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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with RGR Racing and Breeding Training Package Version 2.0.

Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency in this unit must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria of this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has performed duties of a harness race starter at a minimum of three race meetings or trials, including for each:

- conducted pre-race preparations, including identifying risks associated with race meeting start
- followed process to start harness race using mobile barrier or standing start conditions
- completed post-race activities
- communicated with and reported to stewards.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- race meeting and race start requirements, including:
 - relevant rules of racing for harness race starts
 - race fields, distances and start types
 - approved gear for harness racing and features of damaged or defective gear
 - operation of mobile and other start equipment, and procedures for operation and maintenance
- race meeting communication procedures, including:
 - protocols for communicating with stewards, race officials, drivers and others
 - reporting requirements for irregularities and problems
- working with race horses:
 - range of behaviour traits and body language exhibited by horses relevant to harness race starts
 - methods for identifying individual horses

- common features of injury, illness and distress in horses
- racing industry animal welfare requirements
- racing industry safety requirements, including:
 - identification and assessment of hazards and risks
 - personal protective equipment
 - control measures to minimise injury to staff, drivers and horses
 - safe horse handling and controlling techniques
 - organisational safe operating procedures
 - workplace health and safety requirements relating to interacting with horses.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - safe handling and approved race starting and associated facilities
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various standardbred horses at harness race facilities
 - mobile or other start equipment for race meeting
 - personal protective equipment correctly fitted and appropriate for activity for individual
- relationships (internal/external):
 - access to drivers, stewards and other staff.

Training and assessment strategies must show evidence of the use of guidance provided in the *Companion Volume: User Guide: Safety in Equine Training*.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=5c4b8489-f7e1-463b-81c8-6ecce6c192a0>