

	POLICY	
TRACK CLOSURE TRAVEL SUBSIDY POLICY		
CONTROLLER: RACING OPERATIONS MANAGER	OWNER: CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER	
REVIEWED: AUGUST 2023	SCHEDULED REVIEW: DECEMBER 2023	

1. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Track Closure Travel Subsidy Policy (**Policy**) is to clearly define the eligibility of subsidy compensation payments to North West-based Harness and Greyhound racing industry participants who are affected by the closure of the Devonport Showground during the new North West Track development period. Racing ceased at the Devonport Showground on 22 March 2022.

2. **SCOPE**

This Policy applies to Tasmanian Harness Trainers, Harness Drivers and Greyhound Trainers, Breeders and Rearers (collectively referred to as **Industry Participants**) whose regular place of work and current place of residence is located in an area within the North West of Tasmania.

3. **POLICY STATEMENT**

Tasracing understands that the closure of the Devonport Showground may result in inconvenience and additional financial burden where Industry Participants are required to travel further in order to attend an alternative track for the purposes of training or racing. This Policy sets out Tasracing's subsidy compensation payment scheme, which seeks to minimise the financial burden on Industry Participants in these circumstances.

Definitions

North West – refers to a location in North West Tasmania with a postcode inclusive of 7304 or higher.

Devonport Showground – refers to the Devonport Showground at Gunn Street in Devonport.

4. **COMPENSATION SUBSIDY**

Subsidy details

Industry Participants are to be compensated for the travel involved for race meetings transferred from the Devonport Showground to another club or venue in the North or South of Tasmania and for any trial until the new North West track is ready for use.

The subsidy that is available for travel that Industry Participants undertake includes and is limited to travel for the following:

- any greyhound race meeting that would have been held by the North West Greyhound Racing Club (NWGRC), which has been transferred from the Devonport Showground to a different venue within Tasmania, or any trial session at another venue.
- any harness race meeting that would have been held by the Devonport Harness Racing Club (DHRC), which has been transferred from the Devonport Showground to a different venue within Tasmania, any official trial session at another venue, or any Tasracing approved training session (until a suitable training venue has been made available in the North West).

The above is defined as **Eligible Travel**.

Who is eligible to receive the subsidy?

Industry Participants will receive compensation for Eligible Travel. Industry Participants include:

- Licensed Greyhound & Harness Trainers
- Licensed Greyhound Breeders and Rearers
- Licensed Harness Drivers

Note: to be eligible to receive the subsidy payment, the regular place of work and residence for Industry Participants must be in the North West region of Tasmania, or as approved by Tasracing, and eligible animals must be recorded in the appropriate manner in the registered industry participants kennel or stable at time of the race/trial.

Any Industry Participant that relocates, resulting in their place of residence changing, must notify Tasracing with proof of address prior to receiving any subsidy payment. Evidence provided must be to Tasracing's satisfaction.

For any Industry Participant to receive compensation they must also meet the below criteria:

- For any licensed Greyhound Trainer, Breeder or Rearer or Harness Trainer to be eligible, they must have a horse/s or greyhound/s travel and participate during the nominated transferred meeting and/or trial session or approved training session. For any horse or greyhound declared a non-runner or late scratching there must be written confirmation from the Chief Steward from the Office of Racing Integrity (**ORI**) that the horse or greyhound in question was withdrawn after the Industry Participant had travelled to the venue where the transferred meeting or trial session was to take place. This written confirmation must be provided to Tasracing prior to payment of the subsidy and must be to Tasracing's satisfaction.

- For a Harness Driver to be eligible they must drive in a minimum of one (1) race/trial during the transferred meeting. For any Harness Driver injured or unable to drive once on course, there must be written confirmation from the Chief Steward of ORI that the Harness Driver was withdrawn from engagements after they had travelled to the venue where the transferred meeting or trial session was to take place. This written confirmation must be provided to Tasracing prior to payment of the subsidy and must be to Tasracing's satisfaction.

How compensation will be processed

Tasracing will automatically pay eligible Greyhound Trainers that participate in the running of an official transferred race meeting or qualifying trial in accordance with this Policy. An Industry Participant must complete the Track Closure Travel Subsidy Form (see **Annexure A** and also available online at tasracingcorporate.com.au) for any Steward's Trial or any other trial for which a subsidy is not paid automatically and submit the Form to Tasracing within fourteen (14) days from of the date of the travel for a trial session.

Tasracing will automatically pay eligible Harness Trainers and Drivers that participate in the running of an official transferred race meeting or trial in accordance with this Policy. An Industry Participant must complete the Track Closure Travel Subsidy Form (See **Annexure B**, also available online at tasracingcorporate.com.au) for an approved training session and/or education trial completed for an unnamed, unraced horse under the age of three, or as otherwise approved, for which a subsidy is not paid automatically and submit the form to Tasracing within fourteen (14) days from the date of the travel for that trial and/or training session.

Payment of any travel subsidy under this Policy is at the sole discretion of Tasracing, and Tasracing is under no obligation to pay any amount under this Policy.

If:

- any data is intentionally falsified, or otherwise incorrect information is included in any claims for compensation submitted by Industry Participants; or
- an Industry Participant that relocates, resulting in their place of residence changing, fails to notify Tasracing with proof of address in the form determined by Tasracing; or
- an Industry Participant's circumstances in the racing industry change, meaning they are no longer eligible to receive part or all of any subsidy offered under this Policy, but they do not notify Tasracing and continue to receive subsidy payments made by Tasracing; then

all payments will cease and that Industry Participant will be required to repay the specific payments received within fourteen (14) days of being requested to do so, or this will result in a corresponding debit against the offending participant's prizemoney account at Tasracing's sole discretion.

If any Industry Participant fails to declare all relevant information at the time of lodging a claim, a payment may not be made to that Industry Participant.

Tasracing reserves the right to recover any overpayments made to an Industry Participant. The Industry Participant acknowledges that he/she is personally and solely responsible for the repayment of any overpayment.

Tasracing may require a participant to submit documents or other information in support of an application for travel subsidy.

Tasracing reserves the right to amend or revoke this Policy at any time.

5. **HARNESS SUBSIDY PAYMENTS**

Trainers & Drivers:

Are to be compensated in accordance with the below table for Eligible Travel.

Venue travelled to	Carrick	Mowbray	Elwick
Amount	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$120.00

Trainers – Horse Transport:

Are to be compensated on a 'per horse' basis for horse transport in accordance with the below table for Eligible Travel. A subsidy for horse transport is only payable to Trainers. This amount includes allowance for additional staffing and administration cost that may be incurred when travelling horses.

Venue travelled to	Carrick	Mowbray	Elwick
Amount	\$100.00	\$120.00	\$200.00

6. **GREYHOUND SUBSIDY PAYMENTS**

Trainers, Breeders and Rearers:

Are to be compensated in accordance with the below table for Eligible Travel.

Venue travelled to	Mowbray	Elwick
Amount	\$60.00	\$120.00

Trainers, Breeders & Rearers – Greyhound Transport:

Are to be compensated in accordance with the below table based on a 'per dog' basis for Eligible Travel. A subsidy for greyhound transport is only payable to Trainers,

Breeders and Rearers. This amount includes allowance for additional staffing and administration cost that may be incurred when travelling dogs.

Amount per dog	Mowbray	Elwick
1-5 Greyhounds	\$35.00	\$80.00
6-10 Greyhounds	\$30.00	\$70.00
11+ Greyhounds	\$25.00	\$60.00

7. POLICY REVIEW CYCLE

This Policy is to be regularly reviewed and endorsed by the Chief Executive Officer at least every three months (3), or when there is a significant change to the external environment or internal organisational structure. The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for approving this Policy.

8. DOCUMENT CONTROL

Date	Version	Author	Approved by
14/08/023	V3	L Swan	CEO

Annexure A

North West Travel Subsidy Claim Form – GREYHOUND

Participant Name:	
Residential Address:	
Date of Trial:	
Venue of Trial	
If Trial was held at a race meeting – did you race a greyhound at the meeting?	
Details of Greyhounds	Name of Trainer (if not claimant)
Name & Earbrand
Name & Earbrand
Name & Earbrand
Name & Earbrand
Name & Earbrand
Name & Earbrand
Name & Earbrand
Name & Earbrand
<i>NB: If more space is required please attached separate page.</i>	
Trials Verification: (To be signed by Trials Official verifying the greyhounds trialled)	
Signature.....	
Name.....	
Declaration: I declare that the information provided in this claim is correct and complete and I am aware of the consequences for giving false information or failing to declare all relevant information.	
I understand that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • by submitting this claim I agree to all of the terms and conditions of Tasracing’s Track Closure Travel Subsidy Policy; and • Tasracing can make any enquiries necessary to help work out how much support should be paid for auditing purposes. 	
Applicant Signature:	
Date:	

Please submit completed form to Tasracing within fourteen (14) days of trial:

- By email: racing@tasracing.com.au
- By post: PO Box 730, Glenorchy TAS 7010
- In person: Mezzanine Level, Elwick Racecourse, 6 Goodwood Road, Elwick TAS 7010

If assistance is required with your claim, please contact the Tasracing Racing Team on (03) 6212 9333 or email racing@tasracing.com.au

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Annexure B

North West Travel Subsidy Claim Form - HARNESS

Trainer Name:	
Residential Address:	
Date of Trial:	
Venue of Trial	
Details of Horse/s	<p>Name/Cert #:.....</p> <p>Name/Cert #:.....</p> <p>Name/Cert #:.....</p> <p>Name/Cert #:.....</p> <p>Name/Cert #:.....</p> <p>Name/Cert #:.....</p> <p align="center"><i>NB: If more space is required, please attached separate page.</i></p>
<p>Trials Verification: (To be signed by Trial Official verifying if a horse is scratched at the venue prior to being able to compete)</p> <p>Signature.....</p> <p>Name/Cert#Name/Cert#</p>	
<p>Declaration: I declare that the information provided in this claim is correct and complete.</p>	
Applicant Signature:	
Date:	

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