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OFFICIAL NOTICE

Notifiable Surgeries and Procedures Regulations

On 21st November 2019, the HRNZ Board approved the introduction of the Notifiable Surgeries and Procedures Regulations. These regulations have been prepared in consultation with our industry veterinary advisor and the New Zealand Equine Veterinary Association.

A preliminary version of these regulations formed part of the reasons for Rule 305, which was approved at the 2019 AGM. Rule 305, along with the Notifiable Surgeries and Procedures Regulations, have been introduced to provide a better level of information to our customers regarding any significant veterinary procedure performed on a horse registered under the Rules. The information will also be used in our research to understand more about the surgeries and procedures which are performed on horses in the industry.

These regulations will come into effect on 25th November 2019, following publication of the 2019 Rule amendments in the NZ Gazette on that date.

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NOTIFIABLE SURGERIES AND PROCEDURES REGULATIONS

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PART 1 PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

1. NAME AND COMMENCEMENT

- 1.1 These regulations are the Notifiable Surgeries and Procedures Regulations made by the Board under rule 305 of the New Zealand Rules of Harness Racing and Rules and clause 14.4 of the Constitution of Harness Racing New Zealand Incorporated.
- 1.2 These regulations come into force on 25 November 2019.

PART 2 NOTIFIABLE SURGERIES AND PROCEDURES

2. NOTIFIABLE SURGERIES AND PROCEDURES

- 2.1 The following surgeries or procedures must be reported to HRNZ in writing as soon as practicable by the owner or trainer of the horse:
 - 2.1.1 Caslicks in a mare.
 - 2.1.2 Upper respiratory tract surgery including:
 - 2.1.2.1 laryngeal hemiplegia (tie backs, Hobday (ventriculectomy or cordectomy), nerve transplants, prosthetic laryngoplasty);
 - 2.1.2.2 soft palate surgery (Tie forward, dorsal displacement soft palate surgery, soft palate cautery);
 - 2.1.2.3 epiglottic surgery.

- 2.1.3 Bone fracture surgery including Tarsus, carpus, PI, PII, and PIII.
 - 2.1.4 Surgery on bone cysts.
 - 2.1.5 Surgery on joints including removal of chips and screwing slab fractures.
 - 2.1.6 Surgery on any tendon or a suspensory.
 - 2.1.7 Injection of stem cells into any tendon or a suspensory.
 - 2.1.8 Stab incisions of or splitting of any tendon or suspensory.
- 2.2 Clause 2.1.1 to 2.1.8 do not apply to a broodmare or stallion used solely for breeding except in the event a broodmare or stallion returns to racing in which case any notifiable surgeries or procedures must be reported to HRNZ before it is entered in its first race.
- 2.3 Where a horse is gelded the owner of a horse must notify the Chief Executive under the rules within five working days of the date of castration.
- 2.4 The report to HRNZ may be on an on-line form prescribed by the Chief Executive or by email directed to injury@hrnz.co.nz.
- 2.5 The report to HRNZ must include:
- 2.5.1 The registered name of the horse.
 - 2.5.2 The notifiable surgery or procedure undertaken.
 - 2.5.3 The date(s) on which the notifiable surgery or procedure was undertaken.
 - 2.5.4 The name of the veterinarian who undertook notifiable surgery or procedure.