



# CANBERRA RACING CLUB

MEMBERSHIP  
2025–2026

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# INTRODUCTION

The Canberra Racing Club Membership handbook has been prepared to inform you of various privileges and facilities available to you as a member.

Our rules and regulations are explained which govern the Club and by which Members must abide.

We are happy to help. If you require further information, please email **membership@thoroughbredpark,** phone **02 6204 0000** or visit **thoroughbredpark.com.au**







Image: Black Opal Winner 2025

# CHAIR'S WELCOME



## **Dear Member,**

Thank you for your support of the Canberra Racing Club and for thoroughbred racing in the Nation's Capital. Your membership is greatly valued. On behalf of the Club's Board, I wish you an enjoyable 2025/26 racing season.

2024/25 was a successful racing season for our Club with a couple of notable achievements outside: a hundred percent crowd growth on Hops & Hooves Festival Day, and the best crowd in recent years on John McGrath Auto Group Black Opal Stakes Day, with 8,711 in attendance.

While racing is our core business, we've continued to grow our events' operations. The second Canberra Festival of Speed was a particular event that saw great growth. Notably, almost half the ticketholders came from outside the ACT, and some from overseas. We had visitors from five other countries. We look forward to its further success in 2026.

Our home at Thoroughbred Park will continue to be a place for community connection, a place for belonging, and we will continue to create exciting and enriching experiences for our Members and guests.

We have placed a great priority on the value proposition of our membership this year. We've renewed our partnerships with the Royal Canberra Show. We are also excited to welcome the Canberra Raiders and Digifest to our community, both of which will provide further value to you.

The Club's Board and management team continue to work hard behind the scenes on the redevelopment plans for the Thoroughbred Park precinct. We hope to share exciting news soon, which will deliver a great future for racing in Canberra.

Thank you for being a Member of the Canberra Racing Club. I look forward to seeing you at Thoroughbred Park this season – at the races, and at other events we will host.

**Liz Clarke**  
Chair



# MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

As a member, you can  
enjoy many benefits  
including:

## **RACE MEETINGS**

Admission to 25 race meetings  
at Thoroughbred Park during  
2025/2026 season

## **ACCESS TO MEMBER AREAS**

Access to Member only areas at all  
race meetings

## **DISCOUNTED FOOD AND BEVERAGES PURCHASES**

Minimum 10% discount on race day  
food and beverage purchases

## **DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR PROGRAM**

Preload your membership card  
with funds and we will match the  
value (capped at \$200 per annum,  
only when available when joining  
or renewing on or before  
5 September 2025

## **FEATURE RACE MEMBER GUEST PASS**

Obtain a free member guest pass to  
all feature race days (excludes Black  
Opal Stakes Race Day)

## **TIPPING COMPETITION**

Members Tipping Competition at each  
race meeting. Members select a horse  
in each race of the Canberra race  
meeting with scores designated as  
3 points for 1st, 2 points for 2nd  
and 1 point for 3rd.

The Member(s) with the highest tally  
of points will receive \$250 (shared if  
multiple winners) in food and beverage  
credit to spend at Thoroughbred Park.  
Members who are on-course and have  
swiped their member's card at a POS  
terminal are eligible for a 20% bonus of  
the amount won i.e. \$250 won,  
additional \$50 won.

## **REFER A FRIEND**

Encourage your family or friends to  
become a member. You will receive  
\$50 credited to your membership  
card when they nominate you when  
signing up

### **ANNUAL BLACK OPAL ROOM TABLES**

Members can express their interest in securing a table in the Black Opal Room for this membership year. If you are interested in a table, please email [membership@thoroughbredpark.com.au](mailto:membership@thoroughbredpark.com.au). These are allocated at the Board's discretion and subject to availability.

### **ANNUAL INTERNAL CARPARK**

Members can express their interest in securing an internal carpark for this membership year. If you are interested in a table, please email [membership@thoroughbredpark.com.au](mailto:membership@thoroughbredpark.com.au). These are allocated at the Board's discretion and subject to availability.

### **MEMBER GUEST PASSES**

Members may purchase up to two member guest passes. On any non-feature race day for \$15 each. On any feature race day for \$60\* each. This does not include admission into the racecourse

### **MEMBERS E-NEWS SUBSCRIPTION**

Receive the exclusive member e-newsletter

### **DISCOUNTED ROOM HIRE**

Receive a 20% discount on room hire for non-race days functions

### **MEMBERS' CARPARK**

Members may park in the unreserved Members' Car Park for free via Gate 2. Please present your membership card when requested



### **VOTE OR NOMINATE**

Full Canberra Racing Club Voting Entitlements including ability to nominate for Canberra Racing Club Board elections.<sup>2</sup>

### **EXCLUSIVE MEMBER ONLY PROMOTIONS AND EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

### **RECIPROCAL MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES**

Reciprocal membership privileges at leading Australian racing clubs or other partners, inc Royal National Capital Agricultural Society, Canberra Raiders and benefits at Club like Festival of Speed and Digifest.

# MEMBER AREAS

## **QUEEN ELIZABETH II GRANDSTAND**

Members have full use of the Queen Elizabeth II Grandstand at all times provided they meet the required dress standard. The Queen Elizabeth II Grandstand contains the Winning Post Bar, Black Opal Room and the members' grandstand seating.

## **WINNING POST BAR**

The Winning Post Bar provides light refreshments, TAB, Bookmaker, and a full bar facilities. This bar is open to the public for standard race meetings, however it is reserved for members and member's annual guest card holder and member's day pass holders on feature race days.

## **BLACK OPAL ROOM**

The Black Opal Room is a fully catered venue, which offers lunch from a seasonal menu, full bar and TAB facilities. On non-feature race days, members may reserve tables in the Black Opal Room. Refer to page 11 for further details. Feature race days, members can enter a ballot to obtain a table.

## **DRESS REGULATIONS**

Dress regulations apply on feature race days. See page 9 for further details.



## **FEATURE RACE DAYS**

Members in possession of their current membership card will be admitted into these areas on Feature Race Days.

The Member Only areas are only accessible from the official gate opening times.

Guest in possession of Members Guest Day Pass or Owners Tickets will be permitted into the Member areas.

Reciprocal Club Members will be permitted into these areas. The Club reserves the right to alter the configurations of these areas at any time.

# CONDITIONS OF ENTRY AND DRESS REGULATIONS

	Ladies	Gentlemen
<b>BLACK OPAL STAKES AND MELBOURNE CUP</b>		
All Members Areas	Women are required to dress in a smart casual dress standard.	Gentleman's standard is neat casual, with long pants, a collared shirt, sweater or knitwear, sports coat or all-weather coat and appropriate footwear (dress jeans allowed).
<b>OTHER FEATURE RACE DAYS</b>		
Black Opal Room Queen Elizabeth II Grandstand	Women are required to dress in a smart casual dress standard.	Gentleman's standard is neat casual, with long pants, a collared shirt, sweater or knitwear, sports coat or all-weather coat and appropriate footwear (dress jeans allowed).
Winning Post Bar	Members in the Winning Post Bar are welcome to wear shorts, athletic wear and footwear and relaxed seasonal clothing.	Members in the Winning Post Bar are welcome to wear shorts, athletic wear and footwear and relaxed seasonal clothing.
<b>NON FEATURE RACE DAYS</b>		
Black Opal Room	Women are required to dress in a smart casual dress standard.	Gentleman's standard is neat casual, with long pants, a collared shirt, sweater or knitwear, sports coat or all-weather coat and appropriate footwear (dress jeans allowed).
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# IMPORTANT MEMBER INFORMATION AND POLICIES

## GATES OPEN

The Thoroughbred Park website displays the latest gate opening times. Gates times may vary depending on each race meeting.

As a general rule, on non feature race days, gates open an hour before the first race. On feature race days, Member gates open 30 minutes prior to the General Admission gates. Members will not be able to access the member areas (or applicable function room) until the allocated time.

## VOTING

Members of the club must have renewed their annual membership no later than 28 days from the date when the subscription becomes available to vote hold voting rights. The Annual General Meeting is held in November 2025. In accordance with the Club's Constitution 40(d): (i) The Member has paid the amount of the annual membership subscription payable in respect of the then current Financial Year by no later than 28 days from the date when the subscription becomes payable; and (ii) The Member has held continuous membership for at least 12 Months immediately prior to the occasion on which it is proposed that the Member might vote; and (iii) Any other money due and payable by a Member to the Club has been paid to the Club within 28 days of that money becoming due and payable.

Election of the Board Directors is in accordance with the Club's Constitution 18 (a) (iii) "the candidate must be a financial Member of the Club prior to the time of nomination;" Please refer to our website to view the Club's Constitution.

## BLACK OPAL ROOM DINING

### *Feature Race Days*

Limited seating is available for Ballot on feature race days. Cost is based on per person and value (less booking fee) is redeemable for use in the Black Opal Room on that race day.

Ballot forms and pricing will be available via the website. You will be notified by telephone if you are successful for a table. Payment is due by the date listed on the ballot form.

### *Non-Feature Race Days*

Available tables are offered to members and non members via the website. Cost is based on per person and a portion of that is redeemable for use in the Black Opal Room on that race day.

If you need help filling and submitting the ballot form or website booking, please contact the Administration Office.

### **NO EXTERNAL FOOD**

The Black Opal Room is a fully catered dining venue. Members are requested to refrain from bringing outside food into the Room.

### **GLASS IN THE QUEEN ELIZABETH GRANDSTAND AREA**

For overall safety of Members and Guests, glass can not be taken into the Grandstand seating area. Drinks purchased in glass can be transferred into plastic cups at all Grandstand entrances.

### **REFUNDS AND CANCELLATIONS**

Your membership is non-refundable and cannot be cancelled in exchange for a refund, except at the sole discretion of Canberra Racing Club. Requests for refunds may be made in writing to the Canberra Racing Club at **membership@thoroughbredpark.com.au**

Race Day Function bookings are subject to the Refund Terms and Conditions.

### **COMPLIMENTARY MEMBER DAY PASS – FEATURE RACE DAY**

Members' can obtain a free member guest pass to all feature race days (excludes Black Opal Stakes Race Day)

### **LOST MEMBERSHIP CARD**

Membership cards are the property of the Canberra Racing Club. Membership cards are to be displayed at all times whilst in the members area and supplied upon request to a Canberra Racing Club official. Failure to produce your membership card may see the patron removed from the area. If you have misplaced or lost your membership card or a member's guest card you are able to order a replacement card for \$25 per card.

### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PERSONAL DETAILS**

If your address or contact details change throughout the membership season, please notify us as soon as possible by emailing [membership@thoroughbredpark.com.au](mailto:membership@thoroughbredpark.com.au)

### **GAMBLING**

Gambling Help Online – gambling counseling and support services, telephone number **1800 858 858** and **[www.gamblinghelponline.org.au](http://www.gamblinghelponline.org.au)**



# IMPORTANT MEMBER INFORMATION AND POLICIES

## UNDER CONDITION OF ENTRY

To ensure safety and comfort of all guests visiting our racecourse, a number of conditions of entry are in place. Please see the website for a full list of conditions.

## FORGOTTEN CARDS ON FEATURE RACE DAYS

If you do not have your current membership card, you will be required to pay the non-refundable admission fee at the front gate.

## BEHAVIOUR OF MEMBERS

Members are asked to respect the comfort and enjoyment within the members areas and Club functions at all times. Inappropriate or offensive behaviour may result in the offender being removed from the racecourse and their Membership reviewed by the Canberra Racing Club Board. Members are reminded that they are responsible for the behaviour of their Guest whilst in the Members areas as well as ensuring all Guests are appropriately attired and adhere to dress regulations.

The Canberra Racing Club enforces the responsible service of alcohol and not serving patrons under the age of 18 years. The Canberra Racing Club reserves the right to remove any intoxicated or disorderly patrons.

## DRESS REGULATIONS

When in a Members Area on a Feature Race Day, Members and all Members guests must comply with the Canberra Racing Club Dress Regulations, as published on page 9 and available on the website.

## SMOKING

Under current ACT legislation, smoking cigarettes, e-cigarettes and vapes is prohibited except in Designated Outside Smoking Areas (DOSAs). Please see a CRC staff member to navigate to the closest DOSA.

## MEMBERSHIP CARD MISUSE

All membership cards are non-transferrable. The lending of a Canberra Racing Club membership card to a non-member for use is a breach of membership policy and may lead to a review by the Canberra Racing Club Board.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The Canberra Racing Club requests that renewing their memberships prior to feature race days do so at a minimum of 2 week prior to race day.

## **MEMBER BENEFITS**

Canberra Racing Club reserves the right to amend any member benefits at any time. Member benefits cannot be transferred.

## **DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR PROGRAM**

Canberra Racing Club will match the exact value of the pre-purchased card credit up to the value of the of \$200. Available only once at time of joining or renewing before 5 September 2025. Funds must be used within the current membership period. Funds can not be redeemed to cash at the end of the current racing season.

## **FREE TIPPING COMPETITION TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The Members Tipping Competition is available to current members. Details on how to enter the competition and the terms and conditions are available from our website.

## **PRIVACY**

The Canberra Racing Club understands and appreciates concerns about the privacy, confidentiality, and security of the personal information received from you. Please consult the website [thoroughbredpark.com.au](http://thoroughbredpark.com.au) to review the complete Privacy Policy.





# CANBERRA RACING CLUB

—2025-2026—

## RACE DATES

### 2025

Fri 4 July  
Fri 25 July  
Fri 8 August  
Fri 22 August  
Fri 5 September  
Fri 19 September  
Sat 27 September\*  
Fri 10 October  
Fri 24 October  
Tues 4 November\*  
Sun 23 November\*  
Fri 5 December  
Fri 12 December  
Sun 28 December

### 2026

Fri 6 February  
Fri 20 February  
Sun 8 March\*  
Wed 25 March  
Fri 3 April\*  
Fri 17 April  
Fri 8 May  
Fri 22 May  
Sat 30 May  
Fri 12 June  
Fri 26 June

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\*Feature Race Day

