

Barrier Certificate Authorisation

1. In accordance with Local Rule 8.3, an unraced horse must not be permitted to start until it has been issued with a barrier certificate after performing satisfactorily in a trial, over at least 600 metres, with at least two other horses.

LR 8.3 Unraced horses must have a barrier certificate obtained in an official trial prior to the closing of acceptances.
2. A horse will only be issued with a barrier certificate if it is seen to be tractable when entering, standing in and jumping away from the barriers.
3. A horse will only be issued with a barrier certificate if:
 - It is ridden into the barriers with minimal assistance (one attendant with a lead on the bridle and a gentle guide behind)
 - It stands without assistance with all four feet on the ground
 - It jumps out in a satisfactory manner
4. A horse will **not** be issued with a barrier certificate if:
 - It has to be 'lifted' into the barriers
 - It is fractious or laying to excess on the side of the stall
 - It rears or attempts to burrow under the front gates
 - It stands flat footed and fails to jump away (2 lengths)
 - It jumps out and starts to buck
 - It jumps out and does a left or right hand turn
5. **Barrier Blankets:** Application for approval of a barrier blanket must be made prior to acceptances for the race it is intended to start. The blanket must be placed on the horse prior to it being ridden into the barriers and it must be tractable when loading and standing in the barriers.
6. **Blind fold and Stallion Chains:** For safety reasons, it is Racing Services Tasmania Policy that horses using blind folds or stallion chains shall be loaded into the barriers riderless. Application for approval of a blind fold or stallion chain must be made prior to acceptances for the race it is intended to start. The horse must satisfactorily enter the barriers with the blind fold or stallion chain on.
7. Before issuing barrier certificates, the document of description must be supplied to the steward who must ensure that all brands and markings are verified against the horse.

Chairman of Stewards