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### DISQUALIFICATIONS – TRANSFER OF HORSES

#### 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Following a series of positive swabs which led to multiple trainers being disqualified the Harness Racing NSW Board ratified a new policy pertaining to the transfer of horses from a disqualified trainer.
- 1.2 There were many precedents over many years where horses were remaining on the same property after a trainer had been disqualified as they were transferred to a relative, sibling or stable foreman. The Board have deemed this practice unacceptable.
- 1.3 In accordance with Australian Harness Racing Rule 120, any horse that is in the care of a disqualified trainer must be transferred with the approval of HRNSW.
- 1.4 A policy has been implemented to spell out the approval system for the transfer of horses.

#### 2. POLICY

- 2.1 In the instance where a trainer has been disqualified, HRNSW shall require that the following conditions be adhered to with respect to the transfer of horses:
  - a) Any horse(s) in the care of a disqualified trainer shall be transferred to a trainer who does not train from the same property.
  - b) The trainer receiving the horse(s) from a disqualified trainer shall, if required by HRNSW, provide evidence that there is no involvement from the previous trainer.
  - c) Any horse(s) transferred from a disqualified trainer shall be ineligible to race if during the term of the penalty it returns to the property from which it was originally trained, unless approval is granted by HRNSW.
  - d) If the horse(s) are in the ownership of the property owner, an exception to the above may apply, however any person currently disqualified shall not reside on that property.