

CONSULTATION NOTICE – RULES OF RACING

Code of Racing	Thoroughbred
Rule	Local Rule of Racing 33(2)
Description	Official trial for unraced horses before start in a TAB race
Authorised for Consultation	January 24, 2025
Consultation Closes	February 21, 2025
Submissions to	policies@racingqueensland.com.au

Racing Queensland (**RQ**) and the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (**QRIC**) are proposing amendments to Local Rule of Racing 33(2), which currently requires unraced horses to have completed an official trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being permitted to start in a Metropolitan race.

The current rule was implemented in September 2020, with the aim of improving transparency of trial form to assist with wagering outcomes, horse education processes, horse raceday behaviour and greater understanding for barrier staff of any unraced horses, at Queensland Metropolitan race meetings.

For these same integrity and wagering focused reasons, RQ and QRIC are proposing to expand the current provisions of LR.33(2) to encapsulate unraced horses at all TAB race meetings in Queensland. That is, prior to starting in a race at any TAB race meeting, any unraced horse must first have completed an official trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards. In this regard, only the QRIC Stewards will have responsibility to determine whether a horse has completed the barrier trial satisfactorily after taking advice from the starter.

To assist participants and to ensure that there are sufficient opportunities for unraced horses to compete at official trials to satisfy the requirements of the proposed amended LR.33(2), RQ will, in conjunction with relevant race clubs, facilitate additional official trials for participants. This will likely include the conduct of some official trials after the completion of select race meetings in regional areas.

Full details of the amended wording of LR.33(2), can be found in the following page (Annexure A).

Stakeholders and interested parties are invited to provide feedback on the proposed rule amendment as per the details at the top of this document.

RQ and QRIC will assess consultation feedback before determining a proposed implementation date.

ANNEXURE A

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL RULES

Amend:

LR.33. Barrier Certificate of tractability to be obtained

- (1) Prior to a horse being permitted to start in Queensland a barrier certificate of tractability or an interstate clearance from the authority in whose region the horse last raced or was barrier tested must be obtained prior to the declaration of acceptances.
- (2) Prior to an unraced horse being permitted to start in a ~~Metropolitan~~-race [at a TAB Race Meeting](#), the horse must complete an official trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to the declaration of acceptances.