



## TRIALS MEETING REGULATIONS

### 1. NAME AND COMMENCEMENT

- 1.1 These regulations are the Trials Meeting Regulations made by the Board under the New Zealand Rules of Harness Racing and clause 14.4 of the Constitution of Harness Racing New Zealand Incorporated.
- 1.2 These regulations come into force on 1 August 2020.

### 2. INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:  
**HRNZ** means Harness Racing New Zealand Incorporated.  
**driving fee** means the fee payable to a driver driving at a trials meeting under the Driving Fee Regulations.

### 3. BODY'S APPROVED TO CONDUCT A TRIALS MEETINGS

- 3.1 In addition to a Club registered under the Rules the following Body's are approved to conduct a trials meeting under rule 702(1):

Chertsey Trotting Club  
Cromwell Trotting Club  
Marlborough Owners Trainers and Breeders  
Mid Canterbury Trotting Owners Association  
Mount Hutt Trotting Club  
Nelson Owners Trainers and Breeders  
North Canterbury Trotting Owners Association  
North Otago Harness Racing Association  
Otago Trotting Owners Association  
Southland Owners Trainers and Breeders  
Taranaki Trotting Owners Association

### 4. APPROVAL OF PROGRAMMES

- 4.1 The programme for a trials meeting conducted by a Club must be approved by the Board.

- 4.2 The programme for a trials meeting conducted by a Body referred to in clause 3.1 must be approved by the Board under rule 702(1).
- 4.3 It is a condition of every programme that this regulation applies to each approved programme.
- 4.4 An approval may be for one or more trials meeting.

## **5. NOMINATION OF HORSES**

- 5.1 A trainer who nominates a horse for entry to a trials meeting must do so, before the closing time for nominations, by either their HRNZ portal or other method agreed by HRNZ and paying the entry fee to HRNZ in such manner as the Board may prescribe on behalf of the Club or Body before the closing time for nominations, unless expressly not required in advance by the Club or Body.
- 5.2 A late nomination may be accepted with the prior written approval of the Club or Body conducting the meeting that is notified to HRNZ.
- 5.3 HRNZ shall provide to the Club or Body a list of nominations at an agreed time before the trials meeting.

## **6. RESULTS**

- 6.1 Following the conclusion of a trials meeting the Club or Body shall provide HRNZ with a copy of the results from the meeting which must include the name of the driver of each horse that starts.

## **7. PAYMENTS**

- 7.1 Where a horse nominated for a trials meeting does not start HRNZ must refund the trainer the entry fee for that horse.
- 7.2 Where a horse starts in a race in a trials meeting HRNZ shall pay the driver the driving fee payable under the Driving Fee Regulations except when the driver has advised the Club or Body, or HRNZ on behalf of the Club or Body, before the meeting that they are not to be paid a driving fee.
- 7.3 After payments under clause 7.1 and 7.2 the balance of funds from the entry fees shall be paid to the Club or Body conducting the trials meeting.
- 7.4 The Centralised Stakes Regulations shall apply with necessary modification to payments under this clause.