



28th November 2023

OFFICIAL NOTICE

AMENDMENTS TO HARNESS RACING NEW ZEALAND REGULATIONS

MINOR INFRINGEMENT REGULATIONS

At its meeting on 13th November 2023, the HRNZ Board considered and approved amendments to the Minor Infringement Regulations on recommendation from the Racing Integrity Board (RIB), effective 1st December 2023.

With the amendment to the Minor Infringement Rules being passed at the AGM allowing the detail to sit solely within the Regulations, HRNZ, in consultation with its legal advisor, the RIB and NZ Trainers & Drivers' Association, has restructured and updated these regulations.

The amended Minor Infringement Regulations are attached.

The full amended Regulations will be available on the HRNZ website by 1st December 2023.

Dated this 28th day of November 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mauro Barsi", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mauro Barsi
Chief Operating Officer

MINOR INFRINGEMENT REGULATIONS

1. NAME AND COMMENCEMENT

- 1.1 These regulations are the Minor Infringement 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 December 2023.

2. MINOR INFRINGEMENT NOTICE

- 2.1 A Stipendiary Steward may issue a Minor Infringement Notice for an alleged breach of any of the rules set out in the First Schedule
- 2.2 The form of a Minor Infringement Notice shall be in a form approved by the Racing Integrity Board.
- 2.3 The person to whom the Minor Infringement Notice is issued may by signing the Notice:
 - 2.3.1 Admit the breach.
 - 2.3.1 Accept the sanction for the breach in the First Schedule if it is their first or second sanction for a breach of that rule or regulation in the proceeding 120 days.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Rule	Description	Sanction Fine
305 (a)-(c)	Failure to report condition affecting horse's performance	\$200
305(d)	Failure to report a notifiable procedure or surgery	\$200
306	Notification as to person in charge of horse	\$50
403(2)(m)	Failure to notify pregnancy	\$100
403(2)(m)(ii)	Failure to notify service	\$100
407	Transfer of an unregistered horse	\$50
409	Failure to notify horse gelded or death	\$200
453	Unapproved advertising	\$50
502(1)	Late Trainer Notification	\$50
505(B)	Driver in colours at bet window	\$200
507A	Driver arriving late	\$100
507B	Driver Leaving the Racecourse	\$100
823(3) & Horse Movement Regulations	Horse movement greater than 7 days not notified. Horse movement greater than 12 weeks not authorised	\$200
834(2)(a)	Late Scratching – not denying a horse a start	\$200
834(2)(a)	Late Scratching - denying a horse a start	\$400
847(1)	Checking out in breach of Safety Gear Regulations	\$400
847(3)	Chin Strap not fastened in preliminary	\$100
847(3)	Chin Strap not fastened in race	\$200
848	Improper Attire	\$50
849(2)	Incorrect saddlecloth	\$100
853(1)	Failure to check in in designated area following the race	\$50
858(1)(a)	Delaying the start	\$200
858(1)(d),(k)	Out of position at start	\$100
858(1)(e)	Crossing over	\$200
858(1)(h)	Fail to come up to position	\$100
858(1)(i)	Fail to maintain position	\$100
858(1)(m)	Candy pole breach	\$100
864(2)(b)	Faulty gear	\$100
864(2)(d)	Gear incorrectly applied	\$100

864(2)(e)	Failure to activate gear – non-stake bearing place	\$100
864(2)(e)	Failure to activate gear – stake bearing place	\$200
864(3)	Failure to report gear malfunction	\$100
865(1)	Late notification of gear	\$50
865(2)	Horse presented in incorrect gear	\$100
867	Footrest breaches	\$100
869(1)	Looking around unduly during race	\$100
869(7A)(a)	Contacting track marker	\$100
869(7A)(b)	Sulky protruding inside track marker – no advantage gained	\$200
870(1) & (2)	Failure to take a breaking horse clear of the field/return to proper gait	\$200
872	Failure to report interference	\$100
1703	Horse movement notification by accountable person	\$100
Notification of Drivers Regulations	Late Driver Notification: clause 1	\$50
Starting Regulations	Clauses 7 – 27 except Clause 7.2.2	\$200
Starting Regulations	Clause 7.2.2 late on to the track in under 5 minutes (Rule 861)	\$200
Starting Regulations	Clause 7.2.2 late on to the track in under 10 minutes (Rule 861)	\$100
Sulky Fund Regulations	Clause 7 or 8 – Non-warranted sulky	\$50
Warming Up Horses Regulations	Second and third paragraphs.	\$50
Mudguards Regulations	Third and fourth paragraphs. - Mudguards not fixed and wet weather dust sheets dust sheets not affixed.	\$50