



31 May 2021

## Official Notice

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE NEW ZEALAND RULES OF HARNESS RACING

#### - COMMENCEMENT OF RACING INTEGRITY BOARD

Under rule 103A of the New Zealand Rules of Harness Racing (the Rules), the Board of Harness Racing New Zealand Incorporated gives notice that it is proposed to amend the rules as follows:

1. Amend rules 105(1) by deleting the definition of Judicial Control Authority and inserting a new definition for the Racing Integrity Board that states:

**RACING INTEGRITY BOARD** means the Racing Integrity Board established under the Racing Industry Act 2020.

2. Amend rule 228A by replacing the words "The Operations Manager of Racing Integrity Unit Ltd" with "The Chief Executive of the Racing Integrity Board".

3. Amend rule 1001(1)(v)(ii) to state:

at any time writes or causes to be written, publishes or causes to be published, or utters or causes to be uttered, any insulting or abusive words with reference to a Judicial Committee, Adjudicative Committee, Appeals Tribunal, an official of HRNZ, the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Board, a paid official, or any person engaged by a Club or by HRNZ in a professional capacity and/or as an independent contractor; or

4. Amend rule 1004M(6) to state:

The Chief Executive may delegate his power under sub-rule (5) to the Chief Executive of the Racing Integrity Board.

5. Amend rule 1004O(3)(b) to state:

the defendant does not at least 5 clear days before the hearing give notice in writing to the Chief Executive of the Racing Integrity Board requiring the person who made the analysis to be called as a witness at the hearing.

6. Amend rule 1108(2) to state:

Other than during a race meeting, an information which alleges a breach of the rules may only be filed by a Stipendiary Steward or Racing Investigator following permission to do so having been obtained from the Racing Integrity Board's Chief Executive or Chairperson or in the Chief Executive's or Chairpersons' absence his or her nominee.

7. Amend rule 1205(5)(c) to state:

HRNZ, the Racing Integrity Board, and the Appeals Tribunal-

8. Amend the definition of Appeals Tribunal in rule 1201 to state:

**Appeals Tribunal** means an Appeals Tribunal appointed under the Racing Industry Act 2020;

9. In clause 3.1 of the Fifth Schedule delete the definition of Judicial Committee and insert a definition for Adjudicative Committee that states:

**Adjudicative Committee** means an Adjudicative Committee appointed under the Racing Industry Act 2020.

10. In clause 3.1 of the Fifth Schedule amend the definition of Registrar to state:

**Registrar** means:

- (a) In the context of an Adjudicative Committee the person appointed by the Racing Integrity Board to be the Registrar of the Adjudicative Committee, not being a race day Adjudicative Committee;
- (b) In the context of an Appeals Tribunal such person or persons appointed by the Racing Integrity Board to be the Registrar of the Appeals Tribunal.

11. Amend clause 11.2 of the Fifth Schedule to state:

An information or any document for a hearing held other than on a race day may be filed by delivering or sending it to the Registrar of Adjudicative Committees:

- (a) at Level 4, AMI Centre, 342 Lambton Quay, Wellington 6011.
- (b) at Private Bag 17902, Greenlane, Auckland.
- (c) by email to [adjudication@racingintegrityboard.org.nz](mailto:adjudication@racingintegrityboard.org.nz).

12. Delete the words "facsimile" from clause 11.3 in the Fifth Schedule.

13. Delete clause 29.1(d) in the Fifth Schedule.

14. Amend clause 30.2(a) in the Fifth Schedule to state:

be notified to the parties, HRNZ, and the Racing Integrity Board.
15. Amend clause 37.1(b) in the Fifth Schedule to state:

every respondent and HRNZ; and
16. Delete clause 52.1(d) in the Fifth Schedule.
17. Amend clause 30.2(a) in the Fifth Schedule to state:

notified to the parties to the appeal, HRNZ, and the Racing Integrity Board;
18. Amend the Rules by replacing the words “Racing Integrity Unit”, “Racing Integrity Board Ltd”, and “RIU” with “Racing Integrity Board” wherever they appear in the Rules.
19. Amend the Rules by replacing the words “Judicial Control Authority” with “Racing Integrity Board” wherever they appear in the Rules.
20. Amend the Rules by replacing the words “Judicial Committee” with “Adjudicative Committee” wherever they appear in the Rules including when expressed in its plural or possessive form.
21. Where the words “Judicial Committee” is prefaced by “a” replace “a” with “an”.
22. Delete the rules in the Appendix that retained the former rules in force before the period the Racing Integrity Unit provided integrity services to HRNZ, and that directed those former rules would come back into force on the termination of the integrity services agreement or if for any reason the Racing Integrity Unit was unable to provided integrity services to HRNZ.

### **Background**

The Racing Industry Act 2020 defined the structure for the reformed racing industry, with a new entity the Racing Integrity Board expected to take over the adjudicative functions of the Judicial Control Authority and the rule enforcement powers of the Racing Integrity Unit.

The Racing Integrity Board will be established as an independent body to promote and ensure compliance with high standards of animal welfare, integrity and professionalism by industry participants. HRNZ has been notified that the Racing Integrity Board will be formed from 1 July 2021, and consequently HRNZ’s rules require updating to reflect the transfer of functions from the Judicial Control Authority and the Racing Integrity Unit to the Racing Integrity Board. In the event that the Racing Integrity Board is not formed on 1 July 2021, the proposed changes to HRNZ’s rules will only take effect from the date of formation of the Racing Integrity Board.

### **Proposed Rule Changes to be Considered by the Board**

Pursuant to the Rules, notice is given to every Club and Kindred Body that the proposed amendments will be considered by the HRNZ Board on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021**.

### **Industry Consultation**

Clubs and Kindred Bodies may make written submissions to the Board as regards the proposed amendments and shall advise the Board if they wish to appear before the Board to make oral submissions on the proposed amendments **by 10.00 am Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021**.

Submissions should be addressed to:

Chief Executive  
Harness Racing New Zealand Incorporated  
PO Box 459  
CHRISTCHURCH 8140  
Email: [leanne@hrnz.co.nz](mailto:leanne@hrnz.co.nz)

Pursuant to the Rules and the provisions of the Racing Industry Act 2020, notice has also been given of these proposed amendments to TAB New Zealand and the Racing Integrity Establishment Board. The Judicial Control Authority and New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing have been notified also.

These amendments if approved by the Board shall come into force on 1 July 2021 or such other date as the Racing Integrity Board becomes operational.

Dated at Christchurch this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May 2021



**Gary Woodham**  
**Chief Executive**  
Harness Racing New Zealand Incorporated