



PRIVACY STATEMENT

Background

Racing NSW is a body corporate established under the *Thoroughbred Racing Act (NSW) 2004*.

Functions of the Board

The functions of the Board include:

- Control, supervision and regulation of horse racing in NSW
- Initiation, development and implementation of policies considered conducive to the promotion, strategic development and welfare of the horse racing industry in NSW
- Protection of the public interest as it relates to the horse racing industry

Powers of the Board

The Board has the power to:

- Register or licence, or refuse to register or licence, or cancel or suspend the registration or licence of, a race club, an owner, trainer, jockey, stablehand, bookmaker, bookmakers clerk or another person associated with racing, or disqualify or suspend any of those persons permanently or for a specified period
- Supervise the activities of persons licensed by the Board and all other persons engaged in or associated with racing
- Inquire into and deal with any matter related to racing

Privacy

Racing NSW understands how important the privacy of your Personal Information is to you. The Board is committed to the protection of your Personal Information. The Board will request you provide information only if it is necessary for one or more of its functions. The types of Personal Information that the Board requests that you provide will depend on the category of licence or registration that you are applying for. The Board respects that individuals have the right to know what information it holds about them.

Purpose of collection

Information is collected by the Board to assist it in making licensing and registration determinations. Among other things, this includes the assessment of an applicant's fitness and propriety to hold or be issued with the particular category of registration or licence.

How is information collected?

Information is usually collected by means of a standard form for the particular category of licence, registration or subscription. Occasionally, information will be collected from overseas or interstate governing racing bodies (see Transborder Data Flows below). However, the information is usually collected:

- direct from the applicant, and/or
- from the NSW Police Service with the written consent of the applicant

Data security

The Board will take all reasonable steps to secure personal information from misuse, loss, unauthorised access, modification and disclosure. The information will usually be stored in either hard copy or computer database. Information can only be accessed by staff on a need to know basis. For further information on who is permitted access to your records, please contact the Racing NSW Privacy Officer whose details are listed below.

Access

At any time, you can request access to the information that the Board holds about you. If you wish to have access to the information held about you, you should contact the Racing NSW Privacy Officer, whose details are listed below.

Consequences of not providing information requested

You may choose not to supply the Board with the information that it has requested. However, if you do not supply the information requested, the Board may be unable to process your application for registration, licence or subscription.

Personal information

The Board may ask a person to provide it with certain personal information. Amongst other things, such information may include:

- name
- date of birth
- address
- telephone numbers
- employment history
- licence history
- occupation

Sensitive information

In some circumstances, the Board will request a person to provide it with sensitive information. Sensitive information will only be collected from you with your consent. The sensitive information may include requests for information regarding:

- criminal history
- convictions under the rules of racing
- medical history
- defaulter and bankruptcy history

Sensitive information may be sought in the following categories of licence or registration applications:

- register or lease a racehorse or syndicate
- jockeys
- trainers
- stablehand
- rider's agent
- bookmaker and bookmaker's clerk

Disclosure

The Board will not use or disclose your personal information except for any purpose which you would reasonably expect us to use the information. Listed below by are some of the means by which your information may be used and disclosed.

Racebooks and Form Guides

It is a condition of racing that every entry form or stable return shall state the name or names of every person having any share or interest in the ownership or lease of the horse. As this information forms part of the entry for the horse, the names of owners and lessees are made available to appear in any list of race fields, racebooks, form guides and other similar publications. Owners and lessees may not opt out of having their names made publicly available.

Racing NSW Magazine

The Racing NSW Magazine is the official racing calendar and publication of Racing NSW. It contains various types of notices including:

- Trainer, jockey and farrier contact details
- Penalties
- Nominations refused
- Licenses revoked
- Suspensions
- Fines
- Disqualifications
- Bleeders
- Racing colours
- Special notices

It is a condition of registration or licence that no person may opt out of having their names appear in the magazine in relation to any of the above notices. In the case of trainers, riders and riders agents at least one contact address and telephone number must be provided.

Transborder data flows

The information that you supply to Racing NSW may be passed on to other interstate or overseas governing bodies in certain circumstances. For example, any horse or licensee wishing to race in another jurisdiction must first provide a clearance from Racing NSW to that governing body. Likewise, on returning from another state or country, Racing NSW will require a clearance be provided to it. Clearances may also contain information including disciplinary records and personal or sensitive information. All owners and registered or licensed persons are deemed to have authorised Racing NSW to share, pass on and collect information from other governing bodies without having to obtain actual consent from that person.

Contractors

On occasion, the Board will use a third party such as a mailing house to provide a service to it. The Board will only use contractors that agree to adhere to the National Privacy Principles. Where possible, the Board will use appropriate security measures to ensure that contractors deal with the information in accordance with any agreements.

Direct Marketing by industry bodies and associations

Racing NSW may on occasion provide names and contact details of owners and lessees to various organisations that have a connection with racing. However, the Board will only pass such information to organisations where it is of the opinion that such communication may be of interest or benefit to owners and lessees.

The Board might release information to organisations including race clubs and owners or breeders associations. The Board will seek guarantees that the other organisations adhere to the National Privacy Principles and that the information will not be used other than for the purpose it has been requested. Owners may opt out of receiving such information by advising the Racing NSW Privacy Officer whose details are listed below.

Stakes Payment System

If you have an interest in the ownership of a racehorse or are trainers you will be asked to provide information including:

- name
- address
- phone number
- ABN
- GST status
- hobbyist declaration
- bank details

If you supply this information to us we will pay your prizemoney by EFT twice monthly. If you choose not to supply this information, your prizemoney will be paid monthly by cheque. The Stakes Payment Department and Registrar of Racehorses are the only departments with access to this information.

Contact Details

For further Information on privacy information, please contact the Racing NSW Privacy Officer whose details are listed below.

Mr. Jim Murphy
Privacy Officer
Racing NSW
81-83 Baxter Rd
MASCOT NSW 2020

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P.O. Box 1010
MASCOT NSW 1460

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Organisations covered by Privacy Statement

The organisations covered by this privacy statement are listed below:

- Racing NSW
- Registrar of Racehorses
- Racing NSW Magazine
- Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory

Complaints

If you have a complaint, the Board would like to try and resolve it with you first. If you have a complaint please contact our privacy officer whose details are listed above. Then, if you are still not satisfied with our response you should lodge a complaint with the Federal Privacy Commissioner whose contact details are listed below:

Office of the Federal Privacy Commissioner
Level 8 Piccadilly Tower
133 Castlereagh St
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Postal Address:
GPO Box 5218
SYDNEY NSW 1042

Phone: (02) 9284 9800
Fax: (02) 9284 9666
Email: privacy@privacy.gov.au
Web: www.privacy.gov.au