

NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO THE NEW ZEALAND RULES OF HARNESS RACING

HARNESS RACING NEW ZEALAND INC.

Harness Racing New Zealand Incorporated gives notice, under the Racing Act 2003 and the New Zealand Rules of Harness Racing, the following rules of the New Zealand Rules of Harness Racing (the Rules) were amended by the Board of Harness Racing New Zealand Incorporated on 17 May 2019 under rule 103A. The amendments come into force on the date of notification in the Gazette being 20 June 2019.

1. The rules are amended by inserting after rule 116 a new rule 117 that states:

ONLINE APPLICATIONS

- 117 (1) The Board may approve an on-line form for any application, nomination, notice, notification, permit, or other document under these rules or regulations.
- (2) An on-line form may be accessed and submitted to HRNZ through a "My HRNZ" login on the HRNZ website, www.hrnz.co.nz.
- (3) The completion of an on-line form shall for the purpose of the Rules:
 - (a) be an application in writing; and
 - (b) be conclusively deemed to be completed and signed by the person named as the account holder of the "My HRNZ" login used to submit the on-line form.
- (4) Where the rules provide for a fee for any application, nomination, notice, notification, permit, or other document under the rules the Board may prescribe how any applicable fees are paid when an on-line application is submitted.

2. That clause 24 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure for the Judicial Committee and Appeals Tribunal set out in the Fifth Schedule to the Rules is amended by:

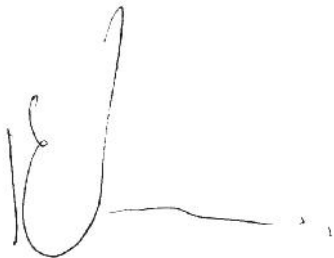
- a. Deleting clause 24.3
- b. Deleting the words "or without giving notice in accordance with clause 24.3" in clause 24.4 and renumbering it 24.3; and
- c. Deleting the words "or subject to clause 24.3," in clause 24.5 and renumbering it 24.4 –

whereby clause 24 states:

24 No appearance at hearing

- 24.1 At the hearing of an information if the respondent does not appear and the Judicial Committee is satisfied notice of the hearing was given in accordance with clause 13 the hearing may proceed in the absence of the respondent.
- 24.2 Where clause 24.1 applies:
- (a) evidence of a fact or opinion which could have been given orally may be given by way of written statement or affidavit; and
 - (b) the Judicial Committee shall have the same power to deal with the respondent as if the respondent had appeared before it.
- 24.3 A respondent who fails to appear at the hearing without reasonable excuse commits a breach of the Rules.
- 24.4 Where on the hearing of an information only the respondent appears or neither the informant nor the respondent appears the Judicial Committee may dismiss the information or adjourn the hearing to such time and place and on such conditions as it thinks fit.

Dated at Christchurch this 13th day of June 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Jensen', written in a cursive style.

Peter Jensen
Chief Executive
Harness Racing New Zealand Incorporated