect of the wearing of safety gear by riders of horses as required by The Rules of racing.
- No person shall ride any horse which is not fully saddled and bridled.
- Regulations in respect to mobile phone/other electronic device
- Regulations in respect to horses suffering skin diseases or influenza.
- Regulations in respect to inductions.
- Subject to and without derogating from the Rules of Racing, all licensed persons attending The Facility in control of horses, shall comply with the GBJC's policy in respect of being alcohol and drug free.
- All riders must have feet in stirrups at all times whilst on horses, unless the horse is being led.
- Regulations in respect of presenting to ride track work in a physically fit condition as prescribed by The Rules of Racing.

- Drug & Alcohol
- (b) Trainers are responsible for ensuring compliance with all applicable workers compensation, workplace health and safety, and employment obligations relating to their employees and contractors.

## 2.2 Reportable incidents

- (a) All injuries, incident, hazards or near misses must be reported immediately to the Trackwork Supervisor. The supervisor will escalate matters to the GBJC Management as required.
- (b) Where a serious incident occurs, the Track Supervisor must lodge an Incident Report Form as soon as practicable to enable assessment of any reporting obligations under the Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA) and notification to SafeWork SA where required. The current SafeWork SA definitions and reporting requirements will prevail should they differ from the examples listed below.

### Fatalities

Any work-related fatality arising from, or in connection with, activities conducted at the Club's training facilities.

### Serious Injuries or Illnesses

- Immediate treatment as an inpatient in a hospital for any duration.
- Amputation of any body part.
- Serious head injury.
- Serious eye injury.
- Serious burn injury.
- Degloving or scalping.
- Spinal injury.
- Loss of bodily function.
- Serious lacerations.
- Medical treatment received within 48 hours of exposure to a substance.

## 2.3 Induction

- (a) All persons undertaking work at The Facility must complete the GBJC induction process prior to commencing work or utilising the facilities.
- (b) All personnel deemed to be visitors will be identified as such.
- (c) Prior to bringing a horse to The Facility or commencing work for the first time, trainers, staff, riders, and other authorised users must report to the Trackwork Supervisor's Office for the purpose of completing the required induction.
- (d) Trainers are responsible for ensuring that all employees, contractors, stable staff, and track riders under their supervision are familiar with and comply with these Training Facility Regulations and all applicable Racing SA and Club requirements.
- (e) Horses using The Facility shall be deemed to be under the care, custody, and control of the nominated trainer at all times.
- (f) Unless appropriately licensed and specifically authorised by the GBJC, Club employees must not lead, saddle, handle, load, unload, or otherwise attend to horses, including assisting with the loading of horses into barrier gates for Official Trials, Jump-Outs, or training activities.

## **2.4 Smoking at the facility**

- (a) Smoking while mounted, riding, leading, swimming or treadmilling a horse at any racecourse, recognised training track, private training establishment, or any other place, in South Australia, is prohibited at all times.

## **2.5 Safety apparel and protective equipment**

- (a) All parties attendant at The Facility, including those riding horses must at all times wear reflective clothing or a reflective vest that adhere to Australian Standard AS/NZS 4602.199 (High Visibility Safety Garments), specifically "Class D/N".
- (b) All persons attending The Facility must at all times wear high visibility clothing complying with AS/NZS 4602 when riding or leading a horse, or in the tie-up stall area, without exception. Failure to wear such clothing may result in the person being asked to leave The Facility.
- (c) It is a condition of the use of The Facility that all riders while mounted on a horse wear the appropriate safety equipment – Body Protector and Helmet as required and described by "The Rules". Persons required to wear any of these types of safety equipment should be aware of the standard of gear accepted as detailed in The Rules.
- (d) In addition all riders must have attached/fitted to their helmet a safety light of the approved standard when mounted on a horse before daylight.
- (e) All persons attending to horses using the practice gates shall wear an approved safety vest and helmet. A small number of safety vests are available at the Trackwork Supervisors Office for persons to borrow. Those who use these vests shall be liable for replacement costs should they be lost or damaged.
- (f) When riding riders must wear approved or recognised riding boots.
- (g) All saddles brought onto The Facility must be equipped with a set of safety irons.
- (h) Unless the feet are "kicked out" of the stirrup irons upon the rider having concerns for his safety, all riders will ride with their feet in the stirrup irons.

## **2.6 Track safety warning system**

- (a) Smoking Red Flashing Light – Safety Incident
- If a rider has been dislodged or a running rail is down the track is deemed to be unsafe.
  - The red warning light will be activated on the Track Hut.
  - No access to the track will be allowed until the problem has been rectified and the red light has been switched off.

## **2.7 Leading horses**

- (a) All horses must have a bit fitted to the mouth at all times when being led to or from The Facility, in the precinct of The Facility, or while being led at The Facility. This is a requirement under The Rules.
- (b) When leading a horse a handler may only lead one horse at a time. A person leading more than one horse at the same time will result in the offending person being denied access to The Facility.
- (c) The practice of a person leading two or more riderless horses at the same time at any racecourse, recognised training track, private training establishment, or any other place, in South Australia, is prohibited at all times

## **2.8 Lead ponies and horse breakers**

- (a) Lead ponies may only be used at The Facility with the prior approval of the Trackwork Supervisor and only at times approved by the Trackwork Supervisor.

- (b) Lead ponies are restricted to the Sand Tracks and are not permitted on any grass training surface.
- (c) Horse breakers who are licensed by Racing SA as trainers will only be allowed to use The Facility with the prior approval of the Trackwork Supervisor and then only at such times during training hours as stipulated by the Trackwork Supervisor.
- (d) Horses undergoing breaking-in are not permitted to use the grass tracks.
- (e) Where a racehorse is being led from a lead pony, the racehorse must be positioned on the right-hand side of the lead pony.

## **2.9 Horse health and biosecurity**

- (a) Any horse suffering or showing signs of skin disease, influenza or any complaint causing discharge from the nostril(s) shall not be brought to The Facility until such condition has cleared.

## **2.10 Mobile phones and electronic devices**

- (a) The use of a mobile phone or any other portable communication and/or entertainment device while mounted, riding, leading, swimming or treadmilling a horse at any racecourse, recognised training track, private training establishment, or any other place, in South Australia, is prohibited at all times". For the sake of clarity; in this direction – "use" will include "the act of holding any mobile phone or any other device.

## **3. FACILITY FEES AND BILLING**

- (a) Trainers shall pay a training fee ("Fee") for the use of The Facility in accordance with the schedule of fees. A copy of the schedule of fees is available on request via email to [accounts@gawlerjockeyclub.com.au](mailto:accounts@gawlerjockeyclub.com.au)
- (b) Invoices for the use of training facilities, services, and associated charges will be issued monthly in arrears.
- (c) Invoices and account statements will be provided electronically to the trainer's nominated email address. It is the responsibility of the trainer to ensure their contact details remain current and to notify the GBJC of any changes.
- (d) The GBJC provides approved trainers with a credit account facility of twenty-eight (28) days from the date of invoice.
- (e) All accounts must be paid in full within twenty-eight (28) days of the invoice date.
- (f) Trainers are responsible for reviewing all invoices and statements upon receipt and must notify the GBJC of any discrepancies.
- (g) Failure to receive an invoice or statement does not relieve a trainer of their obligation to pay amounts owing within the prescribed payment terms.
- (h) Any account that remains unpaid beyond the approved credit period may be subject to action in accordance with the GBJC Debtors Policy.
- (i) Trainers should refer to the Debtors Policy annexure to these Regulations for details regarding overdue accounts, suspension of facility access, payment arrangements, and debt recovery procedures.
- (j) The schedule of fees payable shall be adjusted annually on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July based on the movement in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The CPI index used shall be the [All Groups CPI, Australia, as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)], or its equivalent if replaced.

## 4. TRAINING FACILITIES

### 4.1 Facilities and opening hours

- (a) The standard operating hours of The Facility for the purpose of training horses are 5:00am to 9:30am, Monday to Saturday, unless otherwise notified by the GBJC. The Club reserves the right to vary operating hours, restrict access, or close facilities at its discretion.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Course Proper</b>	The Course Proper is maintained primarily for racing purposes and is not available for routine training.						CLOSED
<b>Training Grass</b>	CLOSED	5am - 9:30am	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	5am - 9:30am	CLOSED
<b>Main Sand Track</b>	5am - 9:30am	5am - 9:30am	5am - 9:30am	5am - 9:30am	5am - 9:30am	5am - 9:30am	CLOSED
<b>Reverse Sand Track</b>	5am - 9:30am	5am - 9:30am	5am - 9:30am	5am - 9:30am	5am - 9:30am	5am - 9:30am	CLOSED
<b>Equine Pool</b>	5am - 4:00pm	5am - 4:00pm	5am - 4:00pm	5am - 4:00pm	5am - 4:00pm	5am - 9:30am	CLOSED
<b>Treadmill</b>	5am - 4:00pm	5am - 4:00pm	5am - 4:00pm	5am - 4:00pm	5am - 4:00pm	5am - 9:30am	CLOSED
<b>Bullring</b>	9:30am - 12pm	9:30am - 12pm	9:30am - 12pm	9:30am - 12pm	9:30am - 12pm	5am - 9:30am	CLOSED
<b>Round Yard</b>	9:30am - 4pm	9:30am - 4pm	9:30am - 4pm	9:30am - 4pm	9:30am - 4pm	5am - 9:30am	CLOSED

- (b) Please refer to following clauses for specific information regarding the operating hours and conditions of the training facilities.
- (c) All tracks and facilities will close at 8.30am on days when official Barrier Trials or Jump Outs are hosted at Gawler.
- (d) All tracks and facilities will close at 8.30am on days when races are hosted at Gawler.
- (e) Access to and use of The Facility, including the Grass Tracks and Sand Tracks, is subject to favourable weather conditions and track suitability.
- (f) The GBJC reserves the right to restrict, suspend, or close any track, training surface, or facility at its absolute discretion for reasons including, but not limited to, adverse weather conditions, repairs and maintenance, track preservation, operational requirements, conflicting events, maintenance of adjacent facilities, or any other circumstance considered relevant by the GBJC.
- (g) Where it is necessary to restrict, suspend, or close any track or facility, the GBJC will make every reasonable effort to provide advance notice to users of The Facility. However, circumstances may arise where immediate action is required and no prior notice can be given.
- (h) The GBJC reserves the right to restrict, prioritise, or allocate access to training facilities where necessary to manage capacity, safety, track preservation, or operational requirements. In exercising this discretion, priority may be given to trainers who are designated as Gawler-based trainers in accordance with their current Stable Return lodged with Racing SA.

### 4.2 Course proper grass track

- (a) The Course Proper is not a standard training facility and access is not included as part of routine training privileges. Access to the Course Proper for training or galloping purposes will only be permitted when approved and scheduled by the Track Manager.
- (b) When available the Course Proper will opens at 5:00am and close at 9.30am unless otherwise notified.
- (c) Markers will be used to define a section of the track that is not to be used for training. Horses must remain within the designated training area at all times. Markers are not to be moved without consultation with the Trackwork Supervisor.

- (d) The direction of work shall be anti-clockwise unless permission is otherwise granted by the Trackwork Supervisor and then only at the times and dates granted.
- (e) Horses must travel only in the designated direction of work for the relevant training surface. Back trotting, or travelling against the approved direction of work, is prohibited.
- (f) All horses must exit the track from work via the designated return lane. Under no circumstances are horses to be ridden back to the course entrance via any other route than the designated return lanes.

#### **4.3 Training grass track**

- (a) Markers will be used to define a section of the track that is not to be used for training. Horses must remain within the designated training area at all times. Markers are not to be moved without consultation with the Trackwork Supervisor.
- (b) The direction of work shall be anti-clockwise unless permission is otherwise granted by the Trackwork Supervisor and then only at the times and dates granted.
- (c) Horses must travel only in the designated direction of work for the relevant training surface. Back trotting, or travelling against the approved direction of work, is prohibited.
- (d) Only fast or pacework is permitted on the inside grass track.

#### **4.4 Special grass gallop**

- (a) Trainers requiring access to a grass training surface outside of the programmed grass gallop schedule may submit a Special Grass Gallop Request via the Club's approved online application form.
- (b) All requests must be submitted no less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the proposed gallop date.
- (c) Upon submission, requests will automatically be sent to the Track Manager, Trackwork Supervisor, and Chief Executive Officer for consideration.
- (d) Approval of a Special Grass Gallop Request is not guaranteed and will be assessed on its individual merits and at the sole discretion of the Club.
- (e) In assessing a Special Grass Gallop Request, the Club may consider factors including, but not limited to:
  - The purpose of the proposed gallop and the reasons for requiring access outside of the programmed grass gallop schedule;
  - The urgency and timing of the proposed work;
  - Current and forecast weather conditions;
  - Track condition and moisture levels;
  - Recent usage and wear of the grass surfaces;
  - Turf recovery requirements;
  - Upcoming race meetings, barrier trials, and jump-out commitments;
  - Planned maintenance, renovation, or track preparation works; and
  - The preservation, safety, and integrity of the training and racing surfaces.
- (f) The Club reserves the right to approve, decline, modify, postpone, suspend, or cancel any Special Grass Gallop Request where it considers such action necessary to protect the condition, safety, or integrity of the grass surfaces.
- (g) Approved Special Grass Gallops will be subject to the applicable fee as published in the Club's Schedule of Fees and Charges or the approved online application form.

(h) Approval of a Special Grass Gallop Request applies only to the specific date, time, conditions, and horses approved by the Club and does not create any ongoing entitlement to access grass training facilities outside of the programmed grass gallop schedule.

(i) The Club may impose such conditions on the approval of a Special Grass Gallop Request as it considers necessary to protect the training surfaces and ensure the safe operation of The Facility.

#### **4.5 Main sand track**

(a) The direction of work shall be anti-clockwise unless permission is otherwise granted by the Trackwork Supervisor and then only at the times and dates granted.

#### **4.6 Reverse sand track (sydney)**

(a) The direction of work shall be clockwise unless permission is otherwise granted by the Trackwork Supervisor and then only at the times and dates granted.

#### **4.7 Club training jump outs (unofficial)**

(a) Club Training Jump Outs will generally be conducted each Friday from the 1500m Chute on the Course Proper. The timing, location, and availability of Jump-Outs may be varied, relocated, postponed, or cancelled at the discretion of the Club due to weather conditions, track maintenance requirements, race meetings, operational requirements, or other circumstances deemed relevant by the Club.

(b) The direction of work shall be in a straight line from the starting gates, with horses proceeding anti-clockwise.

(c) A Club Training Jump Out must commence from approved starting gates and, unless otherwise approved by Racing SA, shall not be conducted over a distance exceeding 600 metres and shall include no more than six (6) horses in any one heat. For two-year-old horses only, a Jump-Out may be conducted over a distance not exceeding 800 metres unless otherwise approved by Racing SA. Please refer to Racing SA Local Rules of Racing.

(d) Horses participating in Club Training Jump Outs must pull-up at the designated point. Either the 900-metre or 800-metre marker, before returning via the outside rail of the Course Proper.

(e) Trainers are responsible for supplying sufficient suitably experienced staff to load and attend to horses participating in Club Training Jump Outs.

(f) All persons attending to horses during Club Training Jump Outs must wear an approved safety vest and helmet.

(g) A limited number of safety vests are available from the Trackwork Supervisor's Office for temporary use. Any person borrowing a safety vest shall be responsible for the cost of replacement should the vest be lost, stolen, or damaged.

#### **4.8 Practice barrier gates**

(a) Practice barrier gates are provided for the education and familiarisation of horses with the barrier environment.

(b) Practice barrier gates will be positioned for the education of horses in the 1700m chute on Monday's & Tuesdays.

(c) The use of practice barrier gates is restricted to walk-through education only unless otherwise approved by the Trackwork Supervisor.

- (d) Horses using the practice barrier gates must be led or ridden quietly through the barriers and must not be jumped out, galloped, or worked at speed unless otherwise approved by the Trackwork Supervisor.
- (e) Access to the practice barrier gates is subject to the approval of the Track Manager and may be restricted, suspended, or withdrawn at any time for operational, safety, or maintenance reasons.
- (f) Trainers are responsible for providing sufficient suitably experienced staff to safely handle and educate horses using the practice barrier gates.
- (g) All persons attending to horses at the practice barrier gates must wear an approved safety helmet and safety vest.
- (h) Horses using the practice barrier gates must remain under the control of a licensed rider or authorised handler at all times.
- (i) The Club reserves the right to direct the manner in which the practice barrier gates are used and may cease any activity considered unsafe or detrimental to the welfare of horses, participants, or other users of The Facility.
- (j) Users must ensure the practice barrier gates are left in a safe and secure condition following use and must immediately report any damage or safety concerns to the Trackwork Supervisor.

#### **4.9 Bull ring**

- (a) The Bull Ring is located adjacent to a primary horse access laneway used by horses entering and exiting the training facilities. Operating hours and usage restrictions have been established to minimise the risk of horses becoming startled, agitated, or loose.
- (b) The standard operating hours of the Bull Ring are 9:30am to 12:00pm. These operating hours are intended to minimise interaction between horses using the Bull Ring and horses entering or exiting the training tracks during trackwork hours.
- (c) Subject to users exercising appropriate care and consideration for other facility users, the Bull Ring may be made available from daylight until 12:00pm at the discretion of the Trackwork Supervisor.
- (d) On Saturdays and race days, the Bull Ring may be used from daylight until 9:30am unless otherwise advised by the Trackwork Supervisor.
- (e) All persons using the Bull Ring must exercise due care and consideration for other facility users at all times and conduct activities in a manner that does not compromise the safety of horses, riders, handlers, staff, or visitors.
- (f) The direction of work shall be anti-clockwise unless otherwise approved by the Trackwork Supervisor.
- (g) Riding horses within the Bull Ring is prohibited.
- (h) A maximum of two (2) horses are permitted in the Bull Ring at any one time.
- (i) The Bull Ring gate must remain closed while the facility is in use.
- (j) The cracking or use of illegal stock whips is prohibited.
- (k) Jumps must be left in place and chained at max height after use.

#### **4.10 Round yard**

- (a) The Round Yard is located adjacent to a primary horse access laneway used by horses entering and exiting the training facilities. Operating hours and usage restrictions have been established to minimise the risk of horses becoming startled, agitated, or loose.
- (b) Subject to users exercising appropriate care and consideration for other facility users, the Round Yard may be made available from daylight until 4:00pm at the discretion of the Trackwork Supervisor.

- (l) On Saturdays and race days, the Round Yard may be used from daylight until 9:30am unless otherwise advised by the Trackwork Supervisor.
- (c) A maximum of two (2) horses are permitted in the Round Yard at any one time.
- (d) The Round Yard gate must remain closed while the facility is in use.

#### **4.11 Equine pool**

- (a) Trainers must ensure that all horses using the Equine Pool are under the care and control of a suitably experienced, competent, and licensed stable employee who has been appropriately instructed in the safe operation and use of the facility.
- (b) Horses must be thoroughly hosed and have their feet cleaned prior to entering the Equine Pool to ensure they are free from dirt, sand, and other contaminants.
- (c) All persons attending to horses within the Equine Pool compound must wear an approved flotation device whilst working in or around the pool.
- (d) Any person within the Equine Pool compound must wear approved high-visibility clothing and suitable enclosed footwear.
- (e) Horses suffering from skin disease, nasal discharge, or any condition that may pose a biosecurity risk are prohibited from using the Equine Pool until the condition has fully resolved.
- (f) Horses using the Equine Pool for the first time must be accompanied by a minimum of two (2) handlers and must have a tail rope attached for the duration of the swim.
- (g) All horses must be fitted with a head collar and ring bit prior to entering the Equine Pool. A leading pole must remain attached at all times unless otherwise directed by the Trackwork Supervisor for safety reasons.
- (h) The GBJC reserves the right to refuse, suspend, or revoke access to the Equine Pool for any horse that, in the opinion of the Trackwork Supervisor, cannot safely enter, swim, or exit the facility. Access may be reinstated once the Trackwork Supervisor is satisfied that the horse can safely undertake these activities.
- (i) The cracking or use of illegal stock whips within the Equine Pool compound is prohibited.
- (j) Trainers and attendants must not use excessive force on any horse. Any person observed engaging in conduct that may compromise horse welfare may be reported to Racing SA and may be denied access to the facility.
- (k) The GBJC reserves the right to refuse, suspend, or revoke access to the Equine Pool for any attendant who, in the opinion of the Trackwork Supervisor, is unable to safely control or manage a horse within the Equine Pool compound.
- (l) Horses entering the Equine Pool must give priority to horses already swimming. Users must ensure that the horse ahead has reached a safe distance before entering the pool. A maximum of two (2) horses are permitted in the Equine Pool at any one time unless otherwise directed by the Trackwork Supervisor.
- (m) All horses must enter and exit the Equine Pool compound via the designated access and exit points. Horses exiting the pool must return via the designated laneway and must not be walked along the concrete footpaths.
- (n) In the event of an incident or emergency, the Equine Pool warning siren and flashing light will be activated. No horse may enter the Equine Pool or Equine Pool compound whilst the warning system is activated.
- (o) Any person witnessing an incident or emergency within the Equine Pool precinct should activate the emergency warning system and immediately notify the Trackwork Supervisor or other authorised GBJC representative.
- (p) Emergency buoyancy aids are positioned adjacent to the Equine Pool for use in an emergency. If a person falls into the pool, assistance should be provided where safe to

do so, emergency services contacted if required, and the emergency warning system activated immediately.

#### **4.12 Treadmill**

- (m) The Treadmill is available for use Monday to Friday between 5:00am and 4:00pm and Saturdays & Race Days between 5:00am and 9:30am, unless otherwise advised by the Trackwork Supervisor.
- (a) Only persons who have completed a GBJC induction are permitted to operate the Treadmill.
- (b) Trainers are responsible for ensuring that all persons operating the Treadmill are suitably experienced and competent in its safe operation.
- (c) Horses using the Treadmill must be under the supervision of a competent handler at all times.
- (d) All users must be aware of surrounding horses, trainers, and attendants and conduct themselves in a manner that does not compromise the safety of other facility users.
- (e) The use of mobile phones, headphones, earbuds, or other electronic devices whilst operating or supervising the Treadmill is prohibited.
- (f) It is recommended that all persons handling horses in the Treadmill area wear appropriate personal protective equipment, including suitable footwear.
- (g) Horses must not use the Treadmill if suffering from lameness, injury, illness, or any condition that may compromise their welfare or safety.
- (h) Horses must be led onto and off the Treadmill in a calm and controlled manner and remain under the control of the handler at all times.
- (i) The emergency stop function must be checked prior to operation and all users must be familiar with emergency shutdown procedures.
- (j) The Treadmill area must be kept clear of obstacles and unauthorised persons during operation.
- (k) Upon completion of use, the Treadmill must be returned to a zero-degree incline, all gates secured, and the facility left in a clean and safe condition.
- (l) The GBJC reserves the right to suspend or revoke access to the Treadmill for any person or horse where it considers continued use may pose a risk to safety, horse welfare, or the proper operation of the facility.

#### **4.13 Wash bays & stalls**

- (a) The use of wash bays in the tie up stalls area is permitted 6 days per week Monday – Saturday 5:00am – 9:30am.
- (b) Horses are not to be shampooed in the wash bays.

#### **4.14 Exhibition gallops**

- (a) Please refer to the Racing SA Exhibition Policy [Click Here](#)

#### **4.15 Official jump outs & barrier trials**

- (a) Official Jump Outs and Barrier Trials conducted at The Facility are administered and scheduled by Racing SA in consultation with the GBJC. All nominations, enquiries, and requests relating to Official Jump-Outs and Barrier Trials must be submitted directly to Racing SA.

## 5. TRACKWORK & POOL SUPERVISOR

- (a) The Track Supervisor is an employee of the (GBJC) and is responsible for the safe and orderly operation of all training activities conducted at the Club's training facilities.

The primary responsibilities of the Track Supervisor include:

- (b) Conducting all required pre-opening inspections and safety checks of the training facilities prior to the commencement of trackwork.
- (c) Ensuring all training activities are conducted in accordance with the Club's Training Rules and Regulations, Racing SA requirements, and any directions issued by the Club.
- (d) Be present at the Track Work Supervisor Hut monitoring trackwork during operating hours and overseeing the safe use of all training facilities.
- (e) Maintaining records and collecting operational or statistical information as required by the Club.
- (f) Close the appropriate gates where safe and practicable to do so when a horse becomes riderless or loose, with the objective of containing the horse within the designated training area.
- (g) Trackwork Supervisors and other GBJC employees are not employed or trained as horse handlers and must not catch, lead, restrain, saddle, load, unload, or otherwise handle horses as part of their duties.
- (h) Where a horse becomes riderless or loose, the role of the Trackwork Supervisor is limited to managing the safety of The Facility, including activating warning systems, directing persons where necessary, and closing gates where safe and practicable to assist in containing the horse within a secure area. Responsibility for catching or handling the horse remains with the trainer or the trainer's authorised representatives.
- (i) No Trackwork Supervisor or GBJC employee is required or expected to place themselves at risk by attempting to catch or restrain a horse.
- (j) Activating emergency warning systems and notifying track users where a loose horse, safety incident, or other hazard is identified.
- (k) Close the appropriate gates where safe and practicable to do so when a horse becomes riderless or loose, with the objective of containing the horse within the designated training area.
- (l) Ensuring no person is directed or expected to place themselves at risk when attempting to contain a loose horse or respond to an incident.
- (m) Opening and closing training tracks, including grass training tracks and grass gallops, in accordance with Club policies, track conditions, and approved training schedules.
- (n) Assessing track conditions and, where delegated by the Track Manager, determining the availability of training surfaces based on prevailing weather and track conditions.
- (o) Closing, restricting, or modifying access to any training facility where concerns exist regarding the safety of horses, riders, or the condition of the training surface.
- (p) Liaising and communicating with trainers, jockeys, apprentice jockeys, track riders, stable staff, veterinarians, and other authorised users of the training facilities.
- (q) Coordinating emergency responses and liaising with first aid personnel, medical services, veterinarians, or emergency services where required.
- (r) Provide appropriate first aid to any injured person and, where required, arrange for emergency services to attend. All riding accidents and incidents occurring during trackwork must be recorded in the Racing SA online reporting system.
- (s) Carrying out any other duties reasonably required to ensure the safe, efficient, and professional operation of the Club's training facilities.

- (t) The Track Supervisor has the authority to issue directions relating to the safe use of the training facilities. All trainers, jockeys, riders, stable staff, and facility users must comply with any lawful direction issued by the Track Supervisor.
- (u) The Track Supervisor must be treated with the same level of professionalism, respect, and courtesy expected towards any official acting in the course of their duties. In return, the Track Supervisor is expected to perform their duties fairly, consistently, professionally, and in the best interests of the Club and its participants.
- (v) The Track Supervisor reports directly to the Track Manager and Chief Executive Officer and is responsible for implementing and enforcing the Club's Training Rules and Regulations.

## **6. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE AND SANCTIONS**

### **6.1 Failure to abide by the rules**

- (a) GBJC staff, including but not limited to Trackwork & Pool Supervisors, Track Manager and Chief Executive, are empowered to direct users of The Facility to abide by The Rules as prescribed in this document.
- (b) Where an authorised GBJC representative observes a person failing to comply with these Training Facility Regulations, The Rules, or any lawful direction, the person may be spoken to, directed to rectify the non-compliance, and/or issued with a warning.
- (c) Where an alleged breach is reported after the event, or where it is not practicable to address the matter immediately, the GBJC may investigate the matter and contact the person at a later time.
- (d) Failure to comply with these Regulations, The Rules, or any lawful direction issued by an authorised GBJC representative may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to a warning, suspension of access privileges, restriction of facility use, removal from The Facility, or referral to Racing SA.
- (e) In determining any disciplinary action, the GBJC may take into account the nature and seriousness of the breach, whether the conduct was repeated, and any prior breaches of these Regulations or The Rules.

### **6.2 Disciplinary Procedure**

- (a) Minor breaches of these Regulations, the Code of Conduct, or a lawful direction issued by an authorised GBJC representative will generally be addressed at the time of the incident.
- (b) Where a person fails to comply with these Regulations, the Code of Conduct, or a lawful direction issued by an authorised GBJC representative, the matter may be referred to the Chief Executive Officer for further consideration.
- (c) Serious breaches, repeated breaches, or conduct considered detrimental to the safety, operation, reputation, or assets of the GBJC may result in formal disciplinary action.
- (d) Prior to any significant disciplinary action being imposed, the person concerned will be provided with written notice of the alleged breach and given a reasonable opportunity to respond and show cause as to why disciplinary action should not be taken.
- (e) The Chief Executive Officer may investigate any alleged breach and may seek information from GBJC staff, Racing SA, trainers, riders, stable staff, contractors, or any other person considered relevant to the matter.
- (f) Where considered appropriate, the Chief Executive Officer may refer the matter to the GBJC Committee for determination.

(g) The GBJC reserves the right to refer any matter to Racing SA Stewards for consideration under the Australian Rules of Racing, Racing SA Local Rules, or any other applicable Racing SA policy.

### 6.3 Sanctions

(a) Subject to Clause 6.2, the GBJC may impose one or more of the following sanctions where it determines that a breach of these Regulations or the Code of Conduct has occurred:

- Verbal warning;
- Written warning;
- Monetary fine;
- Restriction of access to specific facilities or services;
- Suspension of facility privileges for a specified period;
- Indefinite suspension of access to The Facility;
- Warning Off from the racecourse and associated facilities;
- Recovery of costs incurred by the GBJC arising from the breach;
- Referral to Racing SA for further consideration.

(b) In determining the appropriate sanction, the GBJC may take into consideration the nature and seriousness of the breach, any previous breaches, the person's response to the allegations, and any mitigating circumstances.

(c) The sanctions imposed by the GBJC may be in addition to any penalty, sanction, direction, or action imposed by Racing SA Stewards.

(d) Where a person accesses or uses a facility without approval, including a track, training surface, or facility that has been closed, restricted, or otherwise designated unavailable by the GBJC, the Club may charge the applicable fee in accordance with its current Schedule of Fees and Charges.

(e) For the avoidance of doubt, any horse that uses a grass training surface without prior approval may be charged the applicable Special Grass Gallop fee to the trainer's account.

(f) The imposition of a fee, charge, or monetary fine under these Regulations does not prevent the GBJC from taking further disciplinary action.

(g) Failure to pay any fine, fee, charge, or other amount owing to the GBJC within the prescribed payment terms may result in suspension of access to The Facility until all outstanding amounts have been paid in full.

## 7. SCHEDULE OF FEES

TRACK WORK ITEM	GBJC TRAINER	VISITING TRAINER
SPECIAL GALLOP	\$78.00	\$111.30
JUMP OUT	\$46.80	\$68.70
EQUINE POOL MONTHLY	\$171.60	\$208.00
EQUINE POOL SINGLE	\$7.30	\$9.40
GRASS GALLOP	\$20.00	\$34.00
SAND / SYDNEY GALLOP	\$5.20	\$7.80
TREADMILL	\$15.60	\$15.60

## 8. CONTACTS

### **Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club Office**

Available 8:30am to 4:30pm

Landline: 08 8522 1801

[events@gawlerjockeyclub.com.au](mailto:events@gawlerjockeyclub.com.au)

### **Trackwork & Pool Supervisor**

Available 4:30am to 9:30am

Mobile: 0432 559 513

[trackwork@gawlerjockeyclub.com.au](mailto:trackwork@gawlerjockeyclub.com.au)

### **Track Manager**

Available 8:30am to 4:30pm

Mobile: 0435 716 853

[trackmanager@gawlerjockeyclub.com.au](mailto:trackmanager@gawlerjockeyclub.com.au)

## CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct establishes the standard of behaviour expected of all persons using the Club's facilities, including licensed trainers, stable staff and representatives acting on behalf of trainers.

It applies to all conduct on Club premises, during trackwork and associated activities, at race meetings and events, and in connection with the Club, including online and social media activity and any public commentary or media engagement, including television, radio, and on-screen interviews.

The purpose of this Code is to ensure a safe, respectful, and professional environment so that all individuals can enjoy and participate in Club activities in a responsible manner. This Code must be read in conjunction with the Club's Training Facility Regulations and other applicable Club policies.

### Principles

All individuals must accept responsibility for their behaviour and ensure it does not adversely impact others.

All persons are expected to behave in a manner that:

- Maintains and supports the reputation of the Club
- Is not detrimental to the enjoyment of others
- Ensures the health, safety, and wellbeing of staff and others
- Supports a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment
- Ensures Club property and facilities are used responsibly

### Standard of Conduct

All individuals must:

- Behave in a professional and respectful manner at all times
- Treat staff, Committee members, and others with respect
- Act in a way that supports a cooperative and safe environment
- Ensure their conduct does not adversely impact Club operations, safety, or reputation

### Unacceptable Conduct

The following conduct is not permitted:

#### Bullying and Harassment

- Verbal abuse, intimidation, or aggressive behaviour
- Conduct that belittles, humiliates, or undermines others

#### Discrimination and Offensive Behaviour

- Sexist, discriminatory, or offensive remarks or actions
- Behaviour that creates a hostile, unsafe, or uncomfortable environment

#### Recording and Use of Images or Footage

- Recording, photographing, or filming individuals without consent
- Distributing images, video, or commentary that:
  - Targets individuals
  - Misrepresents situations
  - May damage the reputation of individuals or the Club

#### Public, Media and Social Media Conduct

- Publishing or sharing material, or making public statements, that:

- Is obscene, defamatory, threatening, harassing, discriminatory, or disparaging
- Targets or undermines individuals associated with the Club
- Misrepresents Club operations or decisions
- Brings, or is likely to bring, the Club into disrepute or ridicule

#### **Alcohol-Related Behaviour**

- Engaging in arguments, disputes, or inappropriate conduct while under the influence of alcohol
- Behaviour that is disruptive, aggressive, or impacts the safety or wellbeing of others

#### **Conduct Impacting the Club**

Any behaviour that:

- Breaches accepted standards of public behaviour
- Jeopardises the health or safety of others
- Causes offence or reduces the enjoyment of others
- Disrupts Club operations
- Damages, destroys, or lessens the value of Club assets
- Negatively impacts the reputation of the Club

#### **Constructive feedback is supported where it is:**

- Well considered
- Respectfully communicated
- Not abusive, threatening, or insulting

#### **Work Health and Safety**

- All individuals must comply with the Club's obligations to provide a safe environment.
- In line with expectations under Safe Work Australia:
- Behaviour that creates a risk to physical or psychological safety will not be tolerated
- All individuals must take reasonable care that their actions do not adversely affect others

## COMMUNICATION POLICY

The purpose of this Policy is to establish clear communication protocols between trainers and Club staff to ensure requests, concerns, and operational matters are managed efficiently, consistently, and appropriately documented. Effective communication is essential to maintaining a safe training environment, ensuring operational efficiency, and providing a clear record of requests, decisions, and actions.

### Communication Principles

The Club is committed to providing professional and responsive communication. In return, trainers are expected to utilise the communication channels outlined in this Policy.

Proper communication processes are necessary to:

- Ensure requests are received and actioned appropriately.
- Maintain accurate records of requests, concerns, and decisions.
- Avoid misunderstandings and conflicting information.
- Ensure fairness and consistency for all trainers.
- Support workplace health and safety obligations.
- Allow staff to prioritise and manage operational requirements effectively.

### Primary Point of Contact

The first point of contact for all operational matters relating to the training facilities is Club staff.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Track conditions and maintenance
- Facility maintenance requests
- Safety concerns
- Access to facilities
- Operational enquiries
- General feedback and requests

Committee members are not responsible for the day-to-day management of the training facilities and should not be considered the primary contact for operational matters.

### Written Communication

To ensure appropriate record keeping and follow-up, all requests, concerns, complaints, maintenance requests, and safety matters must be submitted in writing.

Acceptable forms of written communication include:

- Email
- Online form submissions via the clubs approved online application forms.

Written communication assists the Club in:

- Maintaining accurate records
- Tracking actions and outcomes
- Prioritising works and maintenance
- Ensuring accountability and consistency

Verbal conversations may be used for discussion; however, matters requiring action should be confirmed in writing.

### Staff Working Hours

Unless otherwise advised, the Club's staff are available during the following hours: Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm

Requests received outside these hours will be responded to as soon as practicable during the next business period.

For trackwork-related enquiries, the Trackwork Supervisor is the primary point of contact between: Monday to Saturday 4:30am and 9:30am

Trainers should take these operating hours into consideration when expecting a response to communication.

### **Mobile Phone Communication**

The use of staff mobile phones should be limited to urgent operational matters and emergencies.

Routine requests, maintenance matters, and general enquiries should be submitted in writing during normal business hours.

Repeated calls or messages regarding non-urgent matters may impact staff's ability to perform their duties and respond to other operational priorities.

### **Track Staff Availability**

Track staff regularly operate heavy machinery and equipment as part of their duties.

For safety reasons, staff will not stop machinery or equipment operation to answer phone calls, read text messages, or respond to communications.

Trainers should allow reasonable time for responses and understand that immediate replies may not always be possible during operational activities.

The safety of staff, contractors, trainers, and horses will always take priority over responding to communications.

### **Escalation of Concerns**

The Club encourages trainers to work directly with staff to resolve concerns and operational matters.

If a trainer believes that a matter has not been appropriately addressed through normal communication channels, the trainer may raise the matter with the Chairperson of the Club.

Prior to escalation, trainers should ensure the matter has first been communicated to staff and that a reasonable opportunity has been provided for the issue to be considered and addressed.

## **DEBTORS POLICY**

This policy outlines the terms and conditions relating to credit, invoicing, and debt recovery for all horse trainers utilising the training facilities at the Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club. This policy applies to all trainers operating under a Training Facilities Agreement with the Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club.

### **Provision of Credit**

Credit is provided to trainers in accordance the Training Facilities Agreement.

Monthly statements will be issued for all outstanding balances.

Payment of all accounts is required within 28 days of the statement date.

### **Account Management**

Trainers are responsible for ensuring their accounts remain within the agreed payment terms.

The Club will issue monthly statements however, it is the responsibility of the trainer to make payments without the need for follow-up reminders.

### **Overdue Accounts**

Accounts outstanding for 60 days or more will be deemed significantly overdue.

Trainers with accounts in excess of 60 days will receive a formal notice via email requesting payment of all overdue amounts within 7 days. With a copy being sent to Racing SA's Integrity Team.

If the account is not brought up to date, the following action will apply:

- Suspension of access to all Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club training facilities
- Access will remain suspended until the account is fully brought up to date or a formal payment arrangement is agreed to by the Club

This policy is not intended to permit accounts to extend to 60 days, but to ensure a clear enforcement framework is in place to prevent debts from escalating and becoming unrecoverable.

### **Payment Arrangements**

Trainers experiencing difficulty in meeting payment deadlines are encouraged to contact the Club prior to accounts becoming overdue.

The Club may, at its discretion, approve structured payment arrangements.

The Club offers the option to establish weekly or monthly direct debit arrangements to assist trainers in managing their accounts.

Any approved payment plan must be adhered to strictly. Failure to comply may result in suspension of facility access.

### **Enforcement**

The Club reserves the right to:

- Suspend training privileges for non-payment
- Refuse further credit
- Commence debt recovery action where required

Any costs incurred in the recovery of outstanding debts may be charged to the trainer.

## **GRASS USAGE POLICY**

The GBJC is committed to maintaining its grass training facilities in a safe, sustainable, and high-quality condition for trainers, riders, horses, and race day activities.

Due to the significant use of the Club's grass training surfaces, their condition is continuously monitored to ensure they remain safe for training purposes and are presented in the best possible condition for both racing and training activities.

To prevent excessive wear, damage, and deterioration of the grass surfaces, access and usage must be managed through a structured process.

This policy is designed to:

- Provide trainers with reasonable and equitable access to grass gallops.
- Protect the long-term condition of the training surfaces.
- Distribute wear and traffic across the track.
- Maintain safe training conditions.
- Ensure the sustainability of the grass tracks throughout the year.

Markers, cones, and other directional devices may be placed on the track to assist in spreading wear across the full width and length of the surface. Trainers and riders must comply with all directions regarding track positioning and usage.

### **Grass Track Availability**

The Club will endeavour to make the grass training track available as frequently as practical while ensuring its ongoing maintenance, recovery, and presentation.

Depending on track conditions and operational requirements, the grass track available for use may vary from session to session and will be determined by Club management based on track condition, maintenance requirements, and operational considerations.

### **Scheduled Grass Gallops**

Grass gallops will generally be scheduled on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

These days may be varied, suspended, or supplemented at the discretion of Club management.

The availability and location of grass gallops will be determined having regard to:

- Race meeting schedules.
- Maintenance and renovation works.
- Turf recovery rates.
- Seasonal growth patterns.
- Weather conditions.
- Overall wear and tear of the surface.
- Safety considerations for horses and riders.

### **Seasonal and Weather Considerations**

The ability of grass tracks to withstand usage varies throughout the year. During periods of active turf growth, the grass surface is generally capable of sustaining higher levels of use and recovering more quickly.

During cooler months, periods of dormancy, or prolonged wet weather, recovery rates are significantly reduced and the risk of damage to the turf profile increases.

Rainfall immediately before or during scheduled grass gallops can substantially increase the risk of surface damage and may result in the closure of the track.

As a guide, the following rainfall thresholds will be used when determining track suitability during the Dormant Season (May–September). Rainfall received within the preceding 24-hour period will generally be assessed as follows:

<b>Rainfall Received (Previous 24 Hours)</b>	<b>Track Status</b>
0–4mm	Open unless continual rainfall has occurred over preceding days
Greater than 4mm	Closed

These thresholds are intended as a guide only and do not limit the Club's discretion to close or restrict access where track conditions warrant a more conservative approach.

### **Track Assessment and Decision Making**

The condition of the grass training tracks will be assessed following rainfall events to ensure the safety of horses and riders and to protect the long-term integrity of the turf surface.

Wherever practicable, decisions regarding the following day's scheduled grass gallops will be made by the Track Manager and communicated to trainers by email on the preceding day.

Recognising that weather forecasts may change and rainfall events can occur outside of normal working hours, the Track Manager may delegate authority to the Track Supervisor to determine track availability based on actual rainfall recorded by the track's rainfall gauges.

This delegation is intended to maximise opportunities for grass training to proceed where conditions permit, while avoiding decisions based solely on forecast weather conditions. It also allows track suitability to be assessed using actual rainfall data received overnight and prior to the commencement of trackwork.

### **Surface Preservation**

The Club may restrict access to particular sections of the grass training tracks, alter training patterns, relocate gallops, vary the areas available for use, reduce the frequency of grass gallops, or cancel grass training sessions entirely where it considers such action necessary to preserve the condition and integrity of the training and racing surfaces.

The preservation of the grass surfaces for both training and racing purposes shall take precedence over the convenience of access to grass gallops.

### **Track Closure Decisions**

The final decision regarding the availability of the grass training tracks rests solely with Club management.

When determining whether the track is suitable for use, management may consider:

- Recent and forecast rainfall.
- Timing and intensity of rainfall events.
- Surface condition and moisture levels.
- Existing wear and damage.

- Turf recovery capacity.
- Upcoming race meetings.
- Planned maintenance or renovation works.
- Safety considerations for horses and riders.

Management reserves the right to close, restrict, modify, or suspend access to the grass training tracks at any time where it is considered necessary to protect the surface, preserve turf quality, or ensure the safety of horses and riders.

Where a grass training track has been closed or access restricted, trainers with horses nominated for metropolitan race meetings, feature race meetings, or Country Cup races may apply for consideration of alternative grass access by submitting a Special Grass Gallop Request via the Club's approved online application form.

Any such request will be assessed on its individual merits, having regard to the purpose of the gallop, track conditions, the number of horses involved, upcoming racing commitments, and the need to preserve the integrity of the grass surfaces. Approval is not guaranteed and remains at the sole discretion of the Club.

### **Communication of Track Status**

Any closure, restriction, modification, or change to scheduled grass gallops will be communicated to trainers as soon as reasonably practicable via email notification and the track indicator board.

## 9. TRAINER DECLARATION & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I acknowledge that I have received, read, understood, and agree to comply with the Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club Training Facility Regulations, Code of Conduct, Schedule of Fees and Charges, and any other policies, procedures, directions, or requirements issued by the Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club (GBJC) from time to time.

I acknowledge that access to and use of the training facilities is a privilege and not an entitlement. I understand that any breach of the Training Facility Regulations, Code of Conduct, Australian Rules of Racing, Racing SA Local Rules, or any lawful direction issued by the GBJC may result in disciplinary action, including the suspension or termination of my approval to train from and/or utilise the facilities of the GBJC.

I further acknowledge that I am responsible for ensuring that all employees, contractors, riders, stable staff, attendants, and other persons acting on my behalf are aware of and comply with the Training Facility Regulations and all applicable policies and procedures of the GBJC.

I acknowledge that approval to train from and utilise the facilities of the GBJC does not create any ongoing entitlement to access any particular training surface, facility, service, or timeslot. I understand that access to the training facilities is subject to availability, operational requirements, weather conditions, track conditions, maintenance requirements, and the ongoing capacity of The Facility.

I further acknowledge and agree that the GBJC reserves the right to restrict, prioritise, allocate, suspend, or withdraw access to any training facility, training surface, service, or area of The Facility where it considers such action necessary for capacity management, track preservation, horse welfare, safety, maintenance, operational requirements, or any other reason deemed appropriate by the GBJC. Where demand exceeds available capacity, I acknowledge that priority may be given to trainers designated as Gawler-based trainers in accordance with their current Stable Return lodged with Racing SA.

I understand that trainers are required to register annually with the GBJC. At the commencement of each racing season, the GBJC will issue a Trainer Registration Form together with the current Training Facility Regulations and associated policies. Continued access to the training facilities is conditional upon the accurate completion and return of the required registration documentation and acceptance of the applicable terms and conditions.

I acknowledge that the GBJC reserves the right to amend, update, or replace its Training Facility Regulations, policies, fees, charges, and operating procedures from time to time and that I will be bound by any such amendments upon notification by the Club.

By signing below, I confirm my agreement to comply with all requirements relating to the use of the Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club training facilities.

Trainer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Racing SA Licence Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_