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Subject: Harness Racing Notification of Tactics Policy
Reference: *Harness Racing Act 2009*
HRNSW Board Meeting – 29 May 2018

HRNSW NOTIFICATION OF TACTICS POLICY

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 This Policy was created following a notice from Harness Racing Australia (HRA) on 15 May 2018 of the deletion of Australian Harness Racing Rule (AHRR) 44 relating to Tactics.
- 1.2 Rule 44 of the Australian Harness Racing Rules previously stated:
- Tactics
44. (1) A driver or 1 or more of the connections of a horse intending to adopt during a race tactics contrary to the horse's usual racing pattern shall, as soon as practicable, so notify the Stewards.
- (2) The Stewards may approve or disapprove the change of tactics.
- (3) In the event of the Stewards approving a change of tactics, then in the absence of unforeseen circumstances, the horse shall be driven in accordance with the approved change.
- (4) A person who fails to comply with sub rules (1) or (3) or changes tactics without approval given under sub rule (2) is guilty of an offence.
- (5) For the purposes of determining the usual racing pattern of a horse, the Stewards shall take into account the manner in which the horse has been driven at its most recent starts.

2. TRAINERS POLICY

- 2.1 This Policy will apply to all races including non-tab events
- 2.2 A Trainer with multiple runners in an individual race, must advise Stewards no later than forty-five (45) minutes prior to the advertised starting time for that race of the intended tactics for each individual horse
- 2.3 If a Trainer is unable to attend and the horse is left in the care of another licenced person, that person holds the responsibility as set out in section (2.2)

POLICY STATEMENT

- 2.4 A Trainer with a horse engaged and that horse being in the same ownership of another horse in the event, may be directed to advise Stewards no later than forty-five (45) minutes prior to the advertised starting time for that race of the intended tactics
- 2.5 A person who fails to comply with section (2.2) or (2.3), or fails to adhere to a direction given under section (2.4) is guilty of an offence