

OFFICIAL NOTICE

AMENDMENT TO HORSEMAN'S LICENCES REGULATIONS - AMATEUR DRIVING

At its meeting on 2 June 2016, the Board of HRNZ approved changes to the Horseman's Licences Regulations with respect to Amateur Driving, on the recommendation of the New Zealand Amateur Drivers' Association.

Effective 1 July 2016, Clause 3 of the Horseman's Licences Regulations will read as follows (with changes marked):

3. Advanced Amateur Horseman

The applicant must:

- (a) Be at least 18 years of age; and
- (b) Hold a current Graduation, Junior or Open horseman's licence but relinquishes this licence to hold an Advanced Amateur horseman's licence; or
- (c) Hold a current Full Amateur horseman's licence for a minimum of ~~two~~ one years and
 - (i) have completed 30 ~~Full~~ Amateur drives in either full or open fields subject to the approval of the respective workouts committees
 - (ii) have passed practical and oral tests as specified by the NZADA and approved by the Board
- (d) Have the application endorsed by the local area NZADA and the Regional Licensing Committee.

An Advanced Amateur horseman is eligible to drive in all events designated for amateurs and workouts subject to the approval of the respective workouts committees.

Prior to driving a horse in an amateur race the holder of an amateur horseman's licence must:

- (a) sign a disclaimer and waiver in the form provided by the NZADA undertaking personal liability for any injury or property damaged.
- (b) provide own safety helmet, chest protector, driving trousers, black driving boots and registered colours as approved by HRNZ.
- (c) if requested, supply a current medical certificate each year in accordance with Rule 313(2) and 314(2).
- (d) acknowledge in writing that they agree to the amateur race conditions including that:
 - (i) amateur drivers are subject to the New Zealand Rules of Harness Racing and accept their responsibilities under those Rules;
 - (ii) the total number of horses in a race will be limited to the front line limit as it applies on the racecourse at which the race is being conducted;
 - (iii) the practice of easing or pushing in or out at any time during a race is prohibited;
 - (iv) the use of whips is prohibited;
 - (v) the use of more than one item of removable or adjustable gear on horses is prohibited save for events designated for full and/or advanced amateurs only.

Clauses (d)(ii) – (v) do not apply to Advanced Amateurs except when driving in events with Novice and Full Amateur horsemen.



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