



18 October 2023

OFFICIAL NOTICE

AMENDMENTS TO HARNESS RACING NEW ZEALAND REGULATIONS

SAFETY NUMBER FOR APPROVED TRACKS

On 12th October 2023, the HRNZ Special Committee considered and approved a new 1950m standing start distance for Cromwell Racecourse.

The reasons for this amendment are as follows:

- The current sprint start point (2020m) is in the chute, which precludes long handicaps and space at that point is limited.
- The proposed change will mean the standing start point will be in the front straight proper but still provides a long run to the first bend, giving all horses an opportunity to find their positions.
- The RIB was satisfied with the proposed new standing start distance.

This amendment is effective from 18th October 2023, in place for the club's upcoming meeting on 6th January 2024.

The full amended Safety Number for Approved Tracks Regulation is available on our website.

HANDICAPPING REGULATIONS, POINT 10 – JUNIOR DRIVER EVENTS

On 12th October 2023, the HRNZ Special Committee considered and approved the addition of Oamaru HRC and Tuapeka HRC to the schedule of clubs permitted to programme a race(s) in place of a full Junior Driver Rating Penalty Free race, whereby a horse winning with a Junior Driver aboard shall receive that win Rating Penalty Free if the horse has not previously won any type of Drivers' Penalty Free race this season. The Penalty Free win shall be that horse's one Penalty Free win for the season under its entitlements within these regulations. This win is only available to 4YO and older horses.

This change brings the above clubs into line with all other clubs administered by Southern Harness.

This amendment is effective immediately.

Dated this 18th day of October 2023.



Gary Woodham
Chief Executive