



RESOLVING CONCERNS ABOUT THE SAFETY OF TRACK SURFACES ON RACE DAY

This document sets out the Meeting Track Safety Review process to be followed when concerns are raised by a licensee present on the course to a Stipendiary Steward present on the course about the safety of a racetrack on a scheduled day of racing.

Commencement of a Track Safety Review

The Track Safety Review process commences when a licensee present at the meeting notifies the stipendiary steward in charge of the meeting that the track surface is or may be unsafe to ride upon and that he or she wishes the steward to begin a Track Safety Review.

The steward in charge of the meeting is not required to begin a Track Safety Review if the concerns raised about the track surface do not relate to its safety.

Conduct of a Track Safety Review

The steward conducting the review **must**:

- Inspect the track and in particular any areas which gave rise to the notification to the steward; and
- Make any other inquiries the steward considers necessary to understand any issues with the track and whether they can be remedied;
- Meet with representatives of the Club and consider their views on whether the track is safe.
- Meet with the jockeys engaged to ride at the meeting about the state of the track and take into account their views on whether the track is safe.

The steward **may**, but is not required to, meet with any other party and consider their views on whether the track is safe.

Subject to these requirements, the steward may determine the process to be followed in conducting the review.

Results Track Safety Review

The steward must consider all the information he or she has obtained and decide:

- Whether there is a safety issue with the track surface which is sufficiently serious that racing should not continue; and
- If there is such a safety issue with the track surface, whether that issue can be addressed in a reasonable time so that the meeting can proceed.

If there is a safety issue and it cannot be resolved, then the meeting should be abandoned.