

<b>Policy:</b>	619.3
<b>Effective:</b>	1 February 2015
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<b>Reference:</b>	<i>Created due to extreme adverse weather issues following washed out race meetings in June/July 2007. Amended December 2010 following adverse weather again resulting in abandoned meetings</i>

## CANCELLED MEETING POLICY

### 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 This policy was prepared to formalise the arrangements that come into effect in the event of adverse weather or other conditions affecting the ability of a club to conduct a scheduled meeting.
- 1.2 The Racing Distribution Agreement requires HRNSW to use its best endeavours to ensure that programmed races are conducted when they are scheduled to take place. In addition the Broadcast Rights Agreement with SKY Channel requires HRNSW to ensure that races are conducted when programmed unless Acts of God (force majeure) come into play.
- 1.3 The purpose of this policy is to set out the steps that are to be followed prior to declaration that a meeting is officially cancelled bearing in mind the obligation on the industry to do its utmost to conduct its scheduled race meetings on the date that they are due to occur.
- 1.4 This policy replaces the Adverse Weather Policy – Sydney Metro Area

### 2. PROCEDURES

- 2.1 As soon as a race meeting is in any doubt and/or In the event that a meeting cannot be run due to poor weather, or any other reason, clubs should make contact with the HRNSW Stewards Department stating the reasons. Stewards must then call the Chief Operating Officer or the Manager, Racing, Product Development & Infrastructure advising the reasons why a meeting cannot be run.
- 2.2 Once it has been determined and approved that the meeting cannot be run, in the first instance the Stewards are to postpone the meeting.
- 2.3 The Chief Operating Officer and the Manager, Racing Product Development and Infrastructure in conjunction with the Club(s) will consider whether:
  - a) The meeting is to be transferred to another venue on the same day and with the same times.
  - b) The meeting is to be postponed to another day/night so long as coverage is available on SKY 1 or SKY 2.
  - c) The meeting is to be postponed to another day/night and transferred to another venue so long as coverage is available on SKY 1 or SKY 2.
- 2.4 Once a recommendation has been reached the Chief Executive Officer will be advised and will decide whether the meeting is to be rescheduled or abandoned.
- 2.5 Any decision to transfer and/or postpone a meeting must be made as soon as practically possible after the meeting is called off or is to be abandoned.

## POLICY STATEMENT

- 2.6 Once a decision has been made the Marketing Department will post a Media Release to both the HRNSW and Australian Harness Racing websites as soon as possible and will post messages via social media.
- 2.7 The Racing Office will forward a SMS to all trainers, drivers and managing owners engaged at the race meeting advising them of the changes.
- 2.8 If a race meeting is transferred to a track that does not cater for the same barrier configuration, HRNSW shall change the configuration as per the new track configuration.