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RGRPSH209 Attend horses at race meetings and trials

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Modification History

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

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to prepare horses for race meetings and trials, and perform post-race meeting duties.

The unit applies to individuals who perform routine tasks under supervision within the harness or thoroughbred racing industry.

Competencies attained in this unit apply to the harness and thoroughbred codes of the industry. Consequently, when performance criteria are applied they will relate to the harness or thoroughbred code, and statements of attainment will reflect this distinction.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, in accordance with applicable state/territory animal welfare and workplace health and safety legislative requirements.

Licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements apply to this unit. Users are advised to check with the relevant Principal Racing Authority (PRA) for current requirements.

Pre-requisite Unit

The prerequisite unit of competency for this unit is:

- RGRPSH201 Handle racehorses in stables and at trackwork.

Unit Sector

Performance services horse (PSH)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Prepare horses for race	1.1 Prepare horses prior to race meeting or trial as instructed

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meeting or trial	1.2 Select and pack race gear for relevant code according to instructions 1.3 Follow workplace requirements for personal presentation 1.4 Follow industry safe horse handling practices and identify risks relevant to tasks
2. Attend race meetings or trials	2.1 Carry out pre-race or pre-trial duties for care of horses following officials instructions 2.2 Groom horses prior to race or trial following officials instructions 2.3 Provide assistance in saddling or harnessing horses following officials instructions 2.4 Parade horses prior to race (thoroughbreds only)
3. Provide post-race or post-trial care of horses	3.1 Complete post-race or post-trial procedures according to race result 3.2 Inspect horses for injury, and cool down according to stable routine 3.3 Prepare horses and gear for return to stables as instructed 3.4 Attend and present horse for swabbing process according to racing official's instructions 3.5 Return horses to stables and re-check for post-race injury

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Reading	Interpret key information in written instructions and workplace procedures, attending horses at race meetings and trials
Oral communication	Use clear language and industry terminology appropriate for audience to convey and report information
Navigate the world of work	Follow workplace procedures, including work health and safety and animal welfare requirements, associated with own role

Skill	Description
Interact with others	Follow accepted communication practices and protocols in stable and wider racing industry when working with others
Get the work done	Follow clearly defined instructions to identify and sequence tasks and assemble equipment required for attending horses at race meetings and trials

Range of Conditions

This section specifies different work environments and conditions that may affect performance. Essential operating conditions that may be present (depending on the work situation, needs of the individual, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts) are included.

Race gear for relevant code must include all items from the following list for the relevant code:	- Harness code gear: - bridles - bits - driving boots: knee, tendon and bell - head checks - hopples - hopple shorteners - lugging poles - pull up blinds - reins - removable deafeners - removable hoods - saddles - shoes - sulkies - head collars - leads - leading bits - towels - scrapers - rugs. - or - Thoroughbred code gear: - mounted race saddle - packing
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Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
RGRPSH209 Attend horses at race meetings and trials	RGRPSH209A Attend horses at race meetings and trials	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages. Minor changes to performance criteria to strengthen safety. Prerequisite added.	Equivalent unit

Links

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

Assessment Requirements for RGRPSH209 Attend horses at race meetings and trials

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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 attended to a minimum of two standardbred or thoroughbred horses at minimum of two:

- race meetings and/or trials events; or
- simulated race meetings at a racecourse, plus attended a race meeting as an observer if not employed or licensed to work at a race meeting.

For each race meeting, there must be evidence that the individual has:

- carried out instructions and reported to supervisor and racing officials
- cared for the standardbred or thoroughbred horse using safe handling techniques, including:
 - packed appropriate gear for specific horse
 - groomed and prepared horse for race meeting or trial
 - assisted with saddling or harnessing process
 - paraded horse (thoroughbreds only)
 - performed post-race procedures, including cooling down and drying
- attended to and presented at least one horse for post-race swabbing procedure and completed required paperwork or undertaken a realistic role-play.

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:

- safe work practices and safety checks covering:
 - potential hazards and risks
 - horse condition and behaviour

- fit and condition of horse gear and personal protective equipment
- remaining attentive and avoiding distractions including mobile phones and other devices while handling horses
- principles and practices of attending horses relevant to racing code:
 - common race injuries
 - common racehorse behaviour traits
 - industry terminology relating to race meetings and trials
 - pre-race duties
 - personal presentation and personal protective equipment requirements
 - types, fit and condition of race gear
 - main irregularities with horses and gear
 - swabbing procedures and reasons for swabbing and responsibilities of attendants
 - post-race procedures
- racing industry standards and expectations relevant to attending horses at race meetings and trials:
 - communication procedures within stable, race meeting venue and wider racing industry
 - effective working relationships, including teamwork
 - racing industry animal welfare requirements
 - racing industry safety requirements, including safe operating procedures
 - relevant rules of racing.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - racing stables and racetracks conducting trials and race meetings
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various standardbred or thoroughbred racing horses assessed as suitable for skill and experience of individual
 - approved racing standard personal protective equipment, correctly fitted and appropriate for activity for individual
 - tack or gear and equipment for race meeting and trials
- specifications:
 - work instructions and workplace and/or race meeting procedures.

Training and assessment strategies must show evidence 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.

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