

**RULES RELATED POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

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**PPI. AMBULANCE**

The following guidelines shall be observed in relation to the attendance of an ambulance at a race meeting or trials.

- 1) Upon arrival at the course at least a half-hour before the scheduled start time of the first race, the ambulance officers shall report their attendance to the Secretary of the Club and collect a race book and two-way radio.
- 2) The radio shall be tested (Channel 4) to ensure contact is established with the Steward in Charge of the meeting.
- 3) The ambulance shall be positioned in the designated position for the particular venue.
- 4) The ambulance officers shall remain in the ambulance during the running of each race.
- 5) In the event of the ambulance officers being required to attend an injured driver, the Steward in Charge will issue instructions to the ambulance officers by two-way radio.
  - a) Unless so instructed, the ambulance shall not be taken onto the track whilst a race is in progress.
- 6) In the event of the ambulance leaving the course during the meeting the ambulance officers shall advise the Secretary of the club or Steward in Charge of the meeting prior to leaving the course.
  - a) The two-way radio shall be returned to the Stewards before the ambulance leaves the course and be collected upon the officer's return.
- 7) Where the ambulance must leave the course;
  - a) No race shall be conducted until the ambulance returns or a replacement ambulance is available.
  - b) If possible the ambulance should not leave the course until a replacement vehicle is available on course or a patient is transferred to a replacement ambulance.
- 8) At the conclusion of the meeting the two-way radio must be returned to the Secretary of the Club.

**PP2. HORSE STALL STEWARD**

The following guidelines shall be observed in relation to the duties of the horse stall Steward.

- 1) The Steward shall be responsible for ensuring that the following officials have reported for duty by the required time, including;
  - Starter.
  - Ambulance officers.
  - Clerk of Course/Catcher.
  - Mobile barrier driver.
  - Farrier.
  - Veterinarian.
  - Swab attendants.
  - Video operators.
  - Judge.
  - Timekeeper.
  - Photo finish operator.
- 2) A half-hour before the scheduled start time of the first race, the track and environs shall be inspected to ensure conformity with requirements, and where applicable all track entrance/exit gates shall be locked.
- 3) During the course of the meeting inspections shall be conducted of the following items to ensure compliance with the Rules;
  - Whips.

- Helmets.
  - Colours.
  - Sulkies.
  - Gear.
- 4) The Steward shall ensure that trainers and drivers fulfill their obligations in regard to the following matters;
- Horses are taken into the parade ring by the required time.
  - Drivers are ready for their engagements by the required time.
  - Horses are taken onto the track by the required time.
  - Saddlecloth and head numbers returned by the required time.
  - Drivers promptly attend post race inquiries.
  - Pre-race warm ups.
- 5) The Steward shall conduct inspections and examinations of the following;
- Horses attended in horse stall area.
  - Brand identification checks.
  - Gear and equipment bag inspections.
  - Float park area inspections.
  - Post race inspections of horses for gear or injury related problems.
- 6) Take, or facilitate the taking, of samples from drivers, trainers and officials for the purpose of drug testing.
- 7) Co-ordinate with the Veterinary Officer for the inspection of horses for injuries or ailments pre and post race.
- 8) Co-ordinate inspections and replacement of shoes by the farrier.
- 9) Monitor the swabbing procedures during the meeting.

***PP3. NO RACE/ACCIDENT PROCEDURE***

The following procedure shall be followed when the Stewards decide to stop a race because of an accident.

- 1) In the event of an accident occurring, which requires drivers to continue with caution;
  - a) The Steward in Charge of the meeting shall activate the orange accident lights and hooters.
  - b) Once any obstruction on the track is alleviated, the light and hooter shall be de-activated.
  - c) Whilst the light and hooter are activated all drivers shall proceed with caution and maintain their relative position until the obstruction is passed.
- 2) In the event of it being the Stewards opinion that it would be unsafe for a race to continue, they may stop the race and order it to be re-run or, depending on the circumstances, declare it a “No-Race”. The Steward-in-Charge of a meeting shall decide when a race is to be stopped.
- 3) In the event of the Stewards stopping a race;
  - a) The red “raced stopped” light and sirens shall be activated.
  - b) All drivers shall take immediate action to restrain their horse safely and the race shall discontinue.
- 4) In the event of a horse being driverless the “Clerk-of-Course/Catcher” shall immediately take action to capture the driverless horse. If the driverless horse can be captured without undue interference to other runners and/or without creating a safety hazard, the race may continue. If not, the race shall be stopped.
- 5) If a driver is dislodged and lays prone on the track, the race shall be stopped immediately, and the Steward-in-Charge of the meeting shall direct the ambulance to attend to the driver.

- 6) In the event of an accident, the Starter and veterinarian, who shall be travelling in the mobile barrier vehicle (Or “Crash-Car” if at a Standing Start venue) and nearby track attendants shall provide assistance at the accident site to remove any obstacle from the track so that the race may continue.
- 7) In the event of the track not being clear for the race to continue safely, the race shall be stopped.
- 8) If there is no Stipendiary Steward in attendance at an accident site, officials who are providing assistance at an accident site shall be under the direction of the Starter. The Steward or Starter at an accident site shall order any person who is not required, off the track.
- 9) In the event of a race being stopped, then re-run, Stewards should ensure that the track is “screened” to obviate a problem with marks on the track at the accident site.

***PP4. CLERK OF COURSE/CATCHER***

The following guidelines are to be observed by the Clerk of Course/Catcher.

- 1) A Clerk of Course/Catcher shall be familiar with any Rules, policies and procedures relevant to his or her duties. A Clerk of Course/Catcher shall be well presented and dressed in clean and appropriate attire, which includes an approved helmet, white/blue shirt, white/beige jodhpurs and black/brown knee high riding boots.
- 2) A Clerk of Course/Catcher must have the expertise and horse handling ability to capture a driverless horse in all circumstances, particularly whilst a race is in progress.
- 3) A horse used by a Clerk of Course/Catcher must be fit for the duties expected of it and sound, tractable and well presented.
- 4) The Clerk of Course/Catcher must report to Steward in Charge of the meeting at least one hour before the scheduled start time for the first race, and confirm the correct time and scratchings, etc.
- 5) No later than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time for each race, ensure all the horses engaged in the race are marshalled into the horse stall parade area. (The Rules require all horses engaged in a race to be in the horse stall parade area no later than 12 minutes before the scheduled start time of the race).
- 6) The horses engaged in the race shall be marshalled in barrier number order and led onto track 10 minutes prior to scheduled start time for the race.
  - a) The horses shall be paraded in the front straight to a point approximately opposite the 2500 metre start point.
  - b) The Clerk of Course/Catcher shall position his/her horse and allow the horses engaged in the race to circle and proceed with their preliminary.
  - c) After the last horse has circled the Clerk of Course/Catcher, he/she shall proceed to the relevant start point marshalling area for the race.
- 7) In mobile start races, when the Starter has called the drivers to marshal their horses ready for the start, the Clerk of Course and Catcher shall position their horses at the designated points on the track to assist the Starter with the pre-score up marshalling of the horses.
  - a) When the Starter calls the horses forward to commence the score up, the Clerk of Course and Catcher shall move to the outside of the track and remain prepared to assist a driver if needed or respond to instruction from the Starter.
- 8) In standing start races the Clerk of Course and Catcher shall position themselves behind the horses drawn on the back mark and be prepared to respond to instruction from the Starter.
- 9) Once the start is effected the Clerk of Course/Catcher shall move to the designated position for the particular track and remain prepared to respond appropriately in the event of an accident during the race, and

- a) If any unauthorized person should enter onto the track or an obstruction should remain on the track, take the necessary steps to ensure the track is cleared.
- 10) If in the event of an accident during the race, which results in a driverless horse, the Clerk of Course/Catcher shall proceed to regain control of the driverless horse at the first opportunity.
  - a) Any attempt to regain control of a driverless horse must be made in a manner, which ensures the least disruption to the remaining competitors, and must only be made where it is safe to do so without causing injury to the Clerk of Course/Catcher or another competitor in the race.
  - b) In the event of the Clerk of Course/Catcher regaining control of a driverless horse, where possible assistance will be provided by the Starter.
- 11) In the event of a horse falling and remaining on the track the Clerk of Course/Catcher shall proceed directly to the site of the fallen horse and provide assistance.
  - a) Where appropriate, warnings may be issued to the drivers remaining in the race that there is an obstruction on the track.
- 12) At the conclusion of each race, assemble the first five placed horses in preparation for the “all clear” parade. When the “all clear” Steward is positioned to receive “all clear” from the placed drivers, immediately parade the placed horses in finishing order past the “all clear” Steward’s position.

**PP5. STARTER/STEWARD**

The following guidelines are to be observed by the Starter/Steward.

- 1) The Starter/Steward shall be aware of the Rules, policies and procedures relating to starting.
- 2) The Starter/Steward shall report to the Steward in Charge of the meeting no later than one (1) hour before the start of the first race.
  - a) Obtain a copy of the race book and mark it with all the changes for the meeting.
  - b) Clearly mark the race book with scratchings, start lines and driver changes.
  - c) Obtain a copy of the horse identification and gear list.
- 3) Ensure that the following officials are available to officiate and that they understand the requirements of their respective duties - Mobile barrier driver, barrier attendants and Clerk of Course/Catcher.
  - a) Ensure that the mobile barrier vehicle and starting gate mechanism is operational.
  - b) Ensure that the standing start barrier mechanisms and barrier strands are operational and in good condition.
  - c) Report immediately any unresolved problem to the Steward in Charge.
- 4) During the course of the meeting ensure that all licensed persons who are associated with a horse which is presented to race at the meeting, are appropriately attired in clean presentable clothing.
- 5) Ensure that all the runners engaged for a race are in the horse stall parade area no later than twelve minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the race.
  - a) Ensure that each driver is properly attired and wearing the correct colours and is carrying a regulation whip.
  - b) Ensure that each horse is geared correctly.
  - c) Ensure each driver and horse is presented properly with all gear and equipment in clean and proper condition.

- d) Ensure the horses, correctly identified by brand and description, are taken from the parade area in barrier number order, in time to parade on the track ten minutes before the scheduled start time of the race.
- e) As the horses are taken from the parade area advise drivers of any changes to the starting positions for the race.
- 6) Take up a vantage point on the track, which enables observation of all runners during the preliminary.
  - a) For a standing start race this should be at the start point.
  - b) For a mobile start race this should be in close proximity to the mobile barrier vehicle, which shall be parked on the track at the designated position for the venue.
- 7) After the race is started the Starter/Steward shall remain in the mobile barrier vehicle which shall continue to follow the field at a safe distance.
  - a) In the event of an accident during the race, which results in horses or drivers remaining prone on the track, the Starter/Steward shall:
    - i) Instruct the mobile barrier driver stop the vehicle at the accident site.
    - ii) Provide any necessary assistance to a horse or driver.
    - iii) Supervise the attending barrier attendants.
    - iv) Make an immediate report to the Steward in Charge of the meeting, if it is necessary to stop the race.
    - v) Remain at the accident site and supervise any necessary action to resolve the aftermath of the accident.
- 8) Subsequent to each race report immediately to the Steward in Charge of the meeting any problems encountered with the start of the race and any waywardness attributable to a horse or any incident that may have affected the performance of any runner in the race.
- 9) At any time during the course of a meeting any malfunction of equipment must be reported to the Steward in Charge of the meeting and to the Secretary of the Club conducting the meeting. The Starter/Steward must ensure that the Club conducting the meeting takes immediate steps to rectify the malfunction.

#### ***PP6. MOBILE BARRIER START FORMAT***

The following guidelines shall be observed in starting mobile barrier races.

- 1) The Starter shall sound the whistle five minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the race. This signal indicates to drivers that they should immediately proceed to the start point for final gear adjustments.
- 2) After sounding the first whistle the Starter shall immediately instruct the mobile barrier driver to move the mobile barrier vehicle to a position adjacent to the relevant start position for the race.
- 3) The Starter shall sound the whistle two minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the race.

This signal indicates to drivers that they must immediately proceed to the designated start point and marshal for the start of the score up procedure.

- 4) The Starter shall determine that the track is clear to proceed with the start procedure.
  - a) He shall instruct the mobile barrier driver to position the mobile barrier vehicle in readiness for the start procedure to commence.
  - b) Extend the arms of the mobile barrier
  - c) Instruct the Clerk of Course/Catcher to take up their respective positions.

- 5) The Starter shall then instruct the drivers to commence to circle their horses in a clockwise direction in descending barrier number order.
  - a) The front line horses shall be in one circle.
  - b) The back line horses, if any, in a second circle immediately behind the front line circle.
  - c) Both circles are confined by the positions of the Clerk of Course/Catcher.
- 6) With approximately one (1) minute to the scheduled start time of the race the Chief Steward will instruct the Starter to commence his starting procedure. The Starter shall activate the orange light and order the driver of the horse drawn on the outside of the front line to commence to move his horse towards the mobile barrier.
  - a) Each other driver shall commence to move his horse toward the mobile barrier, following the first called horse in descending barrier number order, and in a staggered formation.
  - b) The drivers of the horses drawn on the back line shall commence to move their horse forward as the horse drawn in barrier one (1) is moved into the score up. The second line drivers will position their respective horses behind the horses drawn in front of them.
- 7) When the horses come within approximately two lengths of the mobile barrier, the Starter shall deactivate the orange light and, in the case of an automatic start, activate the start” button. The computer or Driver shall then commence to gradually accelerate the speed of the mobile barrier vehicle until it reaches the start point.
  - a) The driver of each horse shall take up their respective barrier position and maintain the forward momentum of their horse at a speed consistent with the mobile barrier vehicle.
  - b) All drivers shall have their horses on the mobile barrier gate (“on the gate” means at a distance of approximately one metre) at the 75 metre mark (*Candy Pole*) and shall maintain the forward momentum of their horse at a speed consistent with the acceleration of the vehicle.
  - c) At the start point the Starter shall call, “Go” and in the case of an automatic start, the computer will activate the green light and retract the arms, and in the case of a manual start, the Starter will activate the blue light and re-tract the arms of the barrier.
  - d) The race is started at the time the Starter calls, “Go”.
  - e) As the Starter calls, “Go” the mobile barrier Driver shall further accelerate the vehicle so it draws away safely from the field.
- 8) During the start procedure the Starter shall;
  - a) Ensure that all horses are in their correct barrier positions.
  - b) Ensure that all horses drawn on the front line are on the gate at the 75 metre mark (*Candy Pole*), and that the back line horses are in their proper position.
  - c) Steadily increase speed of the vehicle to the start point.
- 9) In the event of a false start being declared;
  - a) The Starter shall immediately announce the fact to the drivers and activate the red light. All drivers shall restrain their horse but continue to maintain their horse in its position behind the mobile barrier vehicle.
  - b) The Starter will inform the drivers if the re-start procedure is to continue or be aborted.
    - i) The Starter shall immediately inform the Steward in Charge of the meeting of the reason for declaring a false start.
    - ii) If the re-start procedure is to continue, all drivers shall maintain their horse in position and at a speed consistent with the speed of the mobile barrier vehicle until the vehicle reaches the start marshalling area, at which point the start procedure shall re-commence in accordance with part (7) above.
    - iii) If the re-start procedure is aborted, all drivers shall further restrain their horse and the vehicle shall be accelerated away from the field. All drivers shall immediately take their horse to the start marshalling point and the start procedure shall re-commence.

**PP7. (Deleted 19/01/09)**

**PP8. STANDING START BARRIER FORMAT**

The following guidelines shall be observed in starting standing start races.

- 1) The Starter shall sound the whistle five minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the race.
  - a) This signal indicates to drivers that they should immediately proceed to the start point to make final gear adjustments.

- 2) The Starter shall sound the whistle two minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the race.
  - a) This signal indicates to drivers that they shall immediately proceed to the designated start point and marshal in readiness for the start procedure.
  - b) Each driver shall take his horse to a position immediately behind the handicap mark from which his horse is to start, and commence to circle in descending barrier number order in an anti-clockwise direction.
    - i) If there is only a front handicap mark for the event with two lines of starters, drivers shall circle in two lines.
    - ii) All the barrier strands shall be put in place when all the horses engaged in the race have assembled at the starting area in accordance with part (b) above.
    - iii) At Busselton and Collie where there are two lines off any mark there shall be no barrier strand placed on the handicap mark immediately behind that mark.
    - iv) Except in an emergency, no driver shall dismount from his sulky after the second whistle is sounded.
- 3) With one minute to the scheduled start time of the race, the Starter shall instruct drivers to move their horse towards its barrier position. All horses should be positioned 3 metres back from their barrier position and at a forty five degree angle facing the outside of the track.
  - a) The Starter shall then instruct all attendants to leave the track.
  - b) Immediately before the scheduled start time for the race the Starter shall instruct drivers to move their horse to the barrier by calling, "*To the barrier*".
  - c) When the Starter is satisfied that a fair start may be effected he shall start the race by simultaneously releasing the barrier strands and calling, "*Stand them up*".
  - d) To assist with the timely starting of races, from the time the instruction "*To the barrier*" is issued until the race is started the Starter will only delay the start if a horse, through waywardness, prevents another runner from obtaining a fair start.
- 4) In the event of the Starter declaring a false start in a standing start race he shall immediately sound the whistle repeatedly until all drivers commence to restrain their horse.
  - a) All drivers shall immediately return their horses to the start point marshalling area.
  - b) A red light and siren may also be activated to signify that a false start has been declared
- 5) When a false start is declared the Starter shall immediately notify the reason to the Steward in Charge.

#### ***PP9. MOVING START BARRIER FORMAT***

The following guidelines shall be observed in starting moving start races.

- 1) Where the use of the mobile barrier has been abandoned, Stewards may order that races be started by the moving start method.
- 2) If possible the mobile barrier vehicle shall be positioned on the inside of the track immediately adjacent to the start point. The Starter will take his usual position in the vehicle for starting mobile barrier events.
  - a) Where applicable the procedure for mobile barrier start races shall apply, except that the Clerk of Course/Catcher shall set the speed of the score up.
    - i) The Clerk of Course/Catcher shall ride alongside the horse drawn on the outside of the front line or inside if there is a safety lane at the venue, at a pace which does not require his horse to exceed a fast trot.
  - b) All drivers shall not permit their horse to move in advance of the Clerk of Course/Catcher's horse until the Starter calls, "Go".
- 3) The Starter shall indicate that the race is started by simultaneously calling "Go" and/or activating the blue light.
- 4) In the event of the Starter declaring a false start in a moving start race, he shall activate the red light and/or sound the whistle until all drivers have commenced to restrain their horse.

- a) In the event of a recall, all drivers shall immediately return their horses to the start point marshalling area.

**PP10. BARRIER ATTENDANTS**

The following guidelines shall be observed in relation to the duties of barrier attendants.

- 1) Each Club shall appoint a minimum of two suitably qualified persons to officiate as barrier attendants.
- 2) The persons appointed by a Club to officiate as barrier attendants shall;
  - a) Report to the Starter at least thirty minutes prior to the scheduled start time for the first race, and
  - b) Thereafter be in attendance at the start marshalling area at least ten minutes before the scheduled start time of each race.
- 3) The duties of the barrier attendants shall include;
  - a) Assisting the Starter in starting a race by complying with any reasonable request or instruction made by the Starter.
  - b) Providing assistance to drivers making gear adjustments prior to the start of a race, at the start marshalling area.
- 4) Immediately after the race has started the barrier attendants shall,
  - a) Ensure that the track is free of manure or other obstructions at the start marshalling area.
  - b) In the case of a standing start, collect all barrier strands.
  - c) Position themselves on the track infield at an appropriate vantage point for the remainder of the race, and be prepared to offer assistance in the event of an accident during the race.
  - d) In the event of an accident the barrier attendants shall report immediately to the site of the accident and provide assistance to the Starter if required.

**PP11. INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE**

The following procedure shall be observed In the event of inclement weather.

- 1) The Stewards shall determine when mudguards and splash sheets shall be fitted to sulkies.
  - a) The Starter/Steward, Clerk of Course/Catcher and horse stall Steward, shall inform trainers of any such determination.
  - b) After the Stewards have instructed that mudguards and splash sheets be fitted to sulkies, trainers will not use a sulky in a race which does not have approved mudguards and splash sheets fitted.
  - c) Trainers shall ensure that they have approved mudguards and splash sheets available for use when required.
- 2) For the purpose of competitor safety, the Stewards shall select three persons to act as advisers during the course of the meeting.
  - a) Two persons shall be experienced drivers and one shall be a senior representative of the Club conducting the meeting.
  - b) During the progress of the meeting, these persons shall monitor the condition of the track and liaise with the Stewards in relation to the safety of the track.
  - c) The Stewards shall decide when conditions militate against the continuance of safe racing.

**PP12. SCRATCHING PENALTIES**

The following penalties shall apply in the event of a horse being scratched after the declaration of acceptances:

- 1) A 14-day racing ban will apply for a scratching made before 8.30am on the day of the race. The 14-day ban may be reduced to a 6-day ban if a certificate from a qualified veterinarian is received which states the reason for the scratching and that the horse is fit to resume racing within the 6-days.
- 2) A non-reducible 28-day ban will apply for a non-veterinary related scratching made after 8.30am on the day of the race;
  - a) The 28-day ban for a veterinary related scratching made after 8.30am on the day of the race may be reduced to 6-days if a certificate from a qualified veterinarian is received which states the reason for the scratching and that the horse is fit to resume racing.
- 3) A \$200 fine will be imposed on a trainer where a horse is scratched for, in the Stewards opinion, an unacceptable reason.
- 4) The Stewards have the discretion to rule that a ban not be imposed on a horse where it is scratched for reasons beyond the trainer's control (Vehicle breakdown en-route).

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#### ***PP13. REMOVING A BAR - EXCLUDED FROM THE DRAW OR BARRED FROM RACING***

The following procedure shall be observed where a trainer wishes to have a horse re-included into the barrier draw and or have a bar removed from a horse, which is barred from starting in the particular start format.

##### **Mobile Barrier Races**

To be re-included in the barrier draw for mobile start races a horse shall;

- a) Complete the required number of consecutive satisfactory race or trial starts from the mobile barrier. For a start to be considered satisfactory the horse must have displayed satisfactory behaviour before and during the race up and for 100 metres after the start. In addition the horse must have been within one metre of its allocated barrier position from the "Candy Pole" to the start point.
- b) When eligible for re-inclusion in the draw the trainer must make application to the RWWA Stewards for the ODM to be removed.

##### **Standing Start Races**

To be re-included in the barrier draw for standing start races a horse shall;

- a) Complete the required number of consecutive race or trial starts in standing start events from a barrier position which requires the horse to be facing the barrier strand. For a start to be considered satisfactory the horse must have displayed satisfactory behaviour before and during the start and for 100 metres after the start.
- b) If ordered by the Stewards, a number of the satisfactory starts shall be from the front line of the trial or race.
- c) When eligible for re-inclusion in the draw the trainer must make application to the RWWA Stewards for the ODS to be removed.

##### **Barred From Racing (and/or excluded from barrier draw)**

The following policy shall apply in relation to Racing Bars (Rule 101, 103 and 134).

- 1) From time to time the Stewards impose various racing bars on horses without conducting a formal inquiry. This procedure is necessitated by the limited time available between races for dealing with such matters.

Such decisions are made based on the Stewards observations of the race and in some cases after discussions with the driver of the horse concerned.

When a trainer receives a racing bar notification from the Stewards and disagrees with the Stewards decision, he may request the Stewards to review their decision. Any such request must be made as soon as possible after the trainer receives the racing bar notification.

- 2) A horse barred from racing until it completes a number of satisfactory trials shall not be trialled on the day the bar is imposed or trialled twice on the same day, for the purpose of having the bar removed. Only the horse's first trial on any day shall be recorded. For a trial to be considered

satisfactory the horse must display satisfactory behaviour before and during the start and at all stages of the trial irrespective of the reason for the bar being imposed.

- 3) The Stewards may bar horses from racing for unsoundness, an unsatisfactory performance and unsatisfactory behaviour at the barrier or during a race.
  - a) At the time a bar is imposed, the trainer of the horse will be advised of the nature of the bar placed on the horse.
  - b) Except in the case of a bar for a specified period of time, which shall be removed after its expiry, the trainer of the barred horse must make application to the RWWA Stewards for the bar to be removed.
- 4) All horse barred to trials must complete the trial in a mile rate not slower than the qualifying time for its class.
- 5) Where a horse is barred to more than one satisfactory trial, the satisfactory trials must be completed consecutively before the bar will be removed.

#### ***PP14. BARRIER POSITIONS – SCRATCHINGS***

In accordance with the provisions of Rule 131, the following policy shall be adopted in relation to the positioning of horses where a horse is withdrawn from a race after the draw for barrier positions is completed.

##### **Standing Starts**

If a horse is withdrawn from a standing start race after the draw for barrier positions is completed, the remaining starters on the same handicap line shall take their positions as if the withdrawn horse had not been included in the draw for barrier positions. Where there are two lines on the same handicap mark and the number of horses on the second line exceeds the number of horses on the front line, then the horse on the inside of the second line shall take its position on the outside of the front line.

##### **Mobile Starts**

Notwithstanding that the draw for barrier positions may have been decided by preference, if a horse is withdrawn from a mobile start race after the draw for barrier positions is completed, the remaining starters shall take their positions as if the withdrawn horse had not been included in the draw for barrier positions except where the number of horses on the second line exceeds the number of horses on the front line, then the horse on the inside of the second line shall take its position on the outside of the front line and to the inside of any horse excluded from the draw.

#### ***PP15. PREFERENTIAL BARRIER DRAW – NO CHANGE AFTER DRAW (Rescinded)*** *(Rescinded in lieu of adoption as Harness Racing Policy 11 March 2011)*

#### ***PP16. DISTINGUISHING COLOURS***

1. No two horses shall start in a race with the respective drivers in the same colours.
2. Where two or more horses the property of the same owner or trained by the same trainer start in the same race some distinguishing colour or mark approved by the Stewards shall be worn by the respective drivers.
  - a) The Stewards approve different colour helmets, armbands or the “Club” colours to be used to distinguish the respective horses described in part (2) above.

#### ***PP17. HORSE LEAVING THE TRACK***

The following procedure shall apply to a horse being taken from the track after it has entered onto the track for its pre-race preliminary -

1. A driver, who wishes to take his/her horse from the track, shall first obtain permission from the Stewards or the Starter.

2. The Stewards or Starter shall instruct the Clerk of Course or Catcher to accompany the horse from the track and remain with the horse until it is returned to the track.
3. No gate attendant shall allow a horse to leave the track if the Clerk of Course or Catcher does not accompany it.
  - 3.1. The gate attendant can identify a relevant horse from a horse being “warmed up”, by the fact that it shall have on a saddle cloth number

**PP18. TRAINERS AUTHORITY**

In accordance with the provisions of Rules 190(6) & (7), a horse may be presented at a race meeting by another person on behalf of its trainer, providing -

1. The trainer is unable to attend the race meeting for good reason, and
2. Written authorization is given by the trainer to the person presenting the horse, and
3. The person authorized to present the horse holds a current grade A or B trainers license and or a grade A or B drivers license, and
4. The authorization is delivered to the Steward in Charge of the race meeting at least one hour prior to the start of the event in which the horse is declared an acceptor, and
5. The written authorization is in the form determined by the Controlling Body from time to time, and
6. There is no abrogation of the trainer’s responsibilities.
7. The Stewards may withdraw a horse from its engagement in the event of the horse being presented at a race meeting on behalf of the trainer contrary to this policy.

**PP19. HORSE STALL AND PRE-RACE PARADE AND TRACK ATTENDANTS**

**Horse Stall Parade & Pre-Race Parade**

- 1) Trainers and drivers are directed to have their horse in the horse stall parade ring at least 15 minutes prior to the advertised start time for the race.
- 2) The obligation is on the trainer and driver to be aware of the time, and ensure their horse is in the parade ring on time. A trainer or driver must not wait for instruction from the Clerk of Course/Catcher, before taking their horse to the parade ring.
- 3) It is the trainers’ obligation to ensure that the horse is ready to be taken to the parade ring on time and the drivers’ obligation to ensure that he/she is ready to take the drive on time.
- 4) In the event of a driver being delayed, the trainer of the horse shall ensure that the horse is taken to the parade ring to await the drivers arrival.
- 5) Immediately upon arriving in the parade ring, the horse shall be paraded in barrier number order.
- 6) Following instruction from the Clerk of Course/Catcher, the horses shall be taken onto the track for their pre-race parade and preliminary, approximately ten minutes prior to race time.

**Horse must be on Track by Prescribed Time**

It is an offence for a horse not to be on the track by the prescribed time (the prescribed time being 10 minutes prior to the start of the race).

**Pre-Race Parade – Barrier Number Order**

It is also an offence for a horse not to be paraded in barrier number order in the pre-race parade.

### **Driver Dismounting from the Sulky - Two Minute Whistle**

Except with the permission of the Starter, no driver shall dismount from his/her sulky after the Starter has sounded the second whistle indicating two minutes to start time.

### **Attendants**

No person, other than an authorised official, shall attend to a horse after it enters onto the track for its race, without the permission of the Starter or Stewards. Any such attendance shall only be made at the designated marshalling area for the particular race.

### ***PP20. LODGING A PROTEST BEFORE “ALL CLEAR”***

#### **Lodging a Protest**

The Rules require the driver of a “placed” horse to parade his/her horse before the “All Clear” Steward for the purpose of inspection and or lodging a protest. In normal circumstances this involves horses placed first to fifth inclusively and only applies to an incident in the race.

The Rules require the “All Clear” Steward to be positioned on or near the track to receive and inspect the paraded horses.

#### **All Tracks**

The procedure adopted at **All Tracks** is as follows –

- 1) The “All Clear” Steward will position himself on the track where the Clerk of Course will lead the parade of placed horses past the “All Clear” Steward.
- 2) The “All Clear” Steward will be positioned so as to allow a driver who wishes to lodge a protest to move his horse out of the parade towards the “All Clear” Steward.
- 3) Any driver wishing to lodge a protest must approach the “All Clear” Steward and make the protest. This must be done as the Clerk of Course leads the placed horses past the “All Clear” Steward.
- 4) When making an initial protest, the driver must give brief and clear details of which horse the protest is against, and why the protest is being made.
- 5) If no driver lodges a protest the “All Clear” will be sounded.

### ***PP21. PRE-RACE WARM UP (amended 18/5/05)***

A trainer wishing to give a horse a pre-race warm up must first obtain permission from the Stewards and must also inform the pre-race swabbing attendant or course veterinarian that the horse is to be pre-raced warmed up.

- 1) The driver of a horse requiring a pre-race warm up must have his/her horse at its stall at least ten minutes prior to the start time of the race prior to the race in which their horse is engaged to compete. In the case of the first race on the program, the horse must be in the horse stall parade area 30 minutes before the advertised start time of the first race.
  - a) A driver of a horse waiting to do a pre-race warm up must not hamper the orderly parade of the horses waiting to enter onto the track for the race.
  - b) Once the horses engaged in the race have commenced to leave the parade ring a horse to be warmed up must be taken to the parade ring with the intention of immediately following the horses to race onto the track.
  - c) At all venues, the horses being given a pre-race warm up shall not participate in any pre-race on track parade, but shall be taken to the outside of the track and jogged in an anti-clockwise direction until such parade is finalised. Once any pre-race parade is completed, the horse may then be taken into its warm up routine.

- 2) Horses which are not ready to proceed to the horse stall parade ring at the time the horses the horses to race have commenced to leave the parade ring, shall, unless the Clerk of Course/Catcher decides otherwise, be precluded from doing a pre-race warm up.
- 3) When the Starter sounds his whistle indicating five minutes to start time, all horses being given a pre-race warm up shall immediately be taken from the track via the designated entry/exit gate.
- 4) The Stewards may penalise a trainer or driver who fails to comply with any of the requirements of this policy.
- 5) Drivers shall not allow their horse to do a pre-race warm up on the pole.

***PP22. TIME HORSES AND DRIVERS REQUIRED TO BE ON COURSE***

- 1) The Rules require the trainer of a horse to have his horse on course 60 minutes prior to the start time of the race in which the horse is engaged and to report his and his horses presence to the Club or Body conducting the meeting at least 60 minutes prior to the horses engagement.
- 2) The Rules require all drivers engaged to drive in a race, to report to the Club or Body conducting the meeting at least 60 minutes prior to the start time of the race in which the driver is engaged to drive.
- 3) A driver is required to report his presence to the trainer of the horse which he is engaged to drive.
- 4) A person shall not notify that a horse and or driver are on course unless the horse and or driver are on course.

***PP23. NOTIFICATION AND CHANGE OF DRIVER/CHANGE OF GEAR***

**Nomination of Driver**

At the time a horse is nominated for a race, the person nominating the horse must notify the name of the licensed driver who is expected to drive the horse.

**Notification of Change of Driver after Acceptances are Declared**

<i>Day of Meeting</i>	<i>Acceptance Time</i>	<i>Driver Change Deadline</i>
Monday	10.00am Thursday	10.00am Friday
Tuesday	10.00am Thursday	10.00am Friday
Wednesday	10.00am Monday	10.00am Tuesday
Thursday	10.00am Monday	10.00am Tuesday
Friday	10.00am Tuesday	10.00am Wednesday
Saturday	10.00am Tuesday	10.00am Wednesday
Sunday	10.00am Wednesday	10.00am Thursday

**Notification of Change of Gear after Acceptances are Declared**

<i>Day of Meeting</i>	<i>Acceptance Time</i>	<i>Gear Change Deadline</i>
Monday	10.00am Thursday	10.00am Friday
Tuesday	10.00am Thursday	10.00am Friday
Wednesday	10.00am Monday	10.00am Tuesday
Thursday	10.00am Monday	10.00am Tuesday
Friday	10.00am Tuesday	10.00am Wednesday
Saturday	10.00am Tuesday	10.00am Wednesday
Sunday	10.00am Wednesday	10.00am Thursday

**Driver Changes - Stewards Approval**

- 1) Any change to the nominated driver after the times mentioned above requires the prior approval of the Stewards.
- 2) Where approval is required for the change of a driver the Stewards may, in granting approval require a replacement driver to be of comparable ability, and impose a penalty.

- 3) If any approval is granted by the Stewards during a race meeting then the approval shall be publicly announced by the club concerned as soon as possible thereafter.

**Gear Change – Stewards Approval**

Any change to the registered gear of a horse may only be made with the approval of the Stewards.

***PP24. ATTENDANCE BY MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AT STEWARDS INQUIRIES.***

The following procedure shall apply to the attendance at Stewards inquiries by media representatives.

- 1) A maximum of only three representatives may be present at any time, and the Chairman Of Stewards shall determine which three representatives may attend.
- 2) Any media representative who seeks permission to attend a Stewards inquiry does so with the knowledge that whilst in attendance at the inquiry he or she is bound by the Rules of Harness Racing.
- 3) The rights of the Stewards as to freedom from any responsibility in any action arising out of the exercise of their powers, and indemnity shall be an implied condition whenever a media representative is in attendance at a Stewards inquiry. The Stewards accept no responsibility whatsoever for the manner in which proceedings at a Stewards inquiry may be reported by a media representative.
- 4) Permission for a media representative to attend a Stewards inquiry shall be at the sole discretion of the Chairman of Stewards.
- 5) A media representative may be denied the privilege of attending an inquiry where -
  - a) He or she is not present at the commencement of the inquiry, or
  - b) He or she leaves the inquiry before its conclusion and wishes to return at a later time, or
  - c) A person called to give evidence is opposed to the media representative being present, or
  - d) The Stewards otherwise deem it inappropriate.

***PP25. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES***

1) The connections of a horse which contracts or suffers from any contagious disease or condition specified in part (3) below shall not later than 24 hours of the horse being diagnosed as suffering from the disease or condition notify the Controlling Body in writing of that fact.

2) For the purpose of this policy the term “connections” shall include every person bound by the RWWA Rules of Harness Racing in whose care or control the horse is when it is diagnosed as suffering from a contagious disease or condition specified part (1).

3) The following diseases affecting horses must be notified in accordance with part (1) above;

African horse sickness

Borna disease

Contagious equine metritis

Dourine

Epizootic lymphangitis

Equine encephalomyelitis (Eastern and Western)

Equine encephalomyelitis (Venezuelan)

Equine encephalosis

Equine herpes-virus 1 (abortigenic and neurological strains)

Equine infectious anaemia

Equine influenza

Equine piroplasmosis (Babesiosis)

Equine viral arteritis

Getah virus

Glanders

Hendra virus

Japanese encephalitis

Potomac fever

Screw-worm fly - New World (*Cochliomyia hominivorax*)

Screw-worm fly - Old World (*Chrysomyia bezziana*)

Strangles

Surra (*Trypanosoma evansi*)

Trichinellosis  
Warble fly myiasis  
West Nile virus infection

***PP26 & 27 Deleted.***

***PP28. Deleted***

***PP29. TRANSFER OF DISQUALIFIED PERSONS OWNERSHIP IN A HORSE***

**Rule 265(1) & 266**

Transferors and transferees shall provide the following documentation before the Controlling Body will consider approving a transfer of a disqualified person/s ownership interest in a horse which is not sold in accordance with the provisions of Rule 265.

1. An application from the disqualified person (transferor) seeking permission to transfer his interest in the horse. A statutory declaration shall be included in the application stating the details of the transfer of ownership and that the transferor has no further interest in the horse.
2. If directed by the Stewards, the person/s (transferee/s) to whom the disqualified person/s interest is being transferred shall include with the Notification of Transfer of Ownership form a Statutory Declaration stating the details of the transfer of ownership and that the transferor no longer has any interest in the horse and such other evidence as may be required by the Stewards (receipts, bank statement, etc) supporting the bona fides of the transfer. (*and March 11*)

***PP30. APPROVED RACING LABORATORIES***

**Rule 191(1)**

Under the provisions of Rule 191(1), the following laboratories are approved: (*as at Apr 2015*)

- Racing Chemistry Laboratory, Chemistry Centre (WA) Perth.
- Racing Analytical Services Limited (VIC) Melbourne.
- Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (NSW) Sydney.
- Australian Sports Drug Testing Laboratory (NSW) Sydney.
- Queensland Government Racing Science Centre (QLD) Brisbane.
- The Hong Kong Jockey Club Racing Laboratory, Sha Tin, Hong Kong.
- New Zealand Racing Laboratory Services Limited (NZ) Avondale Auckland.
- Sport and Specialised Analytical Services, LGC, Fordham, Ely, Cambridgeshire, United Kingdom
- ChemCentre, Western Australia.
- National Measurement Institute (NMI), Sydney (trace element analysis).
- Institute of Biochemistry, German Sport University, Cologne, Germany

***PP31. RACE MEETING THUNDERSTORM AND LIGHTNING PROCEDURES***

**OBJECTIVE:** Thunderstorm and lightning activity is a risk that can cause severe injury or death to people and animals participating in racing. Due to the unpredictability of electrical storms the following guidelines have been developed to minimise these risks to industry participants, officials and members of the public.

**POLICY:** The RWWA Stewards have adopted the following policy and safety procedures relating to the suspension and resumption of industry related activities in the event of a thunderstorm or lightning activity occurring in the vicinity. This policy can be applied to all Racing codes in addition to barrier/public trials and track work activities across Western Australia.

***GUIDELINES***

1. Prior to the commencement of racing or training activities the Stewards/track officials are to check for any current severe weather warnings and take appropriate action as deemed necessary on the day.

2. In the event of a severe weather warning it is important (where possible) to access up to date information from the Bureau of Meteorology website. This is available at the following internet address: [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)

The following link provides a basic understanding of how to interpret the weather radar imagery: [http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/radar/about/radar\\_images\\_intro.shtml](http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/radar/about/radar_images_intro.shtml)

This website provides updated weather warnings and the radar imagery section allows for tracking storm cell trajectory. The weather radar imagery cannot be relied upon exclusively to detect thunderstorm and lightning activity. It is important to note that the weather radar reflects off rainfall and ice within, and falling from clouds. It does not indicate the presence of lightning, as lightning can be produced where no rainfall is evident.

3. The Bureau of Meteorology (Information officer) can also be contacted for updated information and advice on (08) 9263 2222. Please note that this telephone service is only available on weekdays during standard business hours.

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4. The most practical technique (which should be used in conjunction with the other methods or alone if necessary) is to apply the 30/30 “Flash to Bang” rule. The 30/30 rule relates to the duration between the flash of lightning and clap of thunder. This rule is based on the fact that light travels faster than sound, and given that sound travels at a speed of around one (1) km every three (3) seconds, the time that elapses between the flash of lightning and associated clap of thunder can be divided by three (3) to give a measure of how far away the storm is in kilometres.
5. When weather warnings are in-place and/ or storm activity is detected a designated “Weather Watcher” will be appointed by the Steward/Track official in charge to monitor storm activity, record information from the Bureau of Meteorology website and document details when applying the 30/30 rule.
6. For the purpose of this policy when the “Flash to Bang” count approaches thirty (30) seconds the storm activity has breached the ten (10) km safety zone and further action must then be taken.

## **SUSPENSION OF ACTIVITY**

1. When it has been determined that lightning and thunder is within the ten (10km) safety zone of the venue, racing activities will be suspended.
2. An oncourse announcement should be made to ensure all persons present at the racecourse seek shelter and arrangements made to secure horses/greyhounds in the stalls/kennels. Refer to the attached Race Day Emergency Announcement Script as required.
3. In the event of a race meeting being delayed as a result of the suspension of activity, the Stewards will immediately notify the TAB and Race Club Secretary/Manager of this decision. The Steward in Charge will liaise with the “Weather Watcher” and monitor the situation and keep the relevant parties informed of the developments.

## **RESUMPTION OF ACTIVITY**

1. The second part of the 30/30 rule provides the criteria for the resumption of activity. As trailing storm clouds still carry a lingering charge, activity should not resume until thirty (30) minutes after the final recorded lightning and thunder activity within the ten (10km) safety range. It is important to emphasise that “blue skies and lack of rainfall” are not adequate reasons to resume activities early and the 30/30 rule must be followed.

## **RECORD OF DECISION MAKING PROCESS**

In the event that an activity is suspended or delayed it is important to document the reasons for these decisions. The attached form should be completed outlining this process. Details around communications that occur on the day between the Stewards and key stakeholders including the race club manager, on-course medical personnel and industry participants should be recorded on the attached form.

## THUNDERSTORM OR LIGHTNING ACTIVITY REPORT

<b>Date</b>	
<b>Venue Name</b>	
<b>Racing Code</b>	
<b>Steward / Club Official in Charge</b>	
<b>Designated “Weather Watcher”</b>	

### Steward / Club Official Acknowledgement

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

## **Race Meeting Emergency Situations - PA Announcements (Script)**

In the event of an emergency situation occurring that requires information to be provided to members of the public, industry participants and other stakeholders the race caller is the best person to announce clear and concise messages via the PA system. Clear announcements help to keep crowds calm and under control so as to avoid a panic situation which can place large numbers of people at risk of serious injury or even death.

The race caller should seek to provide clear messages that describe how people should respond to an emergency situation, the safest way to leave the area (when required) and where the muster point is located which can vary depending on the emergency situation. Racecourses should have dedicated muster points which are clearly sign posted and indicated on evacuation maps that are displayed throughout the racecourse. Its also important that race club staff and volunteers are made aware of the established evacuation process and who is responsible for assuming the Chief Evacuation Warden and Area Warden roles and what actions they should take in the event of an emergency.

## Announcement for Pre-Evacuation Phase

**"Ladies and gentlemen, your attention please. A potential emergency has arisen at the racecourse and we are investigating to confirm the situation and what further actions are required. Please remain calm and**

await further instructions to be announced via the PA system or from the evacuation wardens in your area. Thank you” (Announce twice)

**Announcement for False Alarm**

“Ladies and gentlemen, your attention please. Club officials have investigated and determined that the emergency situation was a false alarm and racing can resume at the discretion of the stewards. We appreciate your patience and hope you enjoy the remaining races. Thank you” (Announce twice)

**Announcement for Evacuation (Fire, Gas Leak, Structural Collapse)**

“Ladies and gentlemen, your attention please. Club officials have investigated and have confirmed that an emergency situation exists and we require everyone to calmly evacuate to the nearest muster point. Evacuation wardens are positioned at strategic points to provide further information and direction to the nearest muster point. Please follow instructions provided to you by the evacuation team and if assistance is required please notify your nearest warden as soon as possible. Thank you” (Announce twice)

**Announcement for Inclement Weather - Thunderstorms/ Lightning**

“Ladies and gentlemen, your attention please. Due to inclement weather conditions including lightning strikes in the area we require everyone to calmly move indoors or inside vehicles as quickly as possible. The stewards have postponed racing until the storm cell passes well beyond the racecourse and we will provide further announcements as the situation develops. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and we appreciate your patience. Thank you.” (Announce twice)

**Announcement for When Evacuation is Not Required**

“Ladies and gentlemen, your attention please. Club officials have responded accordingly bringing the emergency situation under control and as a result an evacuation is not required. We appreciate your patience and apologise for any inconvenience this situation may have caused. Thank you.” (Announce twice)

**Announcing the ‘All Clear’ and Return to Racing**

“Ladies and gentlemen, your attention please. Emergency services personnel and club officials have brought the emergency situation under control and it is now safe to return to normal operations and for racing to resume. We thank you for your cooperation during the evacuation exercise and we apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.” (Announce twice)

**Announcing the ‘All Clear’ and the Abandonment of Racing**

“Ladies and gentlemen, your attention please. Emergency services personnel and club officials have brought the emergency situation under control however it has been deemed by the stewards that it is too unsafe to continue racing and the remaining race(s) will be abandoned. We apologise for this development and any inconvenience this may cause and hope you can return for our next race meeting. Thank you” (Announce twice)

**Please note** – RWWA Stewards, club officials and staff and the race caller have the discretion to change the wording of announcements to suit the specific situation on the day. Each situation may require a slightly different announcement so the race caller should not make any announcements without first consulting with the Stewards and race club manager / secretary.

***PP34. MINIMUM MOBILE STANDARDS***

For The Stewards to approve a mobile barrier for use in accordance with Rule 143 (1), in general, the mobile barrier shall conform to the following minimum standards:

- (a) be capable of drawing away from a field travelling at a speed of at least 50 kilometres per hour;
- (b) shall have approved numbered discs across the extended arms to denote the barrier position of the horses drawn on the front line;
- (c) be kept in a roadworthy condition;
- (d) provide within the extremities of the extended arms at least 1.5metres for each horse to be started from the front row;
- (e) provide a clearance of at least 1.5 metres between the ends of the extended arms and the inside line of marker pegs and outside railing; and

- (f) meet such other conditions as the Controlling Body may prescribe from time to time.

**PP35. STANDARDBRED HORSES THAT ARE BLIND IN ONE EYE**

Rule 102 (2) allows the chairman of stewards to grant permission for a horse which is blind in one eye to race subject to such conditions as the chairman sees fit.

In Western Australia horses which are blind in one eye will be permitted to race subject to the following conditions:

1. That the trainer applies in writing for permission to race; and provides certification from a veterinarian that the horse is blind in one eye AND has good vision in the other eye.
2. That the horse satisfactorily completes three trials.
3. Acknowledgement that the Stewards can withdraw permission to race in the event that the blindness is adversely affecting the horse or its performance.

**PP36 SIGNIFICANT EVENT PROCEDURES (Deleted)**

*(Deleted IAC 24 July 2018)*

**PP37. GROUP RACING AND DEFERRMENT PENALTY POLICY**

Effective from 1 June 2016 the following policy and procedure shall apply to application of penalties for driving infringements (whip offences, interference, crossing, jostling, unacceptable drives etc) issued by Stewards.

1. Stewards shall apply a higher level of base tariff for any suspensions or fines imposed in relation to infringements of the rules in relation to driving offences arising from all Group races. Accordingly such penalties shall be higher and not less than an additional 10-days to the starting tariff. (Eg. If the normal starting point for the penalty would be 21 days, the Stewards will apply a starting point of at least 31 days subject to any mitigations that then apply which will be calculated on the normal tariff that applies)

In assessing any fines, where the offending Driver has subsequently proceeded to win or be placed, the Stewards will be entitled to take into account the Driver percentages that are to apply in determining the quantum of fine.

2. In instances where the offence is deemed in the opinion of the Stewards to be egregious, excessive, flagrant, resulted in a fall (or Driver dislodged) or where the offending Driver has subsequently proceeded to win or be placed in such event, the penalty shall also attract an additional premium above that of the higher base tariff. This shall also apply where as a result of the matter concerning the offence the Driver has either directly or indirectly benefited from the event with respect to the final finishing position of the horse.
3. Any suspensions incurred in Group races shall not be deferred for a period greater than 5-days. Such limited concession is provided in the interests of connections to avoid difficulties in finding replacement drivers at short notice for race meeting in the immediate days ahead where other drivers are already engaged. Accordingly it would be expected that Driver's will fulfil their engagements (i.e within 5 days) unless there are some rare and exceptional reasons why this is not appropriate.
4. A Driver who does not have a good record at the time when any penalty is being issued arising from any race, will not be granted a deferment of the commencement of such penalty where such deferment would include a Group or other feature event.

Drivers with good records may be granted such deferment at the discretion of the Stewards, however deferments will not be granted in any circumstance where in the opinion of the Stewards the offence was egregious, excessive, flagrant (or Driver dislodged) or where as a result a fall occurred.

(For Example; If a Driver is not deemed to have a good record as per the Harness Stewards Penalty Guidelines Document and incurs a suspension on Tuesday in some regular race, then such penalty will not be deferred to include the Friday, if the same Driver is due to drive in a Group or feature event on that day.)

5. A Good record shall be one where the Driver has not been suspended within the last 6-months for any driving related offence provided that he has driven in no less than 100 race starts in that period.

***PP38. HARNESS BARRIER TRIALS***

**Minimum First Aid/Veterinary Standard for Harness Trials**

Clubs conducting trials are required to ensure that they comply with the following first aid and veterinary standards:

**First Aid:**

- St John's ambulance in attendance
- An operating telephone (mobile or landline) that is easily accessible for emergency calls and is available at all times.

**Veterinary:**

- A veterinarian to be present on course for the duration of the trials: or
- Club conducting trials to arrange for a veterinarian to be "on-call" for duration of trials.
- If "on-call" veterinarian is arranged, the Club to advise the Harness Chief Steward in writing the name of the "on-call" veterinarian, his/her mobile telephone number and estimated travel time to trial venue.
- Club representative to confirm arrangements with officiating Steward or Trial Supervisor prior to commencement of trials.

*(Adopted IAC meeting May 2006)*