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OFFICIAL NOTICE

AMENDMENT TO DRIVERS FEE REGULATIONS

On 14th May 2024, the Special Committee of the Harness Racing New Zealand Board approved an increase to the driving fee of \$5.00, taking it from \$100.00 to \$105.00, effective from 1 August 2024. It was noted that the last increase to the driving fee took place on 1 August 2022 and costs have increased.

Accordingly, clause 4.1 of the Drivers Fee Regulations will now read as follows:

“4.1 A driver shall be paid \$105.00 for each drive in a betting race from 1 August 2024.”

REDUCTION IN MINIMUM STAKE

At its meeting on 9th May 2024, the Harness Racing New Zealand Board reviewed and approved a recommendation to reduce the minimum stake from \$7,000 to \$4,000, effective from 1 August 2024.

For the 2024/25 season, there is a 20 percent increase in the number of dates allocated to harness racing. Flexibility may be required in setting stakes. Therefore, a base stake lower than \$7,000 may be required. The current budgeted minimum club funding base for the coming season is \$6,000 per race.

Accordingly, clause 1(i) of the Handicapping Regulations will now read as follows:

- i) Where a club programmes a totalisator race it shall be programmed for an advertised stake no lower than \$4,000.*

The full amended Drivers Fee Regulation and Handicapping Regulations are available on the HRNZ website.



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