



27 October 2026

OFFICIAL NOTICE

AMENDMENT TO HARNESS RACING NEW ZEALAND REGULATIONS - AUTHORISED PERSON REGULATION

On 27 October 2026, the HRNZ Board considered and approved the introduction of the Authorised Person Regulation, effective 1 November 2026.

By way of background, at the Annual General Meeting held on 10 October 2026 an amendment was passed to the definition of Authorised Person in Rule 101(5), effective 1 November 2026, to state:

AUTHORISED PERSON means a person in the Authorised Persons Regulations.

As a result, HRNZ is required to introduce an Authorised Person Regulation, effective from 1 November 2026. The Authorised Person Regulation has been made in consultation with HRNZ's Legal Advisor and the Racing Integrity Board and is **attached**.

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Matthew Peden
Head of Racing & Wagering

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Anna Flynn
Interim Commercial Director

AUTHORISED PERSON REGULATION

PART 1 PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

1. NAME AND COMMENCEMENT

- 1.1 These regulations are the Authorised Person Regulations made by the Board under rule 105(1) of the New Zealand Rules of Harness Racing and clause 31.1 of the Constitution of Harness Racing New Zealand Incorporated.
- 1.2 These regulations come into force on 1 November 2026.

PART 2 AUTHORISED PERSONS

2. BLOOD SAMPLES

- 2.1 The following persons may take a blood sample from a participant:
 - (a) A person who as part of their occupation routinely takes blood samples from a person for medical purposes.
 - (b) Any other suitably qualified person approved by a stipendiary steward or racing investigator.

3. URINE, HAIR, SALIVA, AND PERSPIRATION SAMPLES

- 3.1 The following persons may take a urine, hair, saliva, or perspiration sample from a participant:
 - (a) A person engaged or employed by a site referred to in the International Accreditation New Zealand (IANZ) Schedule to Certification of Accreditation for The Drug Detection Agency who as part of their occupation routinely takes a urine, hair, saliva, or perspiration sample from persons.
 - (b) Any other suitably qualified person approved by a stipendiary steward or racing investigator.

4. BREATH SAMPLES

- 4.1 A stipendiary steward, racing investigator, or other suitably qualified person approved by a stipendiary steward or racing investigator may take or require a participant to provide a breath sample.