



# BEACH ACCESS RULES AND CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TRAINING HORSES ON THE BEACH

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Policy & Procedure

Personal Protective Gear Required



## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

WDC Permit  
DOC  
Concession  
Background

The Whangarei District Council (WDC) updated their Public Places Bylaw in 2014. With this new Bylaw a special permit to The Club was issued allowing training of horses on Ruakaka Beach.

Access to the racecourse beach crosses over Department of Conservation (DOC) land. This area is also known as the 'Easement Area'. The Club holds a special Concession from DOC allowing permitted trainers and their riders to cross through this area from the racecourse to the beach.



Racecourse beach access (DOC Easement Area)



Horses are not allowed anywhere near the Wildlife Refuge. No right turn out of Easement area.

**Both the WDC Permit and DOC Concession have restrictions and rules that must be followed. Refer Rules below.**

## RULES

Rules for Permitted Trainers & Trackwork Riders using the racecourse beach

- Trainers and their track riders must be familiar with and follow all rules of beach use including the DOC Concession and WDC Permit for riding of horses at Ruakaka Racecourse beach.

Horses are permitted on Ruakaka racecourse beach for training purposes subject to:

1. The public's right to use the beach *without risk or inconvenience*.
2. The training area is from the DOC Easement Access at the southern end of the race course boundary to the second storm water outlet pipe (northern end).
3. Horses must keep below the high tide mark.
4. The area from the southern boundary of the race course up to the first storm water outlet pipe shall be an **unrestricted** area with signage placed to warn the public of horses training. Unrestricted means this is an area where horses may be trained at any time of day.
5. The second area from the *first* storm water outlet pipe, up to the *second* storm water outlet pipe shall be **restricted** to below the mean high water mark and between daylight to 9am.

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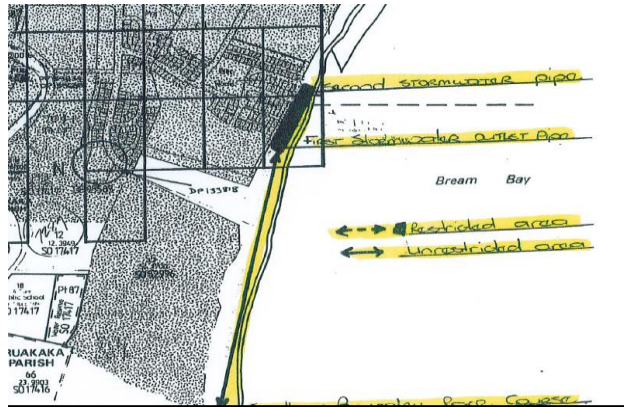
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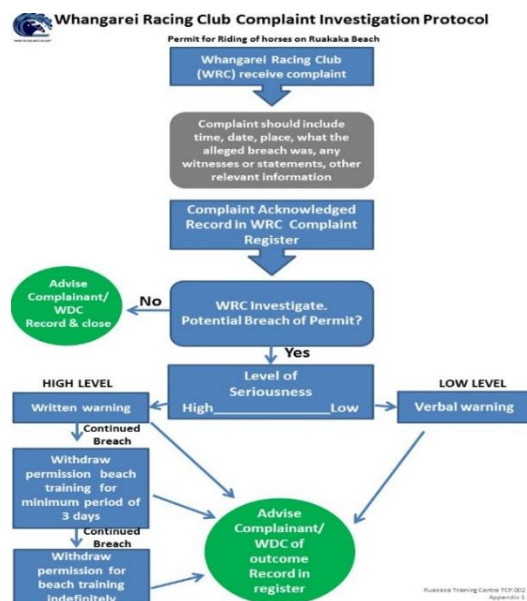
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6. Horses are not permitted on the sand dunes or to the south of the race course boundary where a wildlife refuge is located. No right turn from Beach Easement.
7. The Racing Club shall be responsible for ensuring that out of town trainers are aware of the conditions of use, before training their horses on the beach.
8. Trainers and track work riders training horses on the beach (riding or otherwise) must wear the trainers individual identifiable hi visibility reflective vest as per the WDC permit. 
9. Trainers who wish to use the beach for training their horses (riding or otherwise) must carry Public Liability Insurance covering general indemnity and Forest and Rural Fires Act extension with copies provided to the WRC for reference as per the DOC Concession.
10. The beach access gate must be kept locked outside of training times.
11. Trainers need to tell the Trackwork Supervisor when using the beach.
12. Track facility fees apply to beach use.

### Breaches of Conditions

WRC has a Complaint Investigation procedure in place which is also a requirement from WDC. Refer to Appendix 003 for the full procedure.



### REFERENCES

WDC Public Places Bylaw 2014, WDC Permit for the riding of horses on Ruakaka Beach, DOC Concession Document (Easement)

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