

ARIMA RACE CLUB

# ARC COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

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Operating Procedures for Re-Start of Horse  
Racing at Santa Rosa Park in Arima



This ARC Covid-19 Protocols document seeks to articulate in detail the necessary protocols and operating procedures which have been identified in every aspect of hosting a racecard at Santa Rosa Park in Arima, Trinidad and to do this safely and Covid-19 free

**ARIMA RACE CLUB**  
**Santa Rosa Park Racecourse**  
**Arima, Trinidad**

**Guidelines and operating procedures for horse racing behind closed doors for all attendees in context of COVID-19**

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## Section A: General guidance (ALL)

### 1. Document purpose

This document contains strict protocols, which must be followed by all attendees at race meetings held behind closed doors, from Friday 19 June 2020 and until the Covid-19 restrictions have been removed by the Trinidad Government.

These measures are to safeguard everyone's health and wellbeing during the current and continuing COVID-19 situation, to ensure that racing can continue in a safe and appropriate manner.

Anyone likely to attend a raceday at Santa Rosa Park in Trinidad should ensure they have read and/or understood the protocols outlined. These protocols **MUST** be followed.

This document uses Trinidad Government guidance as its framework and interprets and applies that guidance specifically to horseracing. As such, it is a supplementary document, designed to be read alongside the government guidance listed in point 4 below.

This document is aimed at **attendees** at race meetings, who will need to **follow** new and revised protocols.

It is also aimed at the **employers** of anyone attending race meetings, who will need to ensure that any such employees are fully informed of the new protocols and supported appropriately.

The patience and cooperation of staff is requested as everyone endeavours to work together in a safe working environment

### 2. Document navigation

While all attendees and potential attendees should read the whole document, to assist with navigation, we have indicated sections which are of specific relevance to particular attendees or participants, e.g. trainers, jockeys, stable staff, officials, etc.

Most sections will need to be understood by ALL attendees.

### 3. Note on updating the document

This document is based on our current understanding and interpretation of government guidance.

The COVID-19 situation remains fluid. As government guidance changes, some of these procedures and requirements may change, or vary, and this document **may be subject to multiple updates at short notice.**

While every effort will be made to ensure the wide distribution of updated versions of this document, **it is the responsibility of all persons attending any raceday to ensure they are following the most recent version of the document, which can be found in the COVID-19 section of the Arima Race Club website (arimaraceclub.com).** Updated sections will be indicated in the Document Control table on page 4 of the document.

#### 4. Trinidad Government guidance

Trinidad Government guidance provides the framework for this document and will not be reiterated in detail here. As this guidance can change, all individuals and employers should ensure they are familiar with current basic guidance.

Full Trinidad government guidance on all aspects of COVID-19 can be found at:

<http://www.health.gov.tt/sitepages/default.aspx?id=292>

In particular, we draw your attention to the following documents:

**(a) Re-Opening Guidelines for Business, Facilities and Institutions**

<http://www.health.gov.tt/covid19/GuidelinesRegulations/ReopeningGuidelines.pdf>

**(b) The Public Health {2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)} (No. 16) Regulations 2020**

<http://www.health.gov.tt/covid19/GuidelinesRegulations/PublicHealthRegulations/Public%20Health%20Regulations%2016.pdf>

**(c) Social Distancing**

General advice to the public (which individuals are required to know and follow)

#### 5. Concerns about returning to Horse Racing

If an individual has any particular concerns about returning to horse racing under the guidance contained in this document, they are advised to notify their employer in the first instance. If this is not appropriate for any reason, they should contact their trade/membership body.

#### 6. Attendance restrictions

Until further notice, access to the Santa Rosa Park racecourse will be strictly limited to those key personnel essential to running the race meeting.

The following people **only** are permitted to attend race meetings, subject to the completion of mandatory health screening and other entry requirements:

- ARC officials and staff (as required to service the race meeting, as per ARC guidance)
- Essential racecourse staff (as required to service the race meeting, as per ARC guidance)
- Medical/ambulance personnel (as required to service the race meeting)
- Racecourse Veterinary Surgeons (as required to service the race meeting)
- Farriers (as required to service the race meeting)
- Race Broadcasting staff (as required to provide core broadcast and integrity services. This will include, for example, one race commentator)
- Technical staff (as required to service the race meeting, as per ARC guidance)
  
- One Owner (or their representative) per horse entered for that day of racing)
- One Trainer (or their representative) per yard represented
- One senior groom per yard represented

- Stable staff of horses running in the race meeting (maximum of one groom per runner)
- Commercial horsebox drivers/transporters, where applicable
- Jockeys riding in the race meeting
- One broadcaster/presenter (to be arranged via ARC)
- Two written media journalists (accredited by the ARC)
- One photographer (to be determined by ARC)

These restrictions will be regularly reviewed and we will seek to increase the number of attendees as soon as it is appropriate to do so.

Overseas attendees should note Trinidad Government quarantine requirements (14-day self-isolation following arrival in Trinidad and Tobago).

Attendance lists will need to be generated and provided by the ARC as follows:

- Trainers, Owners & Stable Staff: Via ARC after declarations close)
- Racecourse staff and contractors: A template spreadsheet will be sent for completion
- Jockeys: Via jockey bookings
- ARC Staff
- Media, broadcasters and photographers
- Transporters: Via commercial transport providers

## 7. Refusal of access

In some circumstances, individuals who were expecting to attend a raceday might be denied access by the ARC. In relation to the protocols contained in this document, it should be noted that the reasons why access may be denied include (but are not limited to):

- They are not in one of the permitted categories
- Advance documentation required has not been received
- The individual was not on the list to attend
- They have forgotten to bring their photo ID
- They did not pass the required racecourse entry screening
- Any other reason at the sole discretion of the ARC

## 8. Regulatory/Rule changes applying from 1 June 2020

Participants should be aware of a number of regulatory matters and previously agreed changes to the Rules of Racing, which will take effect when racing resumes.

Any changes to the Rules of Racing to cover the new and revised protocols in place following resumption will be agreed in writing by the TTRA.

## 9. Risk and compliance

**By attending a race fixture, race fixture attendees acknowledge and agree that notwithstanding the risk mitigation strategies employed by the ARC and other industry bodies in accordance with Government guidance, it is impossible to eliminate all risk and there remains the potential for unintended transmission of COVID-19 between race fixture attendees. All race fixture attendees must play their part in minimising the risk to themselves and others by complying with these guidelines, racecourse terms and conditions of entry, and the COVID-19 Requirements as set out in the Rules of Racing.**

**The ARC and the Racecourse Management have the right to eject any attendee for any breach of the COVID-19 Requirements. All breaches will be reported to the ARC Stewards who will also be able to impose alternative sanctions including formal warnings, financial penalties and suspensions.**

## **Section B: Medical guidance (ALL)**

### **10. General COVID-19 protocols for ALL attendees**

- Do not come racing if you have symptoms of COVID-19.
- Do not come to the racecourse if you are not on the list of permitted and accredited attendees for that race meeting
- Do not touch your face, whether or not you are wearing a face covering and/or gloves
- Wash or sanitise your hands as frequently as you can, following the handwashing guidance
- Observe social distancing protocols
- Observe the recommended cough/tissue etiquette at all times
- Follow all racecourse signage and obey the instructions of staff and officials who are enforcing social distancing and other protocols
- Avoid areas of the racecourse unrelated to your role
- Leave immediately after your last race, or when you have completed your duties
- If you become unwell while racing, go immediately to your vehicle, return home and follow government advice. ONLY if you do not have a vehicle, please go immediately to the isolation area.
- If you are in an at-risk group, you should follow Trinidad Government guidance

### **11. Santa Rosa Park racecourse entry screening**

Screening must be undertaken by all personnel before entering racecourse premises and will adhere to the following step:

#### **Step 1 – On Course Screening**

On arrival at a racecourse, ALL attendees will be required to answer questions, as well as having their temperature recorded. They will also be required to provide appropriate photo ID (ARC Issued Identification, Driving Licence, Passport) as proof of identity.

*The Santa Rosa Park racecourse will have only two entrance/exit points – one will be to the Paddock area and the other will be to gain access to the Trainers Stand/Jockeys Room.*

Individual temperatures will be taken twice in succession with the lower reading recorded. If on both occasions this temperature exceeds 37.8°C, entry onto the racecourse will be denied. If this happens, the individual will be advised to travel home, ideally alone. They should also consult the Ministry of Health to enquire about a COVID-19 test and other advice.

**Any individual that fails the on-course thermal screening will be advised to visit the nearest public healthcare facility and be symptom free before admittance to the Santa Rosa Park racecourse.**

Participants are reminded that if any member of the same vehicle fails to clear step 1 all those travelling together will be denied entry onto the racecourse.

On successful completion of Step 1, entrance to the racecourse will be permitted. Individuals will be required to wear a wristband or other form of accreditation (provided by racecourses)

identifying that they have undergone the screening process. Should an individual leave the racecourse, this accreditation must be returned to the racecourse, and the individual must be re-screened before coming back on site.

## **Data Protection**

The ARC is administering the COVID-19 entry screening activities and will be the “data controller” in this regard.

In order to carry out the administering of COVID-19 entry screening activities, the ARC is reliant on all responsible organisations to provide the contact details of all relevant employees, workers and contractors. Responsible organisations should ensure that from both a data protection and general communications perspective, they have notified all relevant employees, workers and/ or contractors that they will be sharing individuals’ contact details with the ARC for the purposes of the COVID-19 entry screening activities.

The Arima Race Club reserves the right to make changes to the above process if there are changes to the prevalence of COVID-19 in national, regional, or local areas.

## **12. What happens if I fail the screening?**

As noted in point 11 above but repeated here for emphasis, any individual that fails the on-course thermal screening will be advised to visit the nearest public healthcare facility and be symptom free before admittance to the Santa Rosa Park racecourse.

## **13. Hand hygiene**

Along with appropriate social distancing, hand hygiene is one of the simplest and most effective procedures for preventing the spread of disease.

It is essential that everyone takes responsibility to ensure that they regularly clean their hands using soap/water or minimum 60% alcohol based hand sanitiser, in line with hand washing guidance.

Handwashing areas will be provided around the Santa Rosa Park racecourse and at all the main transfer points. These will be equipped with minimum 60% alcohol-based hand sanitiser and, where possible, sinks with liquid soap.

Where liquid soap and water are used, hand blow dryers or single use towels will be provided, and stocks will be regularly replenished. In most cases, these will be paper towels and an appropriate waste receptacle will be provided and regularly emptied.

## **14. Social distancing**

Santa Rosa Park racecourse will be managing and reconfiguring sites to enable two (2) meters social distancing to be achieved wherever possible.

- There are a small number of activities which will require individuals to be within two (2) meters for a short period of time – e.g. the mounting of each jockey onto a horse which will take no longer than five (5) seconds. Most of these activities will require individuals to be in proximity only briefly and should be conducted in as efficient and timely manner as possible.
- For the avoidance of doubt, all attendees at the Santa Rosa Park racecourse must wear a face mask/covering..
- For example, stable staff should wear a face covering from the point of exiting the stables for races and at all activities until the race is concluded and they have returned into the

stable area. In the stable yard, face coverings are only required if social distancing is likely to be breached with an individual from outside their own household.

## **15. COVID-19 surveillance in horse racing**

The ARC will instigate a COVID-19 Surveillance Program. This will

- Monitor the number of local cases in the Santa Rosa Park area where the paddock area is located and compare these to national rates

## **16. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Face Masks/Coverings**

The advice from Ministry of Health in Trinidad and Tobago is that the principal means to reduce transmission of COVID-19 are:

- Social Distancing
- Hygiene, both personal (specifically hand hygiene) and appropriate sanitization of workplaces to avoid transmission from surface contamination

The use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and/or face masks/coverings is not a substitute for these two (2) methods but is an adjunct, particularly in clinical areas or where Social Distancing cannot be maintained.

The measures outlined elsewhere in this document are designed to minimise risk, but they cannot eliminate it altogether.

Consequently, to protect participants, appropriate PPE and/or face masks/coverings must be worn within the racecourse by personnel.

### **(a) Face masks/coverings**

Face masks/coverings (i.e. “non-medical” face masks/coverings) should be worn by personnel AND are anticipated to breach social distancing repeatedly as a result of their role in racing.

Reusable face masks/coverings should be washed regularly with normal detergent. Users should wash or sanitise their hands before and after applying or removing a face mask/covering.

### **(b) Personnel who are likely to breach social distancing**

Medical staff should wear medical grade PPE.

Other people who will potentially need to breach social distancing include:

- Security staff (2 in number)
- Jockeys (12 in number)
- Stable staff (12 in number)
- Clerk of the Course (1 in number)
- Starter and Assistant Starter (2 in number)
- Stalls handlers (6 in number)
- Veterinary teams (2 in number)

- Trainers (12 in number)

All of the above should wear suitable face coverings. Guidance on provision is provided in points (c) and (d) below.

### **(c) Jockeys' face masks/coverings**

Jockeys riding will be required to wear a face mask/covering during the actual race.

### **(d) Provision of PPE and face masks/coverings**

In normal practice and in accordance with health and safety legislation, it is the responsibility of the employer to ensure that employees are equipped with appropriate PPE, in line with the above guidance.

Face masks/coverings are mandatory on the racecourse whenever social distancing cannot be maintained, and when travelling to and from the racecourse in a shared vehicle (with anyone from outside own household). To meet this requirement employers will need to ensure that employees are equipped with appropriate face masks/coverings.

## **17. Social Distancing Officer**

Social Distancing Officers (SDOs) will be appointed by the ARC to ensure all measures are implemented and strictly adhered to at all racedays.

The SDOs will act with the full authority of the Arima Race Club and Racecourse Managing Executive to ensure that protocols contained within this document are appropriately followed and enforced.

- Multiple racecourse personnel will also be deployed across the racecourse site in order to support this role and will report to the SDO and to a senior member of the racecourse team, as appropriate.
- The role of the SDO is designed to be constructive and assist individuals in understanding the requirements and measures in place to ensure these can be met.
- However, the SDO will also report any breaches of social distancing requirements to the ARC Stewards, who will take regulatory action in line with the powers available to them.

## **18. If you become unwell at a raceday**

Where possible, any individual with potential symptoms of COVID-19 should return immediately to their vehicle and return home, from where they should follow Trinidad Government advice.

Use the isolation area (see point 19 below) ONLY if it is not possible to return to a vehicle.

## **19. Isolation area**

An appropriate isolation area will be designated by the Santa Rosa Park racecourse, for use when it is not possible for an individual with potential symptoms to return safely to their vehicle (e.g. they are awaiting collection by a family member).

Attendees must ensure they are aware of its location. The location will be clearly marked and signage placed on the door of the location for identification.

## **Section C: Advance preparation prior to racedays (ALL, except where indicated)**

### **20. Selection of staff to work on raceday**

All employers should ensure that they understand their legal responsibilities and duty of care to all employees when selecting staff to attend racedays, completing all necessary risk assessments via appropriate consultation with the employee(s).

**Please note that, if a person fails the medical check, they will be refused entry. If they have a raised temperature or other symptoms, anyone travelling with them will also be refused entry. To minimise the risk of this, trainers are advised to check the well-being of staff before travelling, e.g. by asking staff to check their temperatures at that time.**

Trainers should be aware that **overnight accommodation for staff will not be available at Santa Rosa Park racecourse from 1 June 2020 and until further notice**. This is in line with Trinidad Government guidance around hospitality and hotels. This will be kept under review as guidance evolves.

All employers and managers (Santa Rosa Park racecourse, trainers, ARC) are also requested to send staff that are sufficiently experienced and responsible during the initial stages of resumption, to help ensure the efficient and smooth operation of new processes.

### **21. Maintaining up-to-date staff records (Trainers, stable staff)**

As the ARC will need to communicate with all individuals who are registered to attend a raceday, all trainers are asked to ensure that the stable employee records for any individual who is likely to attend a fixture are up to date.

### **22. Selection of horses by trainers (Trainers)**

Trainers are also asked to assist with the smooth running of racedays by avoiding entering any difficult or “fractious” horses. ALL entered horses should be well schooled in the stalls, to minimise time taken to load and to help maintain appropriate social distancing.

Trainers are therefore asked to consider not entering horses during initial resumption should they fall into any of the categories set out below.

- Needle shy
- Can't be tied up
- Unruly in pre-race
- Unruly at start
- Difficult loaders (noting that only two (2) pushers per horse will initially be permitted)
- Difficult loaders (horsebox)
- Kickers/biters/difficult in Sampling Unit
- ANY signs of skin disease
- Difficult to shoe

Any horse showing unhelpful behaviour will not be allowed to enter again until further notice.

### **23. Preparing the horse prior to departure (Trainers, stable staff)**

Horse(s) must, at a minimum, have the head, neck and muzzle area washed prior to leaving the trainer's enclosure to reduce potential transfer of virus to staff and handlers.

## 24. Preparing the racing equipment (Trainers, stable staff)

Trainers are encouraged to supply individual pieces of equipment per horse, including, if possible, individual girths, breast girths, and chammies (anti-slip pad) for each individual horse.

Trinidad Government provides guidance for cleaning in a non-healthcare setting. These guidelines are subject to change and trainers, stable staff or any others required to clean the racing equipment should review the most current guidance

**All racing equipment must be cleaned and disinfected prior to arrival at the Santa Rosa Park racecourse. All equipment must be in a clean, single (where possible) bag, clearly labelled with the name of the trainer, the horse's name, and the race number and time.**

As racing equipment can be from a variety of different materials, please make sure that all equipment is thoroughly inspected to ensure it is in good working order after cleaning.

It is important that prior to and after handling or transferring any equipment, that hands are washed and/or sanitised to prevent any viral spread.

## 25. Checklist

All personnel attending racedays should ensure they have brought the following:

- Food/refreshments, in a cool bag if appropriate, noting that Santa Rosa Park racecourse will not be providing catering or refrigeration facilities. Microwaves, fridges and facilities for making hot drinks will also not be available.
- Disinfectant/cleaning materials for wiping down vehicles and equipment
- Battery-operated phone charger (optional)
- Hand sanitiser – while hand sanitiser points will be available on course, all attendees should bring a personal supply. Jockeys and stable staff may also wish to bring their own liquid soap and flannel or single use cleansing wipes.
- Face covering, as directed - see point 16
- Photo ID (e.g. stable staff pass, driving licence, passport)

Staff accompanying horses should also bring:

- Racing equipment - prepared, bagged and labelled as per the protocol in point 31.
- Stable staff pass
- Buckets, sponges and scrapers for washing down, to avoid sharing these wherever possible, labelled with the trainer's name

## Section D: Travelling to the racecourse (ALL, except where indicated)

### 26. Considerations for travelling

Unless there is an emergency or it is unavoidable, cars should travel directly from home to Santa Rosa Park racecourse.

Where possible, individuals should travel to the Santa Rosa Park racecourse separately.

**Where individuals travel together, they must remain in the vehicle together and must wear appropriate face coverings.** If one does not pass the required screening and checks, everyone in the vehicle (and the horse, where applicable) will be instructed to leave the site.

## **Section E: Arrival at the Santa Rosa Park racecourse**

### **27. Arrival times**

In most cases, arrival times will be as usual but attendees should allow an additional 15-30 minutes to pass through the checkpoints. If you do arrive early, please avoid congregating with other attendees, particularly around the checkpoint areas.

Because of the need for the screening team to be present before entry to the racecourse can be permitted, entry will not be possible more than 5 hours before the first race without prior approval of the racecourse.

Trainers are encouraged to allow more time upon arrival than usual in order to clear the medical checkpoints.

### **28. Car parking**

Please obey any signage or instructions and follow social distancing protocols when using the car parks.

### **29. Medical check (for personnel NOT accompanying a horse)**

All attendees must pass a medical check on arrival at the racecourse and before being permitted to enter the site.

On arrival, this screening process will involve:

- The individual's temperature will be taken using an infrared (non-contact) thermometer. Anyone with a temperature above 37.8°C will be denied access to the racecourse.
- Individuals will be asked some brief screening questions

Once the medical check is satisfactorily completed, the individual will pass through to the check-in point, for verification of identity and accreditation.

### **30. Check-in (for personnel NOT accompanying a racehorse)**

Accreditation will be checked and confirmed by security personnel prior to admitting access – anyone not wearing/displaying the required accreditation will be turned away.

Please note, if an individual leaves the site for any reason (e.g. medical, horse transfer), they will need to complete the full entry process again prior to being readmitted to the racecourse. Once access is permitted the individual should follow the one-way system directly to their workstation.

**Please note that, if a person fails the medical check, they will be refused entry.**

### **31. Withdrawals and non-runners (Trainers, officials)**

Information will be provided to trainers or their representatives on the protocols for notifying officials of any non-runners or withdrawals.

### **32. Racing equipment & colour bag transfer procedure (trainers, stable staff, jockeys)**

Equipment and colour bag transfer points will be established. Hand sanitising and/or handwashing is required between all transfers or activity involving the handling of equipment.

These protocols are continually under review and may vary across courses, with one possible scenario as follows:

- Stable staff member arrives at equipment transfer point (note, this may be situated outside of physical weighing room. Signage will be in place)
- Stable staff member drops labelled bag of equipment per horse per race and steps away
- They will then be collected from the relevant area by the individual jockey
- Jockey arrives, picks up specified equipment for race, weighs out and places equipment in designated area for stable staff to retrieve for saddling

After use, the colour bags will be returned via same process throughout the afternoon.

### **33. Farrier services**

Farrier services will be available at the Santa Rosa Park racecourse as usual.

## **Section F: Racecourse set-up and facilities (ALL, except where indicated)**

### **34. General set-up**

Santa Rosa Park racecourse will make best efforts to contact attendees with specific details, but attendees are encouraged to check on the ARC website, if possible, where racecourses will advise of any changes to the core facilities and processes outlined in this document. If in doubt, check with the Santa Rosa Park racecourse direct prior to travelling.

**One-way systems will be in place across Santa Rosa Park racecourse wherever possible**, to limit crossover of individuals.

The racecourse perimeter will be appropriately secured. Access will only be possible via designated entrance points. All other entrance points will be physically secured to prevent unauthorised access, with enhanced security provision in place to support this.

### **35. Technology**

Attendees should note that, for reasons of hygiene, power sockets and cables will not be available for general use (I.e. for any purpose not integral to the operation of the raceday).

Attendees will not, for example, be permitted to use racecourse power sockets and/or cables to charge personal mobile phones or other devices and are advised to bring battery operated chargers, and/or to charge in vehicles when travelling, if this is likely to be required.

### **36. Other equipment**

All equipment being brought on to site to be used by multiple individuals must be disinfected prior to arrival. All contractors will be responsible for disinfection of their own equipment in line with their procedures.

Where an individual brings equipment for their own use (e.g. ARC officials' laptops), they will be responsible for the disinfection of these to their own satisfaction. Individuals must not use another person's equipment without first ensuring that this has been disinfected.

- The Santa Rosa Park racecourse will make a supply of single-use disinfectant wipes available in key areas for equipment disinfection

### **37. Catering/Bar Service**

Before consuming any food, hands must be washed or sanitized.

Unless otherwise advised by the Santa Rosa Park racecourse in advance, attendees should note that there will be **NO catering facilities or Bar Service available on the racecourse**. Attendees should therefore be prepared to bring their own refreshments with them on raceday.

Soft Drinks or Juices must NOT be shared.

**Fridges will not be available** to store food, as this would require multiple individuals to repeatedly touch door handles. Any items which need to be kept cool must be brought in an appropriate cool bag.

Where chilled drinks cabinets are in place in jockeys' changing areas, these will be in use. However, jockeys are advised to bring cool bottles with them if possible.

It should also be assumed that **microwaves will not be provided**, therefore individuals should be advised not to bring food which requires heating.

Individuals bringing their own food should consider potential food allergies of others within their area (e.g. potential nut allergies) and select food accordingly.

Individuals may bring hot drinks with them in an appropriate container for their own consumption only. **Facilities to make hot drinks on site will not be provided.**

The racecourse will identify areas for people to sit and eat their food during breaks. These areas will need to maintain appropriate social distancing and will be regularly cleaned. Ideally break areas will be outside, although inside areas will also be provided for use if weather conditions require.

Extra rubbish bins will be provided and must be used by attendees, to maintain site hygiene

### **38. Radio and battery collection/transfer**

Radios and spare batteries will be collected from an area outside the Weighing Room where possible.

All radios must be wiped down with disinfectant wipes by the broadcast engineer before use and again on return.

Where radios are to be allocated directly from the broadcast room there will be a clear procedure for collection and return. Social distancing must be maintained by those waiting to collect radios and signage/demarcation of two (2) meter waiting zones will be used to assist with this process.

### **39. Walking the course (Trainers, jockeys, officials)**

The Santa Rosa Park racecourse will establish a clear one-way route for access to the course for any trainer, representative or jockey wishing to walk the course before racing. Anyone wishing to walk the course should notify the Clerk of the Course.

- Social distancing must be maintained during course walks.
- Security will be in place on access and egress points and around the course to ensure that unauthorised personnel do not attempt to use this route to gain access.
- Anyone walking the course **must wear the accreditation provided** and show this to security personnel when requested. Failure to do so could result in removal from the site.

#### **40. Betting facilities**

There will be no betting facilities at Santa Rosa Park until Covid-19 public restrictions have been removed by the Trinidad Government.

#### **41. Sponsorship materials**

Sponsorship considerations on the gates and/or winners' blankets/rugs will be reviewed by the racecourse. Racecourses must not distribute sponsorship jackets or other items to individuals to be worn in the Parade Ring or at the start.

### **Section G: Specific areas of the racecourse**

#### **42. Jockeys' Changing Room (Jockeys)**

It will be essential to maintain social distancing in the jockeys' changing rooms. The total physical area of the changing room is 130 square meters and the configuration of the changing room will enable two (2) meter social distancing to be maintained at all times. This may be facilitated by the use of taped areas, partitions, and increased supervision.

This will inevitably reduce the amount of space available in the jockeys' changing room, and on some racecourses, further individual changing areas may need to be provided.

Santa Rosa Park racecourse will ensure that any additional/overflow changing space has all necessary facilities and easy access to the weighing room (without necessarily being immediately adjacent).

Jockeys are advised to bring food with them to meet their own requirements.

Where chilled drinks cabinets are in place in jockeys' changing areas, these will be in use. However, jockeys are advised to bring cool water bottles with them if possible, or to check with the racecourse prior to travelling.

**The saunas will NOT be available for use.**

**Showers will NOT be available.** Jockeys may bring their own liquid soap or single use cleansing wipes which must be disposed of in rubbish bins provided after use.

#### **43. Weighing Room & weighing procedures (Jockeys, officials)**

Access to the weighing room will be strictly limited to ARC officials, relevant racecourse staff (this will include cleaning staff and broadcast personnel who will require access to the broadcast room) and jockeys ONLY.

- Where it is necessary for a trainer or representative to enter the weighing room (e.g. to confirm a jockey change or to attend a Stewards' Enquiry) they must be granted permission to do so by the Clerk of the Scales or Weighing Room security. Once all relevant business is concluded they must leave this area immediately.

All furniture and workstations will be arranged so that two (2) meter social distancing can be maintained. The Weighing Room will be marked out with zones to remind personnel of the social distancing rules and there will be clear one-way routes of travel in, around, and out of the area.

**All saddles and jockeys' equipment** should be disinfected on arrival on site by the jockey themselves.

**The requirement to present declared headgear (blinkers, visors, etc.) to the Clerk of Scales has been waived.** Trainers will be responsible for ensuring any declared headgear is present on the horse when it is brought into the parade ring.

**Number cloths** will be laundered prior to provision at the racecourse. For each race, these will be laid out in an agreed area in or near the Weighing Room. Jockeys will then collect the number cloth they require (and any speed sensor equipment) and must not touch any others. Jockeys should then return the number cloth to a designated receptacle (location dependent on the individualities of each racecourse).

**Weighing in and out** will be carried out as normal in the Weighing Room, with social distancing protocols to be followed. Some racecourses will place Perspex screens in front of the Clerk of the Scales position.

- An additional table will be provided next to the scales on which jockeys can place their hat, whip, and any other equipment that would usually be placed in front of the Clerk of the Scales.
- A series of clearly designated areas, in view of the Clerk of the Scales, will be demarked, from which saddles, weight cloths, number cloths etc can be passed from jockeys to trainers or their representatives after weighing out.
- Any lead used by jockeys must be cleaned with disinfectant wipes following each race prior to further use.

#### **44. Stewards' Room (Officials, trainers, jockeys)**

Access to the Stewards' Room will be strictly limited to relevant ARC officials and individuals involved in enquiries.

- All furniture and workstations will be arranged so that two (2) meter social distancing can be maintained.

#### **45. Stewards' Enquiries**

Provided social distancing can be maintained in the Stewards' Room, enquiries will be conducted on the racecourse in the usual manner wherever possible.

On rare occasions when enquiries are required and social distancing cannot be maintained, the Stewards will have agreed beforehand how to proceed, finding a solution which maintains the requirement that all parties should be able to hear all the evidence given by all the witnesses.

### **Section H: Pre-race, start & in-running procedures**

#### **46. Saddling procedures (Trainers, stable staff, officials)**

All horses will be saddled in the same area which is the respective stable box.

The trainer or their representative will retrieve equipment from the designated area (in or near the weighing room) and proceed to saddling area. Note that prior to or after handling or transferring any equipment that hands must be sanitised or washed.

When tacking the horse for the race, social distancing must be maintained by keeping one person on either side of the horse. Face to face exposure must be avoided and hands should be washed or sanitised afterwards.

Any surface likely to be touched by the jockey must be wiped down with disinfectant wipe or similar – in particular, the reins and neck strap.

For any given race, horses will be required to leave the stable area together and arrive in the parade ring together. This is regardless of whether they are saddled in the stable yard or parade ring.

Stable manager or designated person will determine the time needed to move from the stable yard to the course entrance area and will notify stable staff of the timetable.

When departing from the stable yard, stable staff will proceed to horse checkpoint and stand on the offside while the Veterinary Surgeon approaches and scans the microchip for identification.

Stable staff should ensure they are wearing their face covering BEFORE leaving the stable yard.

#### **47. Lead Up Area (Trainers, jockeys, stable staff, officials)**

Face coverings are mandatory in the lead up area and **all personnel must put them on BEFORE entering** the lead up area.

Once in the lead up area, horses may be required to walk in a particular order or walk in designated areas to facilitate social distancing measures. This will depend on lead up area layout. Please follow the instructions given.

Other than those leading up horses and certain officials, only the jockey and the trainer/representative are permitted to access the lead up area for each race.

At all times, any personnel in the lead up area should be mindful of the social distancing measures in place

If one trainer has multiple runners, they must position themselves so that their 'zones' are appropriately located to speak to each of the jockeys whilst maintaining social distancing

Medical and veterinary teams must be available outside the lead up area and able to access without delay in the event they are required.

Armbands for stable staff will not be required.

#### **48. Mounting of Racehorse by Jockey (Trainers, stable staff, jockeys)**

When the jockey mounts the racehorse, normal procedures may be followed or a designated person(s) may leg up all jockeys. Hands of those facilitating the mounting of the jockeys should be washed or sanitised immediately before and afterwards, and a face mask/covering should be worn.

Once mounted, jockeys must proceed to the start immediately.

#### **49. Going down & starting procedures (Jockeys, trainers, officials)**

Jockeys will need to take responsibility for maintaining social distancing on the way to and at the start

Once at the start, the Starter and Assistant Starter, and stalls handlers when applicable, will perform routine girth/equipment checks as needed, making sure to wear face masks/coverings and to use hand sanitiser between horses.

**Loading procedures** are as follows:

- Staggered loads, as usual
- Maximum of two pushers
- Stalls staff should remain in gate area except for facilities breaks.
- Handlers will be allowed in stalls to assist the horse during the start, but must wear a face mask/covering and avoid face to face contact where possible.

#### **Hygiene**

- Hand sanitiser should be used between each start or in between loads (i.e. sanitiser available at both ends of gates)
- Blindfolds should not be reused during the same load
- Any radios should be wiped and cleaned between use and not shared amongst personnel

#### **50. In-running (Jockeys, officials)**

While races will be run in the normal way, jockeys are encouraged to be especially mindful of continuing pressures on medical and health services, and to avoid taking unnecessary or avoidable risks, which may endanger themselves or others.

#### **Section I: Post-race procedures (ALL, except where indicated)**

##### **51. Unsaddling & post-race checks (Jockeys, stable staff, officials)**

On completion of the race, the jockey should proceed to the unsaddling area and await pick-up by stable staff.

Access to the unsaddling area(s) will be limited to one member of stable staff per horse and/or the trainer/representative. The grounds team, vets and drivers, as well as the normal equine response team, will be on hand in equine areas post-race to assist with cooling/any other issues.

Once the horse is secured, jockey will dismount and unsaddle the horse while stable staff will maintain as much distance as safely possible, including standing on the offside, if safe.

Stable staff should then proceed to cool-down area/stable yard, or to the sampling unit if directed

If any post-race examination of the horse is ordered by the Stewards, horses should be auscultated on opposite side from handler/ at arm's length. Visual inspection will be made unless palpation can safely be achieved.

Stable staff must wash or disinfect their hands as soon as possible after collecting the horse, which in most cases will be when washing down the horse. Tap/bucket handles should be wiped down before and after use.

At the conclusion of the race, the trainer or representative can retrieve any equipment at the designated transfer area, being sure to follow the transfer protocols.

### **52. Weighing in (Jockeys, officials)**

Jockeys should return to the weighing room immediately after the race to weigh in, whilst maintaining social distancing. Entry will be controlled. Jockeys should leave the weighing room as soon as they have weighed in.

### **53. Trainer and media debriefs (Trainers, jockeys, media)**

Ideally, the post-race debrief between the trainer and jockey should take place by telephone after the raceday.

### **54. Equine testing/sampling procedures (Trainers, stable staff, officials)**

The usual raceday requirements for equine sampling will remain in place, requiring a Catcher to manage the sampling process.

Social distancing must be observed where possible in the Sampling Unit, aided by designated or marked areas where applicable.

The sampling process will be as follows:

- Veterinary Surgeon identifies horse using microchip protocol with stable staff on the offside of the horse.
- Stable staff should ideally remain outside the Sampling Unit during the sampling process. A door may be left ajar to facilitate the witnessing of collection if desired.
- Witnessing is done inside Sampling Unit while social distancing is maintained, e.g. through the use of marked out areas on the floor or establishing stations (i.e. witnessing area, split sample area)
- Laminated sheets outlining the sampling process will be displayed to assist stable staff

## **Section J: Broadcast, media & photography protocols (ALL)**

### **55. Media attendance**

In line with the stated strategy of minimising access to race meetings to essential personnel only, it is proposed that for the resumption of racing (currently scheduled for 1 June) the following maximum limits will be placed on media attendance:

- 2x written media
- 1x photographer

**ALL broadcast, media and photography attendees will need to follow the same screening processes and medical checks as all other attendees.**

This will be regularly reviewed.

## **Section K: Leaving the racecourse (ALL)**

### **56. Departure process**

#### **(a) All personnel**

- On completion of their role, each individual should leave the racecourse as soon as practically possible.
- A one-way system will be in place, so individuals can return to their vehicle without crossing paths with others. A hand washing station will be provided on exit.
- Individuals who finish at the same time should return to their cars either separately or observing social distancing.
- Accreditation for the raceday must be removed by the individual and returned as instructed by racecourse staff. Accreditation cannot be retained for future use.
- Any individual who has left the site must complete the arrival and screening procedures again prior to readmittance.