

CLUB OPERATIONAL FUNDING POLICY

EFFECTIVE FROM 3 NOVEMBER 2021

1. BACKGROUND

This policy is made under s.102(1)(a) of the [Racing Act 2002](#) (Qld) (“**the Act**”) and s.2B(c) of the [Racing Regulation 2013](#) (Qld). Those provisions require Racing Queensland (“**RQ**”), as the control body for all codes of racing in Queensland, to make a policy for the provision of funding for licensed clubs.

2. POLICY NAME

This policy is named the *Club Operational Funding Policy* (“**Policy**”).

3. DATE MADE & DATE OF EFFECT

This Policy is made on **3 November 2021** and takes effect on the same day.

4. PURPOSE

In accordance with section 82(2)(g)(ii) of the Act, RQ may distribute an amount to a licensed Club, on conditions the control body considers appropriate, for a purpose relating to the operations of the licensed Club.

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance in relation to the Club Operational Funding (“**Funding**”) received by Clubs under the Club Funding Agreement (“**Agreement**”).

5. WHO IS AFFECTED BY THE POLICY?

This policy is a policy for all codes of racing.

This policy applies to RQ, its employees and processes, in administering Funding to licensed Clubs. This policy affects all Clubs licensed by RQ which have entered into an Agreement.

6. APPLICATION

6.1. How Decisions Are to be Made

The distribution of Funding aims to recognise and support expenses related to the core business of racing and training activities. To ensure a consistent application and methodology, Funding must be allocated in accordance with the terms set out in the Agreement, and consistently with this Policy.

6.2. Roles and Responsibilities

RQ will administer Funding in accordance with the Agreement and this policy. RQ may impose conditions and make variation to the Agreement in accordance with the terms of the Agreement and this policy.

Funding set out in the Agreement is subject to the Club at all times complying with its obligations under the Agreement. Clubs must ensure expenditure of Funding is in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

7. DELAY, TRANSFER OR ABANDONMENT OF RACE MEETINGS

RQ may, in its absolute discretion and in accordance with other policies where applicable, postpone, transfer or abandon any Race Meeting for which RQ has provided Funding for the Thoroughbred, Harness and Greyhound codes of racing. RQ will use reasonable endeavours to minimise the impact on the racing community that may be caused by any transfer or abandonment of a Race Meeting.

While this policy aims to provide a structured approach for facilitating payments there maybe circumstances which require additional consideration of which RQ may undertake at its discretion.

Below sets out the distribution of funding associated with the abandonment or transfer of race meetings.

Funding components listed below may only be paid to those clubs which have respective components set out within their Agreement.

7.1. Thoroughbred and Harness Race Meetings

Where a Thoroughbred or Harness Race Meeting is abandoned RQ will make the following payment to an Eligible Club:

Criteria	Outcome
Meeting abandoned more than 24 hours before start time	Club will be paid the Overhead and Track Management component set out in the Agreement, as intended.
Meeting abandoned within 24 hours of start time	Club will be paid the Overhead and Track Management component including 75% of Racing Expense rate set out in the Agreement, as intended.
Meeting abandoned after start time	Club will be paid the Overhead and Track Management component including 100% of Racing and Employment Expense rates set out in the Agreement, as intended.

In circumstances where a Race Meeting is abandoned, no Industry Allowance is payable.

Where a Thoroughbred or Harness Race Meeting is transferred to an alternative venue, RQ will pay 100% of the Racing and Employment Expense to the Club which conducts the meeting, at a rate set out in the recipient Club's Agreement.

7.2. Greyhound Race Meetings

Where a Greyhound Race Meeting is abandoned, RQ will make the following payment to an Eligible Club:

Criteria	Outcome
After the box draw	Club will be paid the Overhead and Track Management component including 50% of Racing Expense rate set out in the Agreement, as intended.
After scratching time on the day of the Race Meeting	Club will be paid the Overhead and Track Management component including 100% of Racing and Employment Expense rates set out in the Agreement, as intended.

Where a Greyhound Race Meeting is transferred to an alternate venue:

- (a) after nominations have been received;
 - (i) RQ will pay 100% of the Racing and Employment Expense rate set out in the Agreement, as intended, to the club that conducts the transferred Race Meeting; and
- (b) within 48 hours of the date of the Race Meeting;
 - (i) RQ will pay 100% of the Racing and Employment Expense rate set out in the Agreement, as intended, to the club that conducts the transferred Race Meeting.

In circumstances where a Race Meeting is abandoned, no Industry Allowance is payable.

8. RULES OF RACING

Rules of Racing have been made for and do not apply to this Policy.

9. RELATED DOCUMENTS

[All Racing Queensland Policies](#)

[Licence General Terms - TAB Clubs](#)

[Licence General Terms - Non-TAB Clubs](#)

[Minimum Venue Standards](#)

[Racing Act 2002](#)

[Racing Integrity Act 2016](#)

[Racing Regulation 2013](#)

[Rules of Racing](#)

10. REFERENCES

In this Policy:

- (a) the **Act** means the [Racing Act 2002](#) (Qld);
- (b) **Affected Person** means a person who is affected in any way by the operation of this Policy;
- (c) **Agreement** means a Club Funding Agreement between RQ and a licensed Club;
- (d) **Club** means a licenced club or venue for any code of racing in Queensland;
- (e) **Club License Terms** means the general terms and conditions including any special conditions, of the licence issued by RQ to the Club;
- (f) **Eligible Club** means a licensed Club that receives a Club Operational Funding;
- (g) **Industry Participants** means Racing Queensland and anyone holding a licence, approval or authority of any kind, or anyone registered for any purpose, under the Act or the [Racing Integrity Act 2016](#) (Qld), including but not limited to a club, trainer, jockey, driver, stablehand, trackrider, bookmaker, bookmaker's clerk, riders agents, promoter, attendant, breeder, studmaster, training track operator, owner, syndicate, syndicate manager, or managing owner;
- (h) **Licensed Premises** means premises which are the subject of any licence, approval or authority of any kind under the Act or the [Racing Integrity Act 2016](#) (Qld); and
- (i) any capitalised terms defined in the Act, the [Racing Integrity Act 2016](#), or an instrument made under either of them, has the same meaning as set out in that legislation or instrument, except as otherwise stated in this Policy.

11. VERSION HISTORY

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