



19 March 2020

CIRCULAR NO 2004

TO: THE SECRETARY, ALL TOTALISATOR CLUBS AND KINDRED BODIES

FROM: PETER JENSEN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL NOTICE
UPDATED HRNZ ORDER AND DIRECTION IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Further to the Official Notice dated 17 March 2020 setting out the Order and Direction made by the HRNZ Board under clause 14.4.4 of HRNZ's constitution, please be advised that Harness Racing New Zealand has now issued an updated Order and Direction in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, effective immediately.

We draw your particular attention to clause 3, which has been updated to reflect the Government's recommendation issued on 18 March 2020 in relation to self-isolation for anyone returning from overseas (excluding the Pacific Islands) from 5 March 2020. Clause 3 now reads as follows:

3.0 No person, including a person to whom clause 2.0 applies, may be admitted to, or be present at, a racecourse when a race meeting is in progress if:

3.1 They have cold or flu symptoms, including coughing or sneezing, a runny nose, headache, aches or fever;

3.2 There are reasonable grounds to believe they have not complied with the New Zealand Government's self-isolation requirements; or

3.3 They have returned to New Zealand from overseas between 5 March 2020 and 1:00 am on 16 March 2020, before the expiry of a 14-day period after their day of arrival.

A person who is subject to clause 3.1, 3.2, or 3.3 who has been admitted to, or is present on, a racecourse shall be removed from the racecourse.

A copy of the full updated Order and Direction is attached.

Please to ensure that copies of the **updated** Order and Direction are widely and prominently displayed around your venues.

Peter Jensen
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

HRNZ ORDER AND DIRECTION IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Board of Harness Racing New Zealand Incorporated (HRNZ) gives the following Order and Direction under clause 14.4.4 of the Constitution of HRNZ to all clubs, combination of clubs, owners, and persons licenced under the New Zealand Rules of Harness Racing.

This Order and Direction has immediate effect and remains in force until 13 April 2020 and may be reviewed from time to time.

- 1.0 For the purpose of this Order and Direction a race meeting is in progress from one hour prior to the first race and concludes 30 minutes after the last race.

Admission to race meetings

- 2.0 No person shall be admitted to, or present at, a racecourse when a race meeting is in progress, except for:
 - 2.1 Licensed drivers engaged to compete at the meeting;
 - 2.2 Licensed trainers with horses entered at the meeting;
 - 2.3 Licensed stablehands employed by trainers with horses entered at the meeting, if that employee's presence at the course:
 - 2.3.1 is essential; and
 - 2.3.2 has been notified to the club ahead of the meeting;
 - 2.4 Club and racing officials (including starter's assistants, veterinary and medical staff and the Racing Integrity Unit) whose presence at the course is essential for the meeting to proceed;

- 2.5 Members of the Judicial Committee appointed by the Judicial Control Authority;
 - 2.6 Broadcasting and other essential staff employed by the Racing Industry Transition Agency;
 - 2.7 Accredited media as approved by HRNZ in writing.
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 - 3.2 There are reasonable grounds to believe they have not complied with the New Zealand Government's self-isolation requirements; or
 - 3.3 They have returned to New Zealand from overseas between 5 March 2020 and 1:00 am on 16 March 2020, before the expiry of a 14-day period after their day of arrival.

A person who is subject to clause 3.1, 3.2, or 3.3 who has been admitted to, or is present on, a racecourse shall be removed from the racecourse.

- 4.0 Any person who is present at a racecourse one hour before the first race shall be removed from the racecourse unless they are entitled to be admitted under clause 2.0.

Trials and workouts

- 5.0 No person shall be admitted to, or present at, any trials or workouts conducted at any racecourse, except for:
- 5.1 Licensed trainers with a horse or horses participating in the trial or workout, and their essential licensed staff;

5.2 Drivers driving horses in the trial or workout;

5.3 Essential racing officials, club staff and other personnel.

6.0 Clauses 3 and 4 apply with necessary modification to trials and workouts

Licensed persons and essential personnel welfare

7.0 Any licensed person or essential personnel who has concerns regarding their health status must contact Darrin Williams, Racing Manager-HRNZ, immediately.

Club and RIU powers and responsibilities

8.0 The club must retain a written record of all persons present at a racecourse when a race meeting is in progress for the purpose of ensuring there is traceability of those persons.

9.0 Clubs, Racecourse Inspectors, and Stipendiary Stewards who believe, on reasonable grounds, that a person seeking entry to a racecourse or who is present on a racecourse is a person whose presence on a racecourse is not permitted by this direction or order shall immediately remove that person from the racecourse.

Dispensation

10.0 HRNZ may, on the request of a club, vary any of the requirements in this order and direction