

## IMPROPER DRIVING

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HRNSW Stewards advise that the practice of forcefully and severely applying pressure to the reins separately, in an endeavour to return a horse to its correct gait, or for any other purpose, is not considered an acceptable practice from a horse welfare perspective and where sufficient evidence is present this may constitute improper driving in accordance with the Australian Harness Racing Rules (AHRR) 168(1)(e) which states:

**AHRR 168 (1)** A person shall not before, during or after a race drive in a manner which is in the opinion of the Stewards:-

**(e)** improper.

Breaches of AHRR 168(1)(e) may result in significant penalties being imposed in accordance with the HRNSW Penalty Guidelines.

For further information on this matter contact:  
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