

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) - FACE MASKS

JANUARY 29 2021

Effective 29 January 2021, all licensed persons and essential staff will only be required to wear a face mask when it may not be possible for social distancing to be achieved.

In the following conditions, face masks remain compulsory and all persons **MUST** wear a face mask.

- During Sample collection (Pre and Post Race);
- When attending a Steward's room;
- When attending a Driver's change room/bathroom;
- At any other time as directed by HRNSW Stewards or Integrity Staff.

Any participant with a medical condition or a physical disability which may restrict the ability to wear a mask must wear a scarf or similar face covering. An exemption letter from a medical practitioner must be provided to HRNSW in support of this position.

It will be the responsibility of the individual to bring their own mask to a race meeting. Failure to present with a mask under the compulsory conditions may result in Stewards taking action against the individual pursuant to Australian Harness Racing Rule (AHRR) 238.

AHRR 238 – A person shall not fail to comply with any order, direction or requirement of the Controlling Body or the Stewards relating to harness racing or to the harness racing industry.

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