



OFFICIAL NOTICE

AMENDMENTS TO THE NEW ZEALAND RULES OF HARNESS RACING HARNESS RACING NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Under the Racing Industry Act 2020 and the New Zealand Rules of Harness Racing, the following rules of New Zealand Rules of Harness Racing (the Rules) were amended at the Annual Meeting of Harness Racing New Zealand Incorporated held on 18 November 2020 at Christchurch and come into force as set out below.

A copy of the rules is available on the HRNZ website.

1. **THIRD SCHEDULE OF THE RULES VOTING** (This amendment came into force on 18 November 2020)

The Third Schedule of the Rules was amended (for a period of two years) to state:

VOTING

1. In this schedule:

betting licence means a betting licence issued to a club under section 45 of the Racing Act 2003 or section 68 of the Racing Industry Act 2020 and includes a betting licence for a dual code meeting.

dual code meeting means a race meeting at which harness racing races are conducted together with galloping races or greyhound races.

racing year means the period of one year from 1st August to 31st July.

club means a club listed in the First Schedule of the Constitution of Harness Racing New Zealand Incorporated as a registered club having a betting licence.

2. A club shall have during the racing year in which the vote on any matter is to take place:
 - 2.1 one vote for each of the first three betting licences issued to that club in the preceding racing year; and
 - 2.2 after the first three such betting licences issued in the preceding racing year, and one vote for each of the next three betting licences issued up to a maximum of 16 votes as provided in the table set out below.
3. A club that had been not been issued a betting licence in the preceding racing year in which the vote on any matter is to take place shall have one vote.

4. A kindred body shall have three votes.
5. Where two or more clubs combine, the combined club votes shall be calculated by merging the votes the individual clubs had to the combined club.

Table

Number of betting licences	Number of votes	Number of betting licences	Number of votes
1	1	22	10
2	2	23	10
3	3	24	10
4	4	25	11
5	4	26	11
6	4	27	11
7	5	28	12
8	5	29	12
9	5	30	12
10	6	31	13
11	6	32	13
12	6	33	13
13	7	34	14
14	7	35	14
15	7	36	14
16	8	37	15
17	8	38	15
18	8	39	15
19	9	40	16
20	9	41	16
21	9	42	16

2. **AMENDMENTS CONSEQUENTIAL ON THE PASSING OF THE RACING INDUSTRY ACT 2020** (These amendments came into force on 18 November 2020)
 - a. Rules 103A, 302(1)(b), 443(2)(a), 709(1) were amended by deleting the words “pursuant to s 34 of the Racing Act 2003” and replacing them with “under s 40 of the Racing Industry Act 2020”.
 - b. The definitions of BETTING, BETTING LICENCE, BETTING RACE, RACING BETTING, TOTALISATOR RACING BETTING in rule 105(1) were amended by deleting the words “Racing Act 2003” and replacing them with “Racing Industry Act 2020”.
 - c. The definition of RACE in rule 105(1) was amended by deleting the words “Racing Act 1971” and replacing them with “Racing Industry Act 2020”.
 - d. The definition of TOTALISATOR CLUB in rule 105(1) was amended by deleting the words “Section 45 of the Racing Act 2003” and replacing them with “section 68 of the Racing Industry Act 2020”.
 - e. Rule 708(1)(b) was amended by deleting the words “under the provisions of Section 45 of the Racing Act 2003”.

- f. Rule 1104(1)(n) was amended to state:
 - to exercise any other powers, duties and functions conferred or imposed on Judicial Committees by these Rules, the Racing Act 2003, or the Racing Industry Act 2020.
- g. Rule 105(1) was amended by inserting the following definition:
 - Racing Industry Act 2020** means the Racing Industry Act 2020 and any Act passed in substitution of that Act and in which case the provision of this Constitution or Rules will apply with necessary modification.
- h. Rule 105(1) was amended by deleting the definition “New Zealand Racing Board” in the Rules and inserting a definition for TAB NZ that states:
 - TAB NZ** means TAB NZ established under the Racing Industry Act 2020 and any body that replaces TAB NZ under that Act or any Act that replaces the Racing Industry Act 2020.
- i. By deleting the words “New Zealand Racing Board” and replacing them with “TAB NZ” wherever they appear in the Rules.
- j. By deleting the words “Racecourse Inspector” and replacing them with “Racing Investigator”, and the words “Racecourse Inspectors” with “Racing Investigators”, wherever they appear in the Rules
- k. By amending the definition of BOOKMAKER in rule 105(1) to state:
 - BOOKMAKER** means a person involved in bookmaking as defined in the Gambling Act 2003

3. **RULE 854A STARTING** (This amendment is to come into force on 1 March 2021)

By inserting a new rule 854A before rule 854 that states:

854A No horse may be entered for its first start for a standing or mobile start at any meeting at which racing betting takes place until that horse has behaved prior to the start, started satisfactorily and gone away for the first 200m, from the nominated start type in the presence of a Stipendiary Steward, or person approved by the RIU in their absence.

4. **PART IX OF THE RULES AND RULES 1107(1), 1109(4), 1109A AND 1113(2)** (These amendments are to come into force on 1 December 2020)

- a. Rules 1107(1), 1109(4), 1109A, and 1113(2) are amended by replacing the reference to rule “920” with rule “904”.
- b. The rules are amended by deleting the current Part IX of the rules replacing it with the following:

PART IX – BETTING

GENERAL

- 901 (1) Where a club conducts betting as an agent of TAB NZ no person having any duties in connection with or employed in or about the betting shall disclose information relating to investments to a person of any other person.
- (2) Sub-rule 1 does not apply to:
- (a) betting information requested by and disclosed to a Stipendiary Steward or Racing Investigator;
 - (b) information being disclosed to TAB NZ; or
 - (c) information being disclosed required to be disclosed by law.
- 902 Every holder of a dividend winning ticket shall satisfy themselves that they have received their proper dividend before leaving the counter at which the pay-out is made and no claim made subsequently shall be recognised without the express direction of the Stewards.
- 903 (1) Every person betting must comply with the TAB NZ Betting Rules.
- (2) No person shall fraudulently claim payment of any dividend.
- (3) A breach of sub-rule (1) or (2) is declared to be a serious racing offence.

PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS

- 904 (1) The Stipendiary Steward shall give authority to TAB NZ for the payment of dividends.
- (2) The authority for payment of dividends shall not be given before three minutes after the Judge's decision as to placings under rule 873(2) and 874.
- (3) After the three-minute period the Stipendiary Steward shall not give such authority if:
- (a) an information has been filed which may result in an alteration of the placing of one or more of the horses in a dividend-bearing place;
 - (b) notice of an intention to file an information has been given to the Judicial Committee by a person permitted to file an information, which may result in an alteration of the placing of one or more of the horses in a dividend-bearing place; or
 - (c) notice of an intention to file an information has been given under paragraph (b) and within six minutes after the Judge's decision an information has been filed which may result in an alteration of the placing of one or more of the horses in a dividend-bearing place.

- (4) The time period referred to in sub-rules (2) and (3) may be extended by the Stipendiary Steward if it is satisfied:
 - (a) that an information could not have been filed within that time; and
 - (b) that authority for the payment of dividends has not already been given.
- (5) Where an information is filed within the time periods in either sub-rule (3) or (4) authority for the payment of dividends shall not be given until the proceeding is determined.
- (6) Before the proceeding is determined the Stipendiary Steward may give authority for the payment of dividends on any placed horse, or combination of placed horses, not affected by the information or proceeding.
- (7) On the determination of any proceeding the Stipendiary Steward shall give such authority in accordance with the Judicial Committee's decision.
- (8) The disqualification of any horse or placing of a horse after another horse that occurs after authority for the payment of dividends has been given shall not affect or result in any alteration of the payment of dividends.
- (9) The Stipendiary Steward may correct any error in an authority for payment of dividends at any time prior to the commencement of payment of dividends by TAB NZ.
- (10) Every authority for the payment of dividends, decision to give authority for the payment of dividends, decision to or not to extend time, or decision to correct any authority for the payment of dividends under sub-rule is declared to be final.
- (11) In this rule Stipendiary Steward means the Stipendiary Steward designated as the Chair Stipendiary Steward or the Stipendiary Steward the Chair Stipendiary Steward authorises to give the authority for the payment of dividends.

5. **RULE 1001A SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY** (This amendment is to come into force on a date fixed by the Board)

The rules are amended by inserting a new rule 1001A after rule 1001 that states:

- 1001A (1) The Board may make Social Media Policy Regulations the purpose of which is to strike a balance between HRNZ needs, the need to protect its interests, manage its professional obligations to other members, stakeholders, staff, and participants right to engage in social media activities.
- (2) A person who fails to comply with a breach of the Social Media Policy Regulations commits a breach of the rules.
- (3) Sub-rule (2) does not limit the application of rule 1001(1)(v) or (ze).

6. **RULE 1004H BISPHTHONATES** (This amendment is to come into force on 1 December 2020)

Rule 1004H is amended to state:

- 1004H (1) In these rules a registered bisphosphonate means a bisphosphonate listed in the Prohibited Substance and Practices Regulations as a registered bisphosphonate.
- (2) A horse must not have been administered:
- (a) any registered bisphosphonate under the age of four years; or
 - (b) any registered bisphosphonate in the period 30 clear days prior to racing.
- (3) A horse must not at any time be administered a bisphosphonate that is not registered.
- (4) A trainer and the person in charge of the horse at the time of the administration prohibited by sub-rule (2) or (3) commits a serious racing offence.
- (5) A horse that races having had administered to it bisphosphonate in contravention of this rule must be disqualified from the race and rule 1005E shall apply with any necessary modification.

7. **RULE 1004K MANIPULATION OF BLOOD AND BLOOD PRODUCTS** (This amendment is to come into force on 1 December 2020)

Rule 1004K is amended by adding a new sub-rule (7), (8), and (9) that state:

- (7) No trainer shall be in possession of any any homologous, allogenic (heterologous), or autologous blood, blood products, or blood cells of any origin that may be administered to, reinfused or reintroduced into a horse.
- (8) Any homologous, allogenic (heterologous), or autologous blood, blood products, or blood cells of any origin that may be administered to, reinfused or reintroduced into a horse may not be stored at any property at which horses are trained.
- (9) A breach of sub-rule (7) or (8) is declared to be a serious racing offence.



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