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RGRPSH406 Develop riding skills for jumping racing

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Modification History

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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 develop riding skills for jumping racing, including selecting and fitting approved gear, assessing features of a jumping track, determining strategies and rules, controlling horses over jumps in all gaits and discussing plans to improve riding performance.

The unit applies to individuals who can handle and ride horses safely to develop specialised skills and knowledge for jumping racing.

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:

- RGRPSH404 Ride horses at trackwork.

Note the following chain of prerequisites that also apply to this unit.

Unit of competency	Prerequisite requirement
RGRPSH404 Ride horses at trackwork	RGRPSH307 Exercise horses in pacework
RGRPSH307 Exercise horses in pacework	RGRPSH306 Develop basic trackwork riding skills
RGRPSH306 Develop basic trackwork riding skills	RGRPSH205 Perform basic riding skills in the racing industry

Unit of competency	Prerequisite requirement
RGRPSH205 Perform basic riding skills in the racing industry	RGRPSH20 Handle racehorses in stables and at trackwork

Unit Sector

Performance services horse (PSH)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Demonstrate riding skills for negotiating basic poles and grids	1.1 Select and fit approved jumping gear and personal protective equipment for riders and nominated horses according to workplace safety procedures 1.2 Determine distances for placement of poles and grids 1.3 Maintain an effective seat in all gaits and required movements in negotiating poles and grids 1.4 Demonstrate control of rhythm, speed, line and balance of horse over poles
2. Demonstrate basic jumping skills in an arena	2.1 Maintain an effective, independent and balanced position in all gaits in basic jumping exercises 2.2 Demonstrate principles of forward movement and straightness, together with correct forward positioning of hands leading to and during jump 2.3 Walk track and determine correct strides into obstacles 2.4 Jump track as planned in line with appropriate workplace health and safety procedures 2.5 Discuss plans for improving jumping performance with instructor
3. Demonstrate riding a jumping track at speed	3.1 Determine rules for horse and rider when jumping 3.2 Assess condition and features of track and position and characteristics of jumps 3.3 Use track characteristics to advantage during jumping efforts

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	3.4 Control horse during various phases of the jump and jumping track

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
Numeracy	Use various methods to measure and calculate distances between jumps, including strides, to inform riding strategy
Learning	Seek, reflect and respond to feedback from instructor to improve own performance
Navigate the world of work	Follow jumping rules of racing, and safety and animal welfare requirements, associated with own role
Get the work done	- Take responsibility for and make decisions about jump racing safety and safe horse control - Plan and sequence strategies for jumping racing event; monitoring risks and adjusting activities to achieve outcomes

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
RGRPSH406 Develop riding skills for jumping racing	RGRPSH406A Develop riding skills for jumping racing	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages.	Equivalent unit

Links

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Assessment Requirements for RGRPSH406 Develop riding skills for jumping racing

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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 ridden a thoroughbred horse on a jumping track at speed on at least three occasions, including for each occasion:

- prepared for riding a jumping track, including:
 - assessed characteristics of jumps, distances, track, horse and equipment, including potential safety risks and hazards
 - checked and fitted different items of gear, equipment and personal protective equipment
- controlled horses during various phases of the jump and jumping track, including:
 - negotiated basic poles and grids
 - maintained an effective seat in a range of gaits
 - rode jumping track safely at speed
- discussed plans for improving jumping performance with instructor.

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:

- types and purpose of jumping riding gear and personal protective equipment
- jumping riding principles, practices and techniques, including:
 - negotiating poles and grids
 - position and characteristics of jumps
 - height and distance between jumps
 - jumping exercises
 - rhythm, speed, line and balance
 - controlling the horse during various phases of the jump and jumping track
- racing industry standards and expectations relevant to developing jumping racing skills:

- communication procedures within stable and wider racing industry
- animal welfare requirements
- safety requirements, including safe operating procedures and risk assessment and control
- rules of racing for jumping racing.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - safe handling and appropriate jumps riding areas, such as racing stables, and training and racetracks
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various thoroughbred horses trained for jumping racing assessed as suitable for the skills and experience of the individual
 - appropriate and correctly fitted racing industry-approved gear and equipment for individual, horse and activity
- specifications:
 - trainer instructions and reporting requirements.

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.

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