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RGRPSH406A Develop riding skills for jumping racing

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Modification History

Not Applicable

Unit Descriptor

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This unit of competency specifies the outcomes required to select and fit approved gear, calculate distances between jumps, assess features of a jumping course, determine strategies and rules, control horses over jumps in all gaits and discuss plans to improve riding performance.

To undertake this unit the candidate will be able to handle horses safely, follow workplace OHS standards.

This unit of competency operates in work environments of racing stables, racecourses and public areas.

Licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements may apply to this unit, check with your State Principal Racing Authority for current license or registration requirements.

Application of the Unit

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This unit of competency supports licensed apprentice jockeys and approved riders to develop riding skills for jumping racing.

This unit can be contextualised for other industries while also maintaining the integrity of the unit.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

Refer to Unit Descriptor

Pre-Requisites

Prerequisite units

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Ride horses at trackwork

Employability Skills Information

Employability skills This unit contains employability skills.

Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

Elements describe the essential outcomes of a unit of competency.

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. Where bold italicised text is used, further information is detailed in the required skills and knowledge section and the range statement. Assessment of performance is to be consistent with the evidence guide.

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
Demonstrate riding skills for negotiating basic poles and grids.	1. Approved jumping gear and personal protective equipment for riders and nominated horses are selected and fitted. 2. Distances for placement of poles and grids are determined. 3. Effective seat is maintained in all gaits and required movements in negotiating poles and grids. 4. Control of rhythm, speed, line and balance of horse over poles is demonstrated.
Demonstrate basic jumping skills in an arena.	5. Effective, independent and balanced position is maintained in all gaits in basic jumping exercises . 6. Principles of forward movement and straightness, together with correct forward positioning of hands leading to and during jump are demonstrated. 7. Courses are walked and correct strides into obstacles are understood. 8. Courses are jumped as planned. 9. Plans for improving jumping performance are discussed with instructor.
Demonstrate riding a jumping course at speed.	10. Rules for horse and rider when jumping are determined. 11. Condition and features of course and position and characteristics of jumps are assessed. 12. Track characteristics are used to advantage during jumping efforts. 13. Horse is controlled during various phases of the jump and jumping course .

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit.

Required skills

- applying safe work practices when handling and riding horses
- assessing characteristics of jumps
- calculating distances
- checking gear and equipment

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- communicating with employer, supervisor, instructor, co-workers and others using assertive communication techniques to gather, interpret and relay information related to developing riding skills for jumping racing
- completing duties in accordance with safe operating procedures and nominated time frame
- controlling horses in various jumping racing conditions
- identifying and correctly using different items of personal protective equipment
- identifying and correctly fitting different items of gear and equipment
- identifying strides to a jump
- maintaining an effective seat
- relating to people from a range of social, cultural and ethnic backgrounds and with varying physical and mental abilities
- riding over jumps.

Required knowledge

- communication procedures within stable and wider racing industry
- height of jumps
- jumping gear and equipment
- jumping exercises
- purpose of using appropriate personal protective equipment
- racing industry animal welfare requirements
- racing industry safety requirements, including safe operating procedures
- riding gear
- rules of racing.

Evidence Guide

EVIDENCE GUIDE

The evidence guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge, range statement and the Assessment Guidelines for the Training Package.

Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

The evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit must be relevant to workplace operations and satisfy all of the requirements of the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge and the range statement of this unit and include evidence of the following:

- knowledge of the requirements, procedures and instructions that are to apply when developing riding skills for jumping racing
- demonstration of basic jumps riding skills and riding a jumping course at speed
- implementation of procedures and timely techniques for the safe, effective and efficient application of riding skills for jumping racing
- working with others to undertake and apply riding skills for jumping racing that meet required outcomes.

Evidence should be collected over a period of time using a range of horses of different ages and sexes, in different circumstances and in different racing stable and track environments.

Context of and specific resources for assessment

Competency must be assessed in a racing workplace that provides access to the required resources or simulated environment approved by the relevant State Principal Racing Authority. Assessment is to occur under standard and authorised work practices, safety requirements and environmental constraints. It is to comply with relevant regulatory requirements or Australian Standards requirements.

Assessment of the practical components of this unit will be by observation of relevant skills.

The following resources must be available:

- a variety of thoroughbred horses
- materials and equipment relevant to assessing candidate's ability to apply riding skills for jumping racing
- safe handling and appropriate jumps riding areas,

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Method of assessment

such as racing stables, and training and racetracks

- work instructions and related documentation.

Assessment methods must satisfy the endorsed Assessment Guidelines of the Racing Training Package.

The suggested strategies for the assessment of this unit are:

- written and/or oral assessment of candidate's required knowledge
- observed and firsthand testimonial evidence of candidate's application of practical tasks
- simulation exercises conducted in a State Principal Racing Authority approved simulated environment.

Evidence is required to be demonstrated over a period of time, therefore where performance is not directly observed any evidence should be authenticated by supervisors or other appropriate persons, at least one of whom should be approved by the State Principal Racing Authority.

This unit may be assessed in a holistic way with other units of competency relevant to the industry sector, workplace and job role.

Guidance information for assessment

Assessment methods should reflect workplace demands (e.g. literacy and numeracy demands) and the needs of particular target groups (e.g. people with disabilities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, women, people with a language background other than English, youth and people from low socioeconomic backgrounds).

Range Statement

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The range statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole. It allows for different work environments and situations that may affect performance. Bold italicised wording in the performance criteria is detailed below.

The range statement provides details of how this competency can be used in the workplaces of the racing industry to develop riding skills for jumping racing. Workplaces include thoroughbred stables and racecourses, training tracks and public

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areas.

Approved jumping gear and personal protective equipment will include:

- horse gear:
 - bridles, including leather or plastic with variety of appropriate bits
 - breastplates
 - girths
 - girth sleeves
 - protective boots
 - rings or running martingales
 - saddles, including exercise pad or jumping saddle
 - saddlecloths and necessary packing
- riding gear:
 - approved Australian Standard helmet, vest, clothing, footwear, goggles and whip.

Effective seat may include:

- aids
- correct racing position with lower heel
- degree of accuracy and control
- leg position
- riding without hands
- riding without stirrups.

Rhythm, speed, line and balance may include:

- cadence
- impulsion
- long and low
- loose and supple
- engagement
- over tracking or tracking up
- roundness
- straightness
- tempo
- topline
- using the back.

Effective, independent and balanced position may include:

- forward seat riding:
 - galloping position
 - cross country position
- in balance with horse at all gaits on the flat and when jumping.

Basic jumping exercises may include:

- fences jumped in order with rider looking to next jump

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Correct strides into obstacles may include:

- hand releases appropriate to jump to allow horse to demonstrate natural movement
- travelling away from and toward other horses.
- half strides
- identifying horse's length of stride at trot and canter
- comparing stride length to jumping ability
- influence of turns
- long and short distances between related and combination obstacles.

Rules for horse and rider will include:

- approved gear
- personal protective equipment
- rules of racing, including jumping rules
- track regulations.

Position and characteristics of jumps may include:

- angles, lines and turns
- height of jumps to 1.15m
- number of jumps
- uprights, parallels, related fences, spreads and fillers
- width of spreads.

Horse controlled during various phases of the jump and jumping course may include:

- defensive three point position
- horse balanced and in rhythm
- keeping to desired line throughout the course
- metres per minute over entire course
- horse moving forward.

Unit Sector(s)

Unit Sector Thoroughbred racing code

Co-requisite units

Co-requisite units

Functional Area

Functional Area Racing performance services