



TRACK REGULATIONS

THE FOLLOWING TRACK REGULATIONS ARE APPLICABLE
TO THE RACECOURSE AND THE TRAINING FACILITY
UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE “ALICE SPRINGS TURF CLUB”
AND WILL BE EFFECTIVE AS FROM JULY 2015,
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- 1.1 Track Fees and Charges (effective 1st May 2016)
A track facility fee applies to all trainers and is charged on a per runner basis when a horse starts in a race. The fee is \$165 inclusive of GST. This fee is subject to change. The current fee can be confirmed by contacting the ASTC office.
- 1.2 All horse trainers, jockeys, apprentice/trainee jockeys and track riders wishing to utilise Alice Springs Turf Club facilities must complete a race club induction including signing the track regulations acknowledgement form (found at the back of this document) and return it to an ASTC official.
- Note – this induction is a mandatory TRNT and ASTC requirement.
- Trainers are then responsible for ensuring their staff (stable employees) are aware of and complete the induction and comply with these track regulations.
- 1.3 The Track Work Supervisor will record the number of horses working on the track each morning.
- 1.4 The Track Work Supervisor or any other race club appointed representative may at any time at their discretion restrict the use of the training facility on any day or at any time. This includes restricting access to the track due to weather conditions, visibility, physical obstructions or danger due to the general conditions of the track.
- 1.5 The Alice Springs Turf Club 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 or a TRNT Steward should then be directed in writing to the ASTC CEO during office hours Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm.
- 1.6 No access is to be permitted to the track until the Track Work Supervisor deems it safe to do so. The Track Work Supervisor has the delegated authority to close and open the track as they so determine. The decision of the Track Work Supervisor is final and must be followed by all track users. The Track Work Supervisor, or authorised delegate, must be in attendance for track work to proceed – there are no exceptions to this rule.
- 1.7 A green light on top of Track Work Supervisor's hut will acknowledge that the track has been inspected and declared safe for track work to commence.

2. HORSE TRAINERS

- 2.1 No horse shall be brought onto the property of the Alice Springs Turf Club unless it is under the care and supervision of:
- A trainer, or their approved stable foreperson, who holds a current licence or permit issued by TRNT, who has agreed to abide by these track regulations at all times including the payment of all associated fees and charges.
 - A visiting trainer who is licensed and holds a clearance from another Principal club or racing association and has agreed to abide by these track regulations at all times including the payment of all associated fees and charges.
- 2.2 No trainer or other authorised person shall permit a horse under their charge to be on the property of the Alice Springs Turf Club unless that horse is handled by a licensed person at all times.
- 2.3 No trainer or other authorised person in charge of a horse shall occupy any wash down bay or rolling ring for a longer time than may be deemed necessary.

3. HORSES

- 3.1 Any horse found loose on the property of the Alice Springs Turf Club will be impounded until further investigations can be undertaken by the Turf club.
- 3.2 Every horse being led on any part of the Alice Springs Turf Club property 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 discharge from the nostrils are not permitted to work on the track.
- 3.4 Horses exercising in breaking-in/stock saddles are restricted to working on the track only after 8.00am.

4. TRACK RIDERS

- 4.1 Only persons licensed as a jockey, apprentice jockey, approved track work rider or horse trainer (with permission to ride in licence conditions) are permitted to ride on Alice Springs Turf Club track and grounds.
- 4.2 Prior to using the facility on the first occasion, it is the responsibility of all approved track riders to provide proof that they hold a current licence to the Track Work Supervisor. All track users/riders must read a copy of Alice Springs Turf Club regulations and sign the attached form to acknowledge their understanding and acceptance of the conditions to use the facility. This signed acceptance form must be returned to the Track Work Supervisor or race club office and will be kept on file. Access to the track will only be permitted on compliance of this provision. This does not diminish the responsibility of the trainer in any way to ensure the person riding their horse holds an appropriate licence and has complied with the above requirement.
- 4.3 All riders must be mindful of their surroundings, and the track and weather conditions at all times. These regulations are in place to provide a safe and efficient workplace for all industry participants; however, regulations cannot cover every situation. Please apply common sense and exercise courtesy when using the racecourse facilities. All riders have a personal duty of care for other track users and if in doubt please contact the Track Work Supervisor or Club CEO for further information.
- 4.4 No track rider shall wear any apparel or use any equipment which has not been approved by the TRNT Stewards.
- 4.5 Track riders are permitted to use only blunt spurs on Alice Springs Turf Club property. Roller or Rowel spurs are not permitted. Shanks must be of a smooth metal and shall not be sharpened.
- 4.6 When mounted on a horse, Track riders must always wear an approved skull cap with the chin strap fastened, approved body protector vest and approved riding boots.
- 4.7 Prior to sunrise (or such time designated by the Track Work Supervisor) all riders must, when mounted on a horse wear apparel with high visibility reflective strips and have affixed to their skull cap, a warning light or lights that are clearly visible from both the right and left hand sides and from across the track. As an alternative, riders are permitted to wear TRNT approved HI VIS vest with built in LED lights. To enhance safety, the lights must be activated prior to mounting any horse and remain activated until the rider dismounts. In inclement weather conditions, the Track Work Supervisor may extend the period for use of this safety apparel.
- 4.8 Track riders who are not wearing suitable safety lighting apparel prior to sunrise, will not be permitted to ride track work – there are no exceptions.

5. TRACK

5.1 The ASTC course proper may be used on the following days and time:

- six days a week from 5.00am until 10.00am.
- the day that it is CLOSED is the day after a race meeting.
- on weekends that the ASTC does not race, the track will be CLOSED on Sunday.
- on Race days, the track will close at 9.00am.
- if a barrier trial is scheduled mid-week, the track will close at 9.30am

5.2 All horses must work in an anti-clockwise direction. Horses being worked slowly must be ridden to the outside of the track and fast work to be conducted only on the inside of the track.

5.3 Fast work is not to be conducted in the dark. Only slow work is permitted unless Track Work Supervisor is satisfied there is enough natural light.

5.4 If markers are placed on the track, all horses must work outside the markers.

5.5 Horses must be taken to the point where their gallop is to commence in an anti-clockwise direction. If their gallop is to commence from the 1200m or 1400m, they are permitted to ride their mounts to the extreme outside in a clockwise direction the short distance to the point of gallop.

5.6 Horses may only enter the track via the 1100m (approx.) access point and the 1600m chute and must exit via the chute entrance at the 1000m (approx.), unless otherwise notified. Horses that have entered via the 1600m chute must also exit at the 1600m chute.

5.7 No person who is mounted on a horse is permitted to lead a riderless horse on ASTC property.

6. TRACK CLOSURE

EMERGENCY WARNING LIGHT PROTOCOL

6.1 In the event of a riderless horse, fallen rider or track closure, the Emergency Warning Light System (EWLS) will be activated by the Track Work Supervisor. The warning lights are located on the camera towers at the 1600m, 1200m, 600m, and the 200m. The flashing lights will remain activated whilst the track is closed.

6.2 Riders using the track must respond to the EWLS by being prepared to restrain and ease their mounts to avoid a further accident and must safely proceed to the nearest entry/exit point and leave the course proper.

6.3 The EWLS will remain on until such time as the track is cleared and declared safe by Track Work Supervisor.

6.4 When the EWLS is activated, under no circumstance can riders/horses enter the track.

6.5 During the period of a track closure, all licenced personal must abide by the instructions of the Track Work Supervisor and not hinder the movement of the ambulance, horse ambulance or the Track Work Supervisor's vehicle.

6.6 Once the track has been cleared and deemed safe to resume track work, the EWLS will be turned off. This will signify that it is all clear to continue track operations.

TRACK CLOSURE DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

- 6.7 In the event of an electrical storm, the Track Work Supervisor will refer to the provisions of TRNT Policy 010. The track will be closed immediately until any threat of lightning strikes has passed. The decision to close the track or delay its opening because of poor visibility due to weather conditions is at the absolute discretion of the Track Work Supervisor. In the event of heavy fog, the Track Work Supervisor may close the track or limit the number of horses working on the track at any one time to be satisfied that the track work can proceed safely. During any track closure during normal hours, the EWLS will be activated.
- 6.8 Following any significant rain, the Track Work Supervisor must be satisfied that the track is in a suitable condition to commence or recommence training activities. The Track Work Supervisor may order the closure of the track if deemed necessary.
- 6.9 No person or horse shall enter the track through a closed gate.

7. BARRIER TRIALS – RACE DAY

- 7.1 Barrier trials will be conducted as requested by trainers after the last race of a meeting. Entries must be received by 12.00 noon Wednesday. Barrier trials may also be scheduled mid-week upon request at the Stewards discretion.
- 7.2 Trials will be conducted over 800m and a minimum of four runners is required for a trial except in special circumstances approved by the Stewards.
- 7.3 Where horses are competing in a barrier trial for the purpose of being approved to race (unraced horses), the following guidelines will be applied, unless Stewards deem special circumstances warrant an alteration:
- There must be a minimum of four (4) runners in the trial
 - Horses must be ridden into the barrier stall unaided, other than being led forward
 - For approval to be granted the horse must:
 - Be loaded in a reasonable time
 - Not be fractious or unruly in the barriers
 - Jump away in a reasonable manner
 - Perform tractably after jumping away
 - Approval will not be given to horses which are:
 - Lifted by attendants
 - Riderless
 - Assisted by ropes or straps
 - Reversed in
 - Placed in with the front gates opened
 - Blindfolded
- 7.4 In the case of a horse being reinstated to race following any embargo, the Trainer or their representative must report to the Stewards before the trial if any gear is going to be used on the horse or if there is any particular method which is going to be used in the loading process.
- 7.5 Trainers are responsible for providing their own personnel for loading horses at trials that are on non-race days. These personnel must be licenced and wear approved safety apparel.

8. PRACTICE BARRIERS/JUMP OUTS

- 8.1 The practice barriers will be available upon prior request to the Track Work Supervisor and can only be used after 8.00am. Horses must be strictly supervised by the Track Work Supervisor in that you will be required to mill behind the barriers, and **MUST NOT** load until given permission to do so by the Track Work Supervisor once they have deemed it safe to do so. The practice barriers will not be available on race mornings.

9. FIRST AID

- 9.1 An accredited first aid officer (minimum Senior First Aid Qualification) must be in attendance at all times, before any training/track work can proceed.
- 9.2 A first aid kit and telephone are located in the Track Work Supervisor's Hut.
- 9.3 All accidents or injuries must be reported to the Track Work Supervisor who will hand out the relevant incident report form that must be completed and returned as soon as possible.
- 9.4 The Track Work Supervisor in attendance has control of all training facilities and their directions/instructions must be followed at all times.
- 9.5 In the event of the Ambulance being required to attend the track, everyone's cooperation is required to ensure that the patient is attended to as quickly as possible.

10. RACECOURSE FACILITIES

WALKER

- 10.1 Operating hours are between 5am and 10pm daily; however, please note that in the dark, a person supervising the use must always be present and the noise of horses entering or exiting from the unit must be kept to a minimum. If a horse is on the track, wait for it to pass before loading the horse into the walker.
- 10.2 Horses suffering from infectious diseases or any complaints causing discharge from the nostrils, are not permitted to use the walker.
- 10.3 Any horse entering the walker must have a head collar and rearing bit.
- 10.4 If horse speed is already set and horses are using the machine – Do not change the speed setting.
- 10.5 At all times the gate to the walker unit must remain closed and locked.
- 10.6 Children are not to enter the walker at any time.
- 10.7 Report any maintenance issues to the Track Work Supervisor or the ASTC CEO.

LUNGE RINGS

- 10.8 Lunge rings are for the purpose of slow work only. Horses are not permitted to be galloped in the rings or left unattended.
- 10.9 On leaving the rings please close the gate behind you.
- 10.10 Please ensure that manure is removed from the lunge and rolling rings.

- 10.11 Trainers utilising the facilities are required to ensure that all horse manure is placed in the designated manure pits situated along stable road.

11. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 11.1 The Alice Springs Turf Club holds a zero-tolerance policy towards violence and verbal abuse towards any club employees or other persons associated with the race club. Any instance of violence or verbal abuse will be immediately reported to the TRNT Stewards for further action.
- 11.2 Any person displaying improper or insulting behaviour or failing to adhere to these regulations will be reported to the TRNT Stewards for further action.
- 11.3 All persons riding or leading a horse on the property, prior to sunrise (or such time designated by the Track Work Supervisor), must wear high visibility apparel.
- 11.4 All persons leading horses must wear enclosed footwear.
- 11.5 Track riders are only permitted to carry and use padded whips which conform to the Australian Rules of Racing. Excessive or unnecessary use of the whip during track work or elsewhere on Alice Springs Turf Club property is an offence and will be reported to the TRNT Stewards for further investigation.
- 11.6 All vehicles entering stable road in darkness must revert to park lights and drivers at all times must observe the 10 KMPH speed limit.
- 11.7 Floats and trucks must be parked in the designated area set aside for that purpose.
- 11.8 Upon application, the Alice Springs Turf Club can give permission for Visiting Trainers to set up accommodation in a designated area during the Carnival.
- 11.9 Floats and trucks must be parked in the designated area set aside for that purpose.
- 11.10 Only dogs which are used for security purposes are permitted in the stabling area and must be kept within the confines of the stable. No dog is permitted outside its confine prior to 10:00am and only then if tethered. Any person responsible for breaching this regulation is liable for a fine and the dog/s may be banned from Alice Springs Turf Club property.

12. AUTHORISED OFFICERS OF THE ALICE SPRINGS TURF CLUB

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Tom Slattery 8952 4977 (office hours)
0498 524 929 (after hours)

FACILITIES MANAGER

Terry Huish 0419 091 642

TRACK WORK SUPERVISOR

Charles Gamon 0438 676 371

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EMERGENCY CONTACT

AMBULANCE / FIRE / POLICE: 000/112

VETERINARIAN

Alice Veterinary Centre 8952 4353 (24 hour)

13. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Please refer to the [following page](#) for the acknowledgement form which must be signed and returned to the Track Work Supervisor or Alice Springs Turf club office.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

In signing this form, I acknowledge that I have received, read and understood the Track Regulations issued to me by the Alice Springs Turf Club.

As a licenced person, I acknowledge, understand and accept that it is my responsibility to comply with these Track Regulations.

I also agree to abide by the requirements outlined within the Track Regulations Documents, the Australian Rules of Racing, in addition to any instructions issued to me by Alice Springs Turf Club representatives whilst present on the Alice Springs Turf Club property.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: / /

Note – Please ensure this form is returned to the Alice Springs Turf Club Office or the Track Work Supervisor.