

## INDUSTRY NOTICE

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### Revised Tongue Tie Policy

Please be advised that following a recommendation from the Veterinary and Analytical Committee (VAC) and endorsement by the Chairmen of Stewards Committee (COSC), Racing Australia has amended the Tongue Ties Policy. The new policy can be found in the National Equipment Register.

<https://www.racingaustralia.horse/uploadimg/National-Equipment-Register-1-april-2020.pdf>

The policy has been in effect since **1 April 2020**.

### Tongue Ties & Tongue Clips

**Approval for use:** Tongue Ties and Tongue Clips are approved for use for the purposes of AR 206(1), subject to the conditions set out below.

**Specifications:** Tongue Ties must be either: (a) leather strap or rubber band (at least 15mm wide); or (b) lycra or neoprene (at least 50mm wide).

**Application:** Tongue Ties and Tongue Clips must not be applied more than 30 minutes prior to race time.

**Proper application:** All Tongue Ties are to be looped around the tongue and secured around the lower jaw. Tongue Ties must be clearly visible at all times. Tongue Ties must never be attached to the bit or bridle.

**Tongue position:** Tongues which are tied must remain inside the horse's mouth in its usual position.

**Tongue Clips:** Tongue Clips must be rubber and attached to the bit. Tongue Clips with strap are also permitted.

**Removal:** Tongue Ties and Tongue Clips must be removed as soon as practicable.

For further information

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