



Process for Loading a Horse seeking approval to race or reinstatement

1. Horses seeking approval to race or to be re-instated (**Identified Horse**) should be loaded prior to all other runners in a jump out, unless prior approval has been given by the Stewards.

Identified Horse must be loaded in an order which tests their ability to stand in the barriers safely and without incident.

In official trials horses are to be loaded in saddle cloth order.

2. Identified Horse must be ridden into the starting barriers.
3. A barrier attendant should lead Identified Horse in. Identified Horse can be led into the barriers with or without a lead.
4. In addition to being led in, Identified Horse may be guided into the starting barriers by up to a maximum of two attendants. That is, one on either side of the horse's flanks.
5. Use of the buggy whip is prohibited*.
6. A barrier attendant may stay up with Identified Horse once loaded. They may hold Identified Horse by the rein close to the bit with their left hand with an underhand grip but should not be required to provide strenuous and/or unreasonable restraint.
7. Identified Horse must stand in the gates without incident. It must not rear, get a leg up on the running board or become cast, attempt to burrow under the front gates, attempt to sit down or kick excessively.
8. Identified Horse must not be attended to by a barrier attendant who has a pecuniary interest in Identified Horse or who performs paid work for the stable who trains Identified Horse, unless otherwise approved by the Stewards.
9. The trainer of Identified Horse must not assist in the loading process, which includes using a lead pony to position in front of the starting barriers.
10. Identified Horse will not be permitted to participate in any subsequent trials or jump outs on the same day in the event that Identified Horse is not approved at its first jump out or trial on the day.

* *Except when used in conjunction with a stallion chain, the use of a buggy whip is prohibited for any horses seeking barrier certificates or reinstatement.*

APPROVED VARIATIONS TO LOADING PROCESS

1 Stallion Chain

The Process applies, subject to the following:

Replace point 2 with: Rider to dismount before stallion chain is applied.

Replace point 3 with: A barrier attendant should lead Identified Horse in.

Replace point 5 with: Identified Horse can be loaded with the use of a buggy whip in accordance with approved protocol.

2 Blindfold

The Process applies, subject to the following:

Replace point 2 with: Once a lead is placed on the horse the rider must dismount before the blindfold is applied. Horse is to be walked in a few tight circles behind the starting barriers prior to being loaded.

Replace point 3 with: A barrier attendant should lead horse in.

3 Barrier Blanket

The Process applies, subject to the following:

Replace point 2 with: A lead must be placed on the horse prior to the barrier blanket being fitted. The jockey must remain on the horse and ride the horse into the starting barriers.

Replace point 6 with: A barrier attendant must stay up with the horse once loaded. They may hold the horse by the rein close to the bit with their left hand in an underhand grip but should not be required to provide strenuous and/or unreasonable restraint.