

SYDNEY METROPOLITAN RACETRACKS

Sydney currently consists of four racetracks, with the Australian Jockey Club's Randwick Racecourse containing two circuits, the original Course Proper still known as Royal Randwick, the biggest track in Sydney, and the former "A Grass" track now known as the Kensington circuit, after being replaced with an all weather surface. Once considered one of Australia's best racecourses for drainage and fairness to all runners, the Course Proper has been plagued with a number of different problems over the last ten years. The original A Grass track that became the Kensington circuit in the mid-90s was also originally an outstanding surface, but the decision to alter the circuit to an all-weather track has created a course where the form does not carry to the other Sydney tracks. The AJC also conduct racing at the Warwick Farm track, for which the circumference is tight and the home straight is short, which can favour the leaders in many races.

The Sydney Turf Club's main circuit is Rosehill Racecourse, which holds all of the major races for the club. The large track is fair to all runners in dry conditions, however, bias closer to the inside rail has been detected whenever rain falls on the surface. The STC's second track is Canterbury Park which has a smaller circumference and a smaller home straight, but the surface has established itself as clearly the best in Sydney at present, being fair to all runners no matter what the conditions.

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