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STABLE AWARENESS ACCREDITATION COURSE (SAAC)

1. BACKGROUND

The Stable Awareness Accreditation Course (SAAC) has been developed by Harness Racing NSW (HRNSW) to serve the important purpose of educating children involved in the industry through the potential hazards and dangers of being in a racecourse stabling area.

The course is directed for the 6 – 14 year old age group who wish to have access to stable areas of NSW Harness Racing Clubs operating this programme for their race meetings. The SAAC is compulsory in nature and covers many facets of the race day operations of a stabling area. Participants of this course will be introduced to horse behaviour and sulkies, the officials/people involved in the operations of a race meeting, and the vehicles involved in the operations of a race meeting.

SAAC accreditation is delivered by a HRNSW representative who has passed a NSW Working With Children Check.

2. Applications

Applications can be made by contacting the Integrity Department of HRNSW on 02 9722 6600 or at stewards@hrnsw.com.au.

This will include the signing of an application form by both the participant and parent/carer and the signing of a waiver and acknowledgement form by both the participant and parent/carer.

Application Forms must be completed and returned to HRNSW before arrangements are made for an assessment to be conducted. Applicants will then be contacted with a date, time and appropriate location for the course to take place.

3. SAAC Pass

Successful completion of SAAC **must** be attained prior to any child in the 6 – 14 year old age group gaining access to stable areas of harness racing venues in NSW.

Any child aged 14 or under will not be permitted access to stable areas without a SAAC Pass.

After successful completion of the SAAC course, a SAAC Pass will be granted to the holder.

The pass holder must present it whenever entering a stable complex and it must be worn at all times when in stables, whilst being under the supervision of an adult.

A 'Temporary Pass' will be issued upon course completion and will be valid for up to one month or until a permanent pass is issued.