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OFFICIAL NOTICE

AMENDMENT TO MONTÉ RACING REGULATIONS

On 26 November 2018, the Harness Racing New Zealand Special Committee approved amendments to the Monté Racing Regulations, effective immediately.

The Monté Racing Regulations previously approved were based on those developed and applied in Australia. The amendments approved were based on recommendations from the Racing Integrity Unit, with the key change being an update to allow for the use of removable deafeners and sliding blinds.

The Monté Racing Regulations, as amended, are attached.

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MONTÉ RACING REGULATIONS

These Regulations are made by the Board pursuant to Rule 884 of the NZ Rules of Harness Racing and shall come into force on 1 December 2014, and was amended on 26 November 2018.

Definitions

1. For the purpose of these Regulations:
 - (1) **"Rider"** means a person who rides a horse in a race approved by HRNZ as a Monté race and for the purposes of this Regulation including the imposition of penalties for breaches of the Rules and this Regulation, rider shall where applicable include *"driver"* as defined in the Rules.
 - (2) **"Monté Race"** means a trotting race in which the competing horses are ridden by a licensed rider.
 - (3) **"Horse"** means a standardbred horse that has:
 - (a) attained the age of 3 years;
 - (b) qualified as a trotter in the trotting gait;
 - (c) started in no less than three trotting races and performed to the satisfaction of a Stipendiary Steward in a Monté trial.

Gear

2. Gear used in connection with Monté racing shall be approved by HRNZ.
3.
 - (1) Applications concerning gear shall be made on the Monté Gear Notification (MGN) form.
 - (2) The MGN form must be completed and lodged with HRNZ at a time prior to or at driver declaration time for the meeting at which it is next to race.
 - (3) In the event of a change to any of the particulars entered on the MGN form, a fresh gear form containing current particulars shall immediately be lodged with HRNZ.
4. In the case of a horse to compete in a race, application to change any gear must be made to HRNZ by the connections at a time consistent with other requirements for notifiable gear.
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Whips

6.
 - (1) A rider shall only use a non-modified whip of a design and specification approved by HRNZ.
 - (2) A rider shall only use a whip forward of the saddle.
 - (3) A rider shall at all times when using a whip keep hold of the reins.

Reins

7.
 - (1) A rider shall only use reins of a design and specification approved by HRNZ.
 - (2) Approved reins cannot be attached with a carabineer or snap-hook.
 - (3) A rider shall when mounted on a horse hold the reins in both hands.

Weighing In

15. If a horse carries less than 65 kg it shall be disqualified from the race and the rider and/or any other person may be penalised.

Horses Breaking Gait

16. (1) A horse that breaches the Breaking Horses Regulation shall be disqualified from the race.
- (2) Where any horse breaks over the final stages the provisions of Rule 870(5) (Lapped On Rule) shall apply.

Riders

17. (1) A rider shall at all times during the course of a race ensure that all other horses have a clear passage.
- (2) A rider who fails to comply with sub-clause (1) is guilty of an offence.

Mobile Starts

18. Unless otherwise approved by HRNZ, in a race conducted with a mobile start:
- (1) A horse shall wear a head-check.
- (2) There shall not be more than one row of horses.
- (3) The provisions of Rule 860(5)(a) shall not apply with unruly horses being allocated outside barrier positions.

Licences

19. (1) A person who holds a trainer's, driver's or stablehand's licence pursuant to the Rules shall complete at least three (3) Monté trials to the satisfaction of the Stipendiary Stewards.
- (2) A person who is licensed as a jockey by NZ Thoroughbred Racing shall complete at least one Monté trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards.
20. (1) For the avoidance of doubt if any rider who is also licensed as a driver under the Rules incurs a suspension – such penalty shall apply to both Monté and harness races.
- (2) A Monté rider who does not hold a driver's licence under the Rules may be suspended from competing in a specific number of Monté races and/or be fined.

MONTÉ RACING

NOTIFIABLE GEAR FOR THE FOLLOWING MONTÉ HORSE

FAX: 03 964 1205

Note: Monté Gear Notification is not available online (myHRNZ) at this time

EXPLANATION

This form should be completed in all cases where a horse is competing in a Monté racing event. The completion of this form does not replace gear that is nominated for when the horse is racing in trotting races with a sulky. This form is only used to nominate gear being used in Monté racing that is different to any gear previously notified.

In all instances, a crupper, saddle and breast plate must be used. Reins are to be held in two hands and cannot be attached using a carbineer or snap hook.

HORSE: _____ **DATE:** _____

TRAINER: _____ **SIGNED:** _____

GEAR: **THIS HORSE WILL BE WEARING THE FOLLOWING [tick appropriate boxes]**

- ☐ **FIXED DEAFENERS**
- ☐ **REMOVABLE DEAFENERS**
- ☐ **BLINDS**
- ☐ **SLIDING BLINDS**
- ☐ **PACIFIER**
- ☐ **HALF HOPPLES**
- ☐ **NO WHIP**
- ☐ **NO HEADCHECK (Standing Starts Only)**

This form and subsequent changes of notifiable gear must be lodged with Harness Racing New Zealand only, **fax (03) 964 1205** at any time prior to or at driver notification time for the meeting at which it is to next race. Any change after this time will only be permitted with the permission of the Stipendiary Stewards. Please refer to Rule 865 and the Approved Gear Regulation. In the case of two day meetings all gear changes for the second day must be lodged with the Stipendiary Stewards at the meeting. Gear changes will be accepted when notified on an Official Form only.
