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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 prepared for and demonstrated safe riding skills in trials on at least four occasions with different thoroughbred horses, including for each:

- complied with barrier trial procedures and relevant rules of racing
- assessed potential risks related to track condition, gear and equipment and horse characteristics
- jumped out, 'took a sit' and rode out using hands and heels
- controlled, judged and maintained pace
- used whip according to rules of racing and animal welfare principles.

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:

- principles and practices of trials riding:
 - key features of behaviour of trialling horses
 - industry terminology related to handling and racing horses
 - pace of trialling horses
 - track condition and surfaces
 - riding skills and techniques for different track conditions, surfaces and situations
 - rules of racing and animal welfare guidelines for whip use
- relevant protocols and rules of racing related to riding in trials:
 - Australian and local rules of racing and regulations pertaining to safe trial riding
 - barrier attendant and steward responsibilities and types of directives
 - starting procedures
 - track rules
 - classes of trials and distance of trials
- racing industry standards and expectations relevant to riding horses in trials:

- communication procedures with stewards, barrier attendants and horse trainers
- animal welfare requirements
- safety requirements, including safe operating procedures
- relevant rules of racing related to riding in trials, including appropriate whip use.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - racing training establishments, training and licensed racetracks, and barrier trials
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various thoroughbred horses assessed as suitable for the skill and experience of the individual
 - appropriate racing industry-approved gear and equipment for individual, horse and activity
- specifications:
 - trainer and racing official instructions and rules of racing.

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>