

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

### AMENDMENT TO SULKY SPECIFICATION REGULATION

At its meeting on 12 July 2017, the Board of HRNZ approved changes to the Sulky Specification Regulation, effective 1 September 2017.

The relevant extract from the Sulky Specification Regulation will now read as follows (with changes marked):

**15.0 DEFINITIONS**

- 15.1 *"Sulky" means a dual wheeled carriage attached to a horse during a race or trial containing a seat for a driver and dust sheet. "Cart", "Gig", "Bike" or "Spider" shall have the same meaning.*
- 15.2 *"T-bar Axle" means the part of the undercarriage, which supports the wheels using T-shaped members.*
- 15.3 *"Undercarriage" means the frame, which supports the shafts, wheels and seat. ~~and footrests.~~*
- 15.4 *"Crossbar" means the support bar between the two shafts of the sulky. This needs to be forward of the undercarriage and in close proximity to the footrests.*

A full copy of the amended Sulky Specification Regulation is available on HRNZ's website.



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Chief Executive

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### **AMENDMENT TO SULKY FUND REGULATION**

At its meeting on 12 July 2017, the Board of HRNZ approved changes to the Sulky Fund Regulation, effective 1 September 2017.

The relevant extract from the Sulky Fund Regulation will now read as follows (with changes marked):

7. *HRNZ or their approved Warrant of Fitness Issuer may issue a Warrant of Fitness label which shall be affixed onto the crossbar in front of the footrests or such other position as directed by a Stipendiary Steward. In the case of sulkies made without a crossbar, the label shall be attached to the right hand side footrest support bracket.*

A full copy of the amended Sulky Fund Regulation is available on HRNZ's website.



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### AMENDMENT TO STANDING DOWN OF BREAKING HORSES REGULATION

At its meeting on 12 July 2017, the Board of HRNZ approved changes to the Standing Down of Breaking Horses Regulation, upon recommendation from the RIU, effective 1 September 2017.

The relevant extract from the Standing Down of Breaking Horses Regulation will now read as follows (with changes marked):

5. *During the running of a race any ~~pacers~~ horse that is deemed by the Stipendiary Stewards to break free of interference may receive a warning to improve its racing manners.*
6. *Any ~~pacers~~ horse that breaks free of interference during the running of a race whilst a warning is in force in accordance with clause 5 of these regulations and any horse that breaks free of interference during the running of a race and either falls or interferes with any other horse, may be stood down ~~for a period of not less than 14 days in accordance with Rule 213(1)(e)~~ and ~~be~~ required to trial satisfactorily on at least one occasion.*
7. *For the purpose of clauses 5 and 6 of these regulations, any warning given shall remain in force for the next three races that the horse starts in.*
8. *Notwithstanding clauses 6 and 7 of these regulations, ~~pacers~~ any horse that ~~breaks~~ free of interference during the running may be stood down or be declared unruly if in the opinion of the Stipendiary Stewards the horse's racing manners were so clearly unsatisfactory that such action was warranted in accordance with Rules 213(1)(e) or 860(6).*
9. *~~Any trotter that breaks free of interference during the running of a race and either falls or interferes with any other horse, and the racing manners of the trotter are of concern to the safety of other horses and/or drivers, may be stood down for a period of not less than 14 days in accordance with Rule 213(1)(e) and be required to trial satisfactorily on at least one occasion.~~*

A full copy of the Standing Down of Breaking Horses Regulation is available on HRNZ's website.



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### **AMENDMENT TO SAFETY NUMBERS FOR TRACKS REGULATION**

At its meeting on 12 July 2017, the Board of HRNZ reviewed the Safety Numbers for Tracks Regulation, effective 1 September 2017.

The Safety Numbers for Approved Tracks Regulation is available on HRNZ's website.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward Rennell', written in a cursive style.

**Edward Rennell**  
**Chief Executive**

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### **SAFETY GEAR REGULATION**

At its meeting on 12 July 2017, the Board of HRNZ approved changes to the Safety Gear Regulation, upon recommendation from the RIU, effective 1 January 2018. The Regulation requires that no helmet shall be used 10 years after its date of manufacture.

By way of background, the RIU has concerns with the quality of helmets currently being used by some horsemen. The Regulations only stipulate that they must comply with a certain standard, however, in the time since that standard was introduced the quality of some helmets has deteriorated significantly. This deterioration can occur through wear and tear, exposure to sun or due to the application of some paints and glues. It was the RIU's position that, in line with the Snell foundation - a worldwide leader in helmet safety - a lifespan be placed on a horseman's helmet from the date of manufacture and 10 years was the agreed outcome. This amendment will come into force on 1 January 2018 to allow industry participants sufficient lead-in time.

The relevant extract from the Safety Gear Regulation will now read as follows (with changes marked):

*Drivers competing in harness race meetings in New Zealand when being checked out must be wearing a safety helmet that complies with the requirements of AS/NZS 3838 (2006) and the helmets must be certified by Standards New Zealand, or an equivalent third party certification body. No helmet shall be used 10 years after its date of manufacture (effective 1 January 2018).*

A full copy of the amended Safety Gear Regulation is available on HRNZ's website.



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