



**TRNT BOARD POLICY NO:**

**043**

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## **Westover Conflict of Interest Policy**

Scott Westover applied for a restricted permit to train license and intends to be based in Alice Springs. The Chairman of Stewards considered the complications of Scott being granted this license, whilst his father David Westover is employed as the Alice Springs Chief Steward.

Scott has met the requirements for approval of this type of license. The Chairman of Stewards recommended that the TRNT Board approve his application with the following conditions and measures put in place to protect the integrity of the racing industry:

1. David Westover will not take an active part in any investigation in which Scott Westover is involved.
2. Any information in relation to Scott Westover and his activities as a trainer will be quarantined from David Westover and dealt with only by the Chairman of Stewards or his delegate.
3. The selection of any horses trained by Scott Westover for pre race swabbing will be periodically undertaken by the Chairman of Stewards at random and communicated to other Stewards or swabbing staff on duty.
4. David Westover will not participate in any inquiry relating to any incident involving Scott Westover. In the event that an incident (i.e. protest hearing) occurs at a race meeting he is to stand down and hand over the chairing of any hearing or inquiry to another senior member of the Steward's panel.
5. During the course of his duties in conducting stable inspections David Westover will be required to have a fellow Steward in attendance at any official visit to Scott Westover's registered stables.
6. Scott Westover's immediate family members cannot have any share or interest in any horse trained by him if they are employed in any integrity related position by TRNT.

The Chairman of Stewards is satisfied that David Westover is fully cognizant of the perceived conflicts of interest that this situation will raise, particularly within the tight knit racing community in Alice Springs. The Chairman of Stewards further recommended that as a matter of transparency the above conditions be made available to the Industry and public at large via the TRNT website.