



## HRA DRIVERS' PROTECTIVE VESTS APPROVAL FOR USE IN AUSTRALIA - APPLICATION FORM

Harness Racing Australia (HRA) has established a new procedure for the approval of Drivers' Protective Vests. This is part of a commitment to ensuring all equipment used is of the highest standard and meets the most stringent of testing requirements.

Please refer to [HRA Drivers' Protective Vests Approval 2014 Policy](#) for further information.

From 1 July 2014 there are two ways in which a Driver's Protective Vest can be approved for use in Australia.

1. If the vest is certified to the current EN 13158:2009 Level 2 or higher and has been certified by BETA to this level (and carries the appropriate swing tags), an application can be made for it to be approved for use in Australia.
2. If the vest is not certified by BETA at the appropriate level, then an application can be made for it to be certified by Harness Racing Australia, where it will be tested to ensure that it meets the requirements of EN 13158:2009 Level 2, or higher. If approval is given, then an appropriate HRA swing tag must be affixed to show that it is an approved vest.

To submit a Driver's Protective Vest for approval for use in the Australian market, please complete this application form, including method of intended payment and the required declaration, to Harness Racing Australia's Chief Executive, via email [hra@hra.com.au](mailto:hra@hra.com.au).

The current fee is \$935 (including GST) **per vest to be tested** and is subject to change without notice. Payment for testing needs to be forwarded to HRA **PRIOR** to any commencement of testing. This can be done by (please tick):

- ☐ Direct deposit: Harness Racing Australia BSB 633 000 Account 159 968 668
- ☐ Credit card payment: Call 03 9227 3000 and advise payment is for a vest testing fee

As per HRA's requirements, new vests are required to undergo testing at the HRA approved testing location, Velocity Track Engineering Consultants (VTEC). No other testing facility can be used, and vests cannot be used in official races or trials until testing is complete and certification is given.

All vests, once tested, are then presented to the HRA Gear and Equipment Committee for approval and will be placed on the [HRA Approved Vests List](#). All State authorities will then be informed of its approved status.

HRA is committed to working with the industry to ensure that all gear and equipment used is of the highest standard and meets all safety requirements.

### **Applicant and Vest Details:**

**Name of Driver Protective Vest:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Manufacturer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Person making application:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Company making application:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of Person making application:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact number (s):** \_\_\_\_\_

In accordance with HRA's updated Approval Policy, please complete the following declaration:

### **Testing Declaration:**

I declare that as part of the approval process I will submit a set of vests, as set out in the [HRA Drivers' Protective Vests Approval 2014 Policy](#), to be tested by Harness Racing Australia and that I will meet all costs associated with this testing – including freight, transport, insurance and test costs.

Harness Racing Australia Driver Protective Vest Approval Application  
Attn: HRA Chief Executive  
C/- Velocity Track Engineering Consultants  
40 Broderick Road  
Corio Vic 3214  
Australia

**Name of Person making declaration:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Forward the completed application form, including the required declaration, to Harness Racing Australia's Chief Executive, via email [hra@hra.com.au](mailto:hra@hra.com.au). If assistance is needed in completing the declaration or in any other matter pertaining to gear and equipment, please contact the gear department on (03) 9227 3000.