

HORSE NOMINATIONS (STABLE RETURNS) – UPDATE

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By notice to the Harness Racing Industry on 27 March 2019 and 24 April 2019, TRAINERS were reminded that unless a horse has been trained by a licensed trainer for a period of not less than 28 days immediately prior to nomination for a race (including an official trial) the horse shall be considered ineligible.

Australian Harness Racing Rule (AHRR) 119B states the following:

AHRR 119B. Unless the Stewards otherwise approve, a horse shall not be eligible to be nominated for a race unless the horse has been trained by a licensed trainer for not less than 28 days immediately prior to the date fixed for nomination.

Trainers are reminded of their obligation to lodge a stable return within 48 hours of any horse entering or leaving their stable.

NSWLR25 (1) The trainer of a horse must within 48 hours of its entering or leaving his stable lodge a stable return containing such information as is required by the Controlling Body; provided that if such horse has been or is to be nominated for a race such stable return must be lodged immediately.

(2) The Stewards may penalise any person who fails to lodge such stable return and/or amendments thereto including gear changes, movement of horses and other information as require and entry of such horse for any race may be rejected or cancelled.

(3) All stable returns so lodged are subject to the approval of the Controlling Body who may at any time require the trainer to satisfy them that all of the information so contained is true and correct.

Following further review, HRNSW Stewards will permit, effective immediately, a horse to be nominated for an official trial following 14 clear days from the date upon which the horse entered a trainer's stable as evidenced by a Stable Return.

Failure to lodge a stable return for a horse within the prescribed timeframe or at least 28 days prior to a horse being nominated to race, will result in the horse being deemed ineligible.

Trainers are further reminded that the lodgement of a Stable Return must also be completed for horses that are not yet named.

Harness Racing NSW (HRNSW) is the controlling body for harness racing in New South Wales with responsibility for commercial and regulatory management of the industry including 33 racing clubs across the State. HRNSW is headed by an industry-appointed Board of Directors and is independent of Government.

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