

**September 2022**

## **OFFICIAL NOTICE**

### **AMENDMENTS TO SULKY FUND AND SULKY SPECIFICATION REGULATIONS**

At its meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022, the Board of Harness Racing New Zealand approved the following amendments to the Sulky Fund and Sulky Specification Regulations. These changes take effect on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022.

These amendments were recommended following a meeting held in July with all approved WOF Inspectors/Sulky Repairers together with HRNZ staff and RIB Stewards, to discuss sulky issues which had been identified prior to the next round of WOF inspections being completed commencing 1 August 2022. The amendments are as follows:

#### **Sulky Specification Regulation**

- Add new Regulation 3.5: "Registered sulky repairers and manufacturers are approved to make design changes subject to meeting the criteria and providing photographic evidence to HRNZ. Approval must be given first from the manufacturer if they are still trading."
- Amend regulation 5.4 to: "The overall length of a sulky shall not exceed 3.1 metres unless special approval is granted by a WOF Inspector approved by HRNZ for a particular sulky to have longer shafts or extensions added for a particular horse."
- Amend Regulation 11.1 to: "The sulky shafts shall be manufactured from approved types of stainless steel, wood, chrome moly 4130 or other materials as approved by HRNZ. (Note: It is recommended that annealed stainless steel not be used)."
- Amend Regulation 12.1 to: "All new sulkies shall be clearly and durably marked with the manufacturer's name, model name and serial number, year of manufacture and type of materials. The markings shall be applied to a position on the back bow or rear main bar / seat frame attached to the undercarriage or to a position on the shaft which is not loaded, in bending or tension during racing. Markings should be engraved on a plate or applied to the sulky in such a manner that they cannot be painted over."

#### **Sulky Fund Regulations**

- Add the "Missile" sulky without a crossbar to the approved sulky list in the Sulky Fund Regulations.
- Approve making the crossbar on the original X Bike sulky, which currently has the crossbar bolt welded in, removable, provided the work is completed by Steve Hart from The Sulky Shop and HRNZ is advised for each sulky.

## **WOF Amendments**

- A registration fee of \$150 is charged by HRNZ to the sulky owner for a sulky being registered and obtaining a WOF for the first time.

The full amended Sulky Fund and Sulky Specification Regulations are available on the HRNZ website.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Woodham', is positioned above the printed name and title.

**Gary Woodham**  
**Chief Executive**