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HORSE ARRIVAL TIME POLICY

1. BACKGROUND

1.1. This policy sets the guidelines for Trainers as to the requirements and outcomes for Trainers who do not present horses at a Racecourse or the HRNSW Retention Facility by the approved time or other time directed by the Controlling Body or HRNSW Stewards.

2. AUSTRALIAN HARNESS RACING RULES (AHRR)

AHRR41. (1) A horse entered to race at a meeting shall be within the stabling area of the race course at which the meeting is to be conducted 60 minutes before the scheduled start time of the race or such other time as determined by the Controlling Body.

(2) Once present in accordance with sub-rule (1), a horse shall remain within the stabling area until it has completed its racing engagement unless otherwise approved by the Stewards.

(3) For the purposes of sub-rule (2), “stabling area” means that section of the racecourse at which the meeting is to be conducted used to stable horses entered to race at the meeting.

AHRR 42. (1) If a horse is not at the racecourse by the appointed time mentioned in or determined under rule 41, the owner or trainer shall notify the club or other body conducting the meeting of that fact and the club or other body shall inform the Stewards.

(2) A horse not at the racecourse by the appointed time mentioned in or determined under rule 41 may be withdrawn by the Stewards.

(3) An owner or trainer who fails to comply with sub rule (1) or an official or representative of a club or other body who has been notified by an owner or trainer and fails to inform the Stewards or fails to ensure they are informed, is guilty of an offence.

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.

3. ARRIVAL TIME TABLE

Race Meeting	Arrival Time
All Race Meetings	No less than 1 Hour (60 Minutes)

POLICY STATEMENT

- 3.1. Horses not presented in accordance with the Arrival Time Table (3) will be provided a fifteen (15) minute extension period.
- 3.2. Horses not presented following a fifteen (15) minute extension period as proscribed in (3.1) shall be withdrawn by Stewards for late arrival regardless of the circumstances of the late arrival.
- 3.3. Trainers who do not present horses as specified in the Arrival Time Table (3) or is subject to sections 3.1 or 3.2 will be subject to penalties for non-compliance.

4. GROUP 1 AND RACES WITH PRIZEMONEY OF \$100,000 OR MORE ARRIVAL TIME TABLE

Race Type	Arrival Time
Group 1 and races with prizemoney of \$100,000 or more	No less than 2 Hours (120 Minutes)

- 4.1. Notwithstanding the Arrival Time Table (3), all horses in Group 1 events and races with prizemoney of \$100,000 or more are required to be within the stabling area of the racecourse at which the meeting is to be conducted two (2) hours before the scheduled start time of the race.
- 4.2. Horses not presented in accordance with the Group 1 and races with prizemoney of \$100,000 or more Arrival Time Table (4) shall be withdrawn by Stewards for late arrival regardless of the circumstances of the late arrival.
- 4.3. Trainers who do not present horses as specified in the Group 1 and races with prizemoney of \$100,000 or more Arrival Time Table will be subject to penalties for non-compliance.

5. ELEVATED TCO2 LEVEL TABLE

Race Meeting	Arrival Time
Metropolitan	10:00am on the date of the race but no less than 4 hours (240 Minutes) *
Provincial / Country	No less than 4 Hours (240 Minutes)

*For clarity purposes, any race scheduled prior to 2:00pm, the horse entered to race at that meeting shall be within the stabling area of the racecourse 4 hours before the scheduled start time of the race.

- 5.1. Horses subject to the HRNSW Elevated TCO2 Levels Notice are required to adhere to the directions placed upon that horse and for the period of time specified in the notice.
- 5.2. Horses not presented in accordance with the Elevated TCO2 Level Table (5) shall be withdrawn by Stewards for late arrival regardless of the circumstances of the late arrival.

5.3. Trainers who do not present horses as specified will be subject to penalties for non-compliance.

6. RETENTION FACILITY

6.1. Horse selected to enter the HRNSW Retention Facility must be presented within the stabling area of the Retention Facility no later than the specific time determined by the Controlling Body and/or Stewards.

6.2. Horses not presented in accordance with the conditions placed by the Controlling Body and/or Stewards shall be withdrawn by Stewards for late arrival regardless of the circumstances of the late arrival.

6.3. Trainers who do not present horses as specified will be subject to penalties for non-compliance.

7. PENALTIES

7.1. In conjunction with the HRNSW Penalty Guidelines, the following penalties for non-compliance will apply.

Race Meeting / Type	Penalty – No less than
Metropolitan (within 15 minute extension time)	Reprimand
Metropolitan (outside 15 Minute Extension)	\$300, Horse withdrawn
Country / Provincial (within 15 minute extension time)	Reprimand
Country / Provincial (outside 15 minute extension time)	\$200, Horse withdrawn
Group 1 and races with prizemoney of \$100,000 or more	No less than \$500 , Horse withdrawn
Elevated TCO2	No less than \$500, Horse withdrawn
Retention Facility	No less than \$1000, Horse withdrawn

Note: Stewards may increase penalties where the licensed person has repeated offences. Where mitigating factors exist Stewards may increase or moderate a penalty accordingly.