

Policy: 612.2
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Subject: Sectional Times Policy
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Harness Racing Act 2009
HRNSW Board Meeting – 26 October 2011

SECTIONAL TIMES POLICY

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 This policy was proposed by the United Harness Racing Association to implement a Sectional Times Policy for the perception of racing and improve the integrity of the sport.
- 1.2 The original proposal was initially trialled for three months at Harold Park, with an extension to the policy being determined in December 2007 to include all TAB tracks.
- 1.3 This original policy was effective, 1 February 2008.
- 1.4 This version of the policy has been amended due to the closing down of Harold Park and forms part of a review of all policies and as such wordings have been streamlined.

2 POLICY

- 2.1 For ALL TAB races run at Tabcorp Park Menangle:
 - a) the sectional times policy will be enforced on a quarter by quarter basis with the maximum sectional time for any quarter being set at 32 seconds.
 - b) the time will apply to all races for Pacers, including races run over distances longer than 1609m and races restricted to 2YO pacers.
 - c) The time will not apply to races restricted to Trotters.
- 2.2 For ALL TAB races run at tracks with a circumference greater than 900 metres (Newcastle & Goulburn):
 - a) the sectional times policy will be enforced for the first half of the last mile with the maximum sectional time being 65 seconds.
 - b) the time will not apply to races restricted to 2YO pacers or Trotters.
- 2.3 For ALL TAB races run at tracks with a circumference less than 900 meters:
 - a) the sectional times policy will be enforced for the first half of the last mile with the maximum sectional time being 66 seconds.
 - b) the time will not apply to races restricted to 2YO pacers or Trotters.

3 PENALTIES FOR BREACHES

3.1 Those drivers who lead in the race shall be deemed responsible for not adhering to the policy and may be fined in line with the amounts below:

0.1 Seconds To 2.0 Seconds Outside Time Requirement	\$100
2.1 Seconds To 3.0 Seconds Outside Time Requirement	\$200
3.1 Seconds To 4.0 Seconds Outside Time Requirement	\$300
4.1 Seconds And Over	\$400

* *All penalties will increase for Drivers who breach the rule within 56 days*

3.2 The Stewards shall have the discretion to penalise a driver should he or she not adhere to the maximum sectional time requirement in circumstances whereby there is a fast lead time or any other reasonable explanation is given.