

OFFICIAL NOTICE

HARNESS RACING NEW ZEALAND INC.

Under the Racing Act 2003 and the New Zealand Rules of Harness Racing, the New Zealand Rules of Harness Racing were amended at the Annual Meeting of Harness Racing New Zealand Incorporated held on 4 August 2017 at Christchurch as follows:

1. Rule 406 Naming of Horses

Rule 406 is amended to state:

- 406 (1) *Before a horse is registered its proposed name must be approved by the Chief Executive.*
- (2) *The Chief Executive may disallow any name.*
- (3) *The Chief Executive in approving or disallowing any name shall have regard to Board's Horse Naming Policy.*
- (4) *The person who applies for a proposed name to be approved and who is dissatisfied with the decision of the Chief Executive may apply in writing for the Board to a review of the decision of the Chief Executive.*
- (5) *On review the Board may confirm the decision or vary the decision in any way it considers appropriate.*

2. Rule 424(3)(b) and 431(2) Joint Ownership and Syndicates

Rules 424(3)(b) and 431(2) are amended to state:

- 424 (3) (b) *the parties to any joint ownership of a horse (unless members of a Syndicate or Special Partnership registered under these Rules) shall be limited to ten in number, provided that where a horse is leased the lessor or lessors shall not be deemed to be included as one of the parties. The first named party shall be deemed to be the nominated representative of the Joint Interest.*
- 431 (2) *For the purposes of these Rules, any combination of two to ten persons may form a syndicate, and any combination more than ten and not more than fifty persons owning or leasing a horse shall be deemed to be a Syndicate but no disqualified person shall be a member of a Syndicate. The Board may at its discretion grant an exemption to the maximum number of Syndicate Members allowable.*

3. Rule 823(3) and Fourth Schedule – Horse Movement

Rule 823(3) and the references to rule 823(3) in the Fourth Schedule are amended to state:

- (3) *A trainer may:-*
- (a) *without notice leave a horse with another licensed trainer for a period up to that specified in the Horse Movement Regulations made by the Board;*
 - (b) *leave a horse with another licensed trainer for a period of more than that specified in the Horse Movement Regulations but no more than 12 consecutive weeks provided prior notice is given to Harness Racing New Zealand of the name of the trainer in whose hands the horse has been left in the form prescribed by the Horse Movement Regulations made by the Board.*

<i>Rule 823(3) Horse Movement greater than period specified in Horse Movement Regulations not notified</i>	<i>\$50</i>	
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4. Rule 856 – Persons Present at the Start

Rule 856 is amended to state:

- 856 (1) *The Starter, Starter’s Assistants, the horsemen in the race, the race-day veterinarian, and the race-day farrier are permitted to be at the start of any race.*
- (2) *Any other person may only be present at the start with the express permission of the Stipendiary Steward.*

5. Rule 857(3)(m) – Mobile Starts, Moving Starts, Standing Starts

Rule 857(3)(m) is deleted.

6. Rule 869(2) – Use of the Whip

Rule 869(2) is amended to state:

- 869 (2) *No horseman shall during any race use a whip in a manner in contravention of the Use of the Whip Regulations made by the Board.*

7. Rule 1107(1)(b) – Protest by Connections

Rule 1107(1)(b) is amended by renumbering sub-paragraphs (v) as (vi) and (vi) as (vii) and inserting a new sub-paragraph (v) which states:

- (v) *rule 869A - which relates to interference;*

8. Fourth Schedule Minor Infringements

The Fourth Schedule amended by adding the following:

<i>Rule 507B - Driver Leaving the Course Early</i>	<i>\$100</i>	
<i>Rule 857(7)(g) - Out of Position at the Start</i>	<i>\$100</i>	
<i>Rule 857(7)(k) - Candy Pole breaches</i>	<i>\$100</i>	
<i>Rule 867 – Footrest breaches</i>	<i>\$100</i>	

These rules come into force on the date of notification in the New Zealand Gazette (31 August 2017) other than the amendment to Rule 869(2) which comes into force on a date notified by the Board.

Dated at Christchurch this 18th day of August 2017



Edward Rennell
Chief Executive
Harness Racing New Zealand Incorporated