

Title	Describe racing programme structure and classes, nominate a horse for a race, and attend to horse and owner at the races		
Level	4	Credits	10

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: identify and describe the racing programme structure, classes, and handicapping system used in New Zealand racing; nominate a horse for a race, describe the procedures for withdrawal of horse from a race, and describe situations where clubs give preference when nominations exceed capacity number in the field; engage the jockey or driver for the race, and describe the responsibilities of an employer to an apprentice jockey or junior driver; attend to the horse's requirements in preparation for racing; liaise with the owner pre-race and post-race; and attend to the horse post-race.
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Classification	Equine > Equine Industry
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation, rules, and code of welfare relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
 - Racing Act 2020;
 - New Zealand Rules of Harness Racing, available at Harness Racing New Zealand Inc., <http://www.hrnz.co.nz/hrnz/OfficialDocuments/Rules.pdf>;
 - New Zealand Rules of Racing, available at <https://loveracing.nz/nztr/resources/rules-directives-and-policies>;
 - Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys 2018, available at <http://www.mpi.govt.nz>; and any subsequent amendments.
- 2 Definitions

Handicapping system – where each horse is given weight, according to its ability, in attempt to ensure each horse has an equal chance of winning the race.

Workplace procedures – the procedures and standards set by the client or employing organisation. Workplace procedures should reflect equipment manufacturer's requirements, and current legislation.
- 3 For the purposes of assessment:
 - evidence must be presented in accordance with workplace procedures.
 - assessment for the practical components of this unit standard must be supplied from a commercial horse enterprise under normal working conditions.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Identify and describe the racing programme structure, classes, and handicapping system used in New Zealand racing.

Range one of – thoroughbred racing, harness racing.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Identify and describe the organisations responsible for formulating the structure of the racing programme.
- 1.2 Describe the roles and functions of the Racing Clubs and the Handicapper in race programming.
- 1.3 Identify and describe the classes of races, and eligibility criteria for each class.
- 1.4 Identify and describe the functions and duties of the Handicapper.
- 1.5 Describe the components of the handicapping system used by the Handicapper to determine allotted handicaps.

Range may include but is not limited to – junior driver concessions, preferential barrier draw, age, sex, money earned; evidence of three is required.

Outcome 2

Nominate a horse for a race, describe the procedures for withdrawal of horse from a race, and describe situations where clubs give preference when nominations exceed capacity number in the field.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Nominate a horse for a specific race at the relevant racing club, in accordance with its past performance at trials or races, and the code's Rules of Racing.
- 2.2 Describe the procedure to follow to withdraw a horse from a nominated race.
- 2.3 Describe situations where clubs will give horses preference for a particular race where more than the capacity number in the field is nominated.

Range may include but is not limited to – weight, form.

Outcome 3

Engage the jockey or driver for the race, and describe the responsibilities of an employer to an apprentice jockey or junior driver.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Engage a jockey or driver to ride or drive the horse in the race in accordance with availability, experience, and suitability for the horse and the race.
- 3.2 Describe the responsibilities of an employer to an apprentice jockey or junior driver in accordance with the code's Rules of Racing.
- Range may include but is not limited to – enrolment in industry training, provide gear, find a minimum of rides or drives per season, accompany apprentice jockey to judicial enquiries.

Outcome 4

Attend to the horse's requirements in preparation for racing.

Performance criteria

- 4.1 Examine the horse on arrival at race meeting for signs of any injury, and take action in the best interests of the horse where injury is evident.
- 4.2 Monitor the horse while restrained in the tie-up stall.
- 4.3 Provide specialist gear and colours appropriate for the horse to the jockey or driver for weigh-in.
- 4.4 Fit specialist gear ensuring comfort for the horse while fulfilling designated function.
- Range may include but is not limited to – bandages, tongue tie, boots, blinkers.
- 4.5 Check all gear on the horse to ensure fit is firm and comfortable, and is in accordance with the code's Rules of Racing.

Outcome 5

Liaise with the owner pre-race and post-race.

Performance criteria

- 5.1 Inform the owner of the horse's condition and the racing strategy before the race.
- Range horse's physical condition, horse's mental condition, likely performance, track condition.
- 5.2 Brief the owner on the horse's performance after the race.

Outcome 6

Attend to the horse post-race.

Performance criteria

- 6.1 Examine the horse post-race for any injury, and take action in the best interests of the horse where injury is evident.
- 6.2 Monitor the process for cooling down in accordance with the horse's individual requirements.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	28 October 1994	31 December 2023
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Review	4	25 September 2003	31 December 2023
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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	0018
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

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