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## OFFICIAL NOTICE

### AMENDMENT TO THE HANDICAPPING REGULATIONS

On 20 December 2018, the Special Committee of Harness Racing New Zealand approved the following amendments to the Handicapping Regulations, effective immediately.

As a result of a recommendation from the Handicapping Sub-Committee, Auckland Trotting Club and Waikato Bay of Plenty Harness Racing have been added to the list of clubs that may run Junior Driver Rating Penalty Free races, whereby a horse winning with a junior driver aboard shall receive that win Rating Penalty Free if the horse has not previously won any type of driver's penalty free race.

The Handicapping Sub-Committee made the recommendation due to the lack of suitable junior driver opportunities in the upper North Island and to foster the development of less experienced junior drivers.

This clause in the Regulations, as amended, is set out below (with changes marked):

**“10. Junior Driver Events**

*Junior Driver Rating Penalty Free races may only be programmed as 4YO and older races. For the purposes of these Regulations Rating Penalty Free Drivers' races shall be treated the same as Previous Exempt or Assessment Penalty Free Drivers races in that a horse may only win one such race for its lifetime. That is, previous winners of an Exempt Drivers race, Assessment Penalty Free or a Rating Penalty Free race shall receive a Rating Penalty for any subsequent Drivers, Rating Penalty Free race.*

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(g) For Auckland TC, Central Otago TC, Gore HRC, Invercargill HRC, Northern Southland TC, RivertonTC, Roxburgh TC, Wairio TC, Winton HRC, Wyndham HRC, Hawera HRC, Kapiti Coast HRC, Manawatu HRC, Stratford TC, Taranaki TC, Waikato Bay of Plenty HR, Wairarapa HRC and Wanganui TC only, one race may be programmed at any meeting in place of a full Junior Driver Rating Penalty Free race, except at Super Feature meetings, whereby a horse winning with a Junior Driver aboard shall receive that win Rating Penalty Free if the horse has not previously won any type of Drivers' Penalty Free race. The Penalty Free win shall be that horse's one Penalty Free win for life under its entitlements within these regulations. This win is only available to 4YO and older horses.”

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