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Harness Racing Act 2009

RACE DAY AMBULANCE POLICY

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In accordance with Rule 46(1), all registered Harness Racing Clubs in New South Wales, shall have in attendance 2 trained ambulance officers and a suitable properly equipped vehicle.

Australian Harness Racing Rule 46 (1) reads;

Subject to sub-rule (2) a club conducting a meeting shall have in attendance 2 trained ambulance officers properly equipped and an ambulance or some other suitable vehicle.

2. POLICY

- 2.1 The ambulance and 2 ambulance officers shall arrive at the course no later than **30 minutes** prior to the advertised starting time of the first race.
- 2.2 The ambulance officers shall upon arrival on course report to either the Stewards or a DESIGNATED Club Official.
- 2.3 The Steward or Club Official shall take the ambulance attendances through the “Ambulance Race Meeting Procedures”.
- 2.4 Where possible the ambulance shall be park on the inside of the track, in a position that removes them far enough away from any inherent dangers i.e. loose horse
- 2.5 If the vehicle cannot be parked inside the track for any reason it must be stationed outside the track near a gate that will allow quick and easy access to the track area.
- 2.6 If the vehicle is stationed on the outside of the track, a person must be available to assist with opening and closing the gate immediately it is required.

3. RACE MEETING PROCEDURES

- 3.1 The ambulance officers shall upon arriving no later than 30 minutes prior to the advertised starting time of the first race, report to either the Stewards or a Club Official.
- 3.2 The Steward or Club Official shall consult with the ambulance officers about the “Ambulance Race Meeting Procedures” checklist. (attached)

POLICY STATEMENT

- 3.3 The Steward or Club Official shall advise of the location in which to station the vehicle for the race meeting, however, in the first instance where possible the ambulance may be stationed on the inside of the track, however if this is not possible it shall be stationed on the outside of the track with quick and easy access to the track area.
- 3.4 Hand the ambulance officers a two-way radio that has direct contact between the Stewards and ambulance attendants. It may also be advisable to seek a mobile telephone number of one of the officers.
- 3.5 To ensure that the ambulance officers are given either a race book or a sheet which states the starting times and distances of each race.
- 3.6 Advise the ambulance officers of any trials that may be taking place on the track during the meeting.
- 3.7 Given that not every track is the same, the Steward or Designated Club Official must ensure that they give clear instructions to the ambulance officers about the start positions, number of laps and any specific circumstances that relate to that venue.

Ambulance Race Meeting Procedures Checklist

- a) The ambulance and 2 trained ambulance officers are in attendance and have reported to Stewards or a designated Club Official _____
- b) The ambulance officers are given clear direction as to where to station the vehicle _____
- c) Advise the Ambulance officers the starting points, and track individual circumstances _____
- d) Hand the ambulance officers a race book or sheet stating the starting times and distances of each race _____
- e) Advise of any trails to be run during the meeting _____
- f) Give the ambulance officers a two-way radio on the correct channel _____
- g) Advise the Ambulance Officers that they are required to be with the vehicle at least 5 minutes prior to the running of each race, and remain until the horses have left the track. _____
- h) Advise the Ambulance Officers that in the first instance it would be preferred that the vehicle remain on the inside of the track when attending to an incident on the track. _____
- i) Advise the Ambulance Officers to communicate with the Stewards regarding the initial assessment of a fallen driver(s) to enable the Stewards to consider the status of the race. _____
- j) Receive from the ambulance officers the two-way radio at the end of the meeting _____

Club Official/ Steward:

Signature:

Ambulance Official:

Signature:

Date: