



## **NOTICE TO INDUSTRY**

### **ARRIVAL TIME POLICY - ELEVATED TCO2 LEVELS:**

Effective 1 September 2014, HRNSW introduced a policy for horses that are presented to race with an Elevated TCO2 level in plasma greater than 35 mmol/Litre.

The Trainer of any horse which records an elevated TCO2 level (above 35 mmol/L) will be required to present that horse on course at an earlier time than otherwise required. The time will vary depending on the status of the meetings.

The policy was updated on 28 October 2015, to further strengthen the presentation of horses on a level playing field and in accordance with the Rules.

Trainers are reminded to ensure that they review their husbandry practices to ensure that they do not present horses in breach of the Rules. In particular trainers should be cognisant of any additional alkalinising supplements they may be rendering to their horse in the lead up to a race. Particular Rules of consideration are:

Rules 193 (1), (3) (4) which reads:

*193. (1) A person shall not attempt to stomach tube or stomach tube a horse nominated for a race or event within 48 hours of the commencement of the race or event.*

*(2) A person shall not attempt to use or use an atomiser, face mask or other device for the administration of a prohibited substance to a horse nominated for a race or event within 48 hours of the commencement of the race or event.*

*(3) A person shall not administer or allow or cause to be administered any medication to a horse on race day prior to such horse running in a race.*

*(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-rule (3), a person, with the permission of the Stewards may administer or allow or cause to be administered any medication to a horse on race day prior to such horse running in a race.*

Trainers are further reminded that there can be no administration of any medications or substances on the race day prior to the horse running in the race. This includes any injections, stomach tube, oral syringe, topical application, inhalation or other means including anything placed into the horse other than normal feeding and drinking.

### **Policy**

The Trainer of a horse/s which has recorded a TCO2 level greater than 35 mmol/L is to present that horse/s on course earlier than what otherwise may be required, at all meetings for a period of not less than 6 race starts.

Where a blood sample collected from a horse has been subsequently analysed and reported to have a plasma total carbon dioxide (TCO<sub>2</sub>) level at greater than 35mmol/L in plasma – the following conditions shall apply;

1. For the period of 6 race starts following the results of analysis the Trainer of that horse/s shall present it on course in accordance with the following schedule;
  - (a) At 10.00am on the date on which the Metropolitan race meeting is being conducted at Tabcorp Park Menangle.
  - (b) No less than 4 hours prior to the scheduled start time in which the horse is entered at all other meetings.
2. Should a Trainer fail to present his horse by the required times the horse shall be withdrawn from the race in which it was scheduled to participate and the Trainer may be subject to penalty.
3. Should the horse be transferred to another Trainer within the period of 6 race starts the new Trainer, upon application to HRNSW, may have the embargo lifted, however HRNSW reserves the right to refuse to lift this requirement.
4. HRNSW will publish a list on its website of all horses required to be presented under this policy including the name of the Trainer.
5. HRNSW may at its discretion determine that a Trainer whom has been listed on the elevated TCO<sub>2</sub>, will have their horses subject to a period of time in the HRNSW Retention Facility prior to their horses competing at a race meeting, no matter where the trainer is normally located or the race meeting is being conducted.
6. HRNSW will consider the elevated level recorded by the horse, and will compare such level with those previously recorded or controlled samples taken, and should it be determined that there is significant variance the horse and or Trainer maybe stood down from racing pending the outcome an inquiry.

If you require any further information please contact the HRNSW Integrity Department on (02) 9722 6600

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