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OFFICIAL NOTICE

CHANGE TO AMATEUR DRIVER REGULATIONS

On 18 May 2018 the HRNZ Board Special Committee approved changes to the Amateur Driver Regulations effective from 1 August 2018 after receiving correspondence from the NZ Amateur Drivers Association and consulting the Area Licensing Committees.

The changes to the Regulations have been made after taking into consideration the declining number of Novice and Full Amateur drivers nationwide which has made it difficult for these licence holders to progress through the current system and the need to upskill drivers before they become eligible to drive in Advanced Amateur totalisator races in the future.

The new pathway for Advanced Amateur drivers will be:

1. Novice and Full Amateur Licences are no longer available and a person must first be licensed as a Stablehand.
2. Pass practical & oral tests for a Trials Horseman's Licence.
3. Complete 40 drives at workouts and trials.
4. Complete Driving Field Day(s) and relevant training sessions as directed by the Education and Training Manager.

Existing Novice and Full Amateur drivers will be eligible to sit the practical and oral tests straight away if they are ready to complete the tests for a Trials Horseman's Licence.

Advanced Amateur Drivers will be licensed as a Trials Horseman and eligible to drive in all races at Official Trials and Workouts for no additional payment.

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