



30 June 2021

Official Notice

AMENDMENTS TO THE NEW ZEALAND RULES OF HARNESS RACING

- COMMENCEMENT OF RACING INTEGRITY BOARD

Under section 103A of the New Zealand Rules of Harness Racing (the “Rules”), the following Rules were amended by the Board of Harness Racing New Zealand Incorporated on 30 June 2021 and come into force on 1 July 2021.

A copy of the Rules is available on the HRNZ website.

1. Rule 105(1) was amended by deleting the definition of Judicial Control Authority and inserting a new definition for the Racing Integrity Board that states:

RACING INTEGRITY BOARD means the Racing Integrity Board established under the Racing Industry Act 2020.

2. Rule 228A was amended by replacing the words “The Operations Manager of Racing Integrity Unit Ltd” with “The Chief Executive of the Racing Integrity Board”.
3. Rule 1001(1)(v)(ii) was amended to state:

at any time writes or causes to be written, publishes or causes to be published, or utters or causes to be uttered, any insulting or abusive words with reference to a Judicial Committee, Adjudicative Committee, Appeals Tribunal, an official of HRNZ, the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Board, a paid official, or any person engaged by a Club or by HRNZ in a professional capacity and/or as an independent contractor; or

4. Rule 1004M(6) was amended to state:

The Chief Executive may delegate his power under sub-rule (5) to the Chief Executive of the Racing Integrity Board.

5. Rule 1004O(3)(b) was amended to state:

the defendant does not at least 5 clear days before the hearing give notice in writing to the Chief Executive of the Racing Integrity Board requiring the person who made the analysis to be called as a witness at the hearing.

6. Rule 1108(2) was amended to state:

Other than during a race meeting, an information which alleges a breach of the rules may only be filed by a Stipendiary Steward or Racing Investigator following permission to do so having been obtained from the Racing Integrity Board's Chief Executive or Chairperson or in the Chief Executive's or Chairpersons' absence his or her nominee.

7. Rule 1205(5)(c) was amended to state:

HRNZ, the Racing Integrity Board, and the Appeals Tribunal-

8. The definition of Appeals Tribunal in rule 1201 was amended to state:

Appeals Tribunal means an Appeals Tribunal appointed under the Racing Industry Act 2020;

9. In clause 3.1 of the Fifth Schedule the definition of Judicial Committee was deleted and a definition for Adjudicative Committee was inserted that states:

Adjudicative Committee means an Adjudicative Committee appointed under the Racing Industry Act 2020.

10. In clause 3.1 of the Fifth Schedule the definition of Registrar was amended to state:

Registrar means:

- (a) In the context of an Adjudicative Committee the person appointed by the Racing Integrity Board to be the Registrar of the Adjudicative Committee, not being a race day Adjudicative Committee;
- (b) In the context of an Appeals Tribunal such person or persons appointed by the Racing Integrity Board to be the Registrar of the Appeals Tribunal.

11. Clause 11.2 of the Fifth Schedule was amended to state:

An information or any document for a hearing held other than on a race day may be filed by delivering or sending it to the Registrar of Adjudicative Committees:

- (a) at Private Bag 17902, Greenlane, Auckland.
- (b) by email to adjudication@racingintegrityboard.org.nz.

12. The words “facsimile” was deleted from clause 11.3 in the Fifth Schedule.
13. Clause 29.1(d) in the Fifth Schedule was deleted.
14. Clause 30.2(a) in the Fifth Schedule was amended to state:

be notified to the parties, HRNZ, and the Racing Integrity Board.
15. Clause 37.1(b) in the Fifth Schedule was amended to state:

every respondent and HRNZ; and
16. Clause 52.1(d) in the Fifth Schedule was deleted.
17. Clause 30.2(a) in the Fifth Schedule was amended to state:

notified to the parties to the appeal, HRNZ, and the Racing Integrity Board;
18. The Rules were amended by replacing the words “Racing Integrity Unit”, “Racing Integrity Board Ltd”, and “RIU” with “Racing Integrity Board” wherever they appear in the Rules.
19. The Rules were amended by replacing the words “Judicial Control Authority” with “Racing Integrity Board” wherever they appear in the Rules.
20. The Rules were amended by replacing the words “Judicial Committee” with “Adjudicative Committee” wherever they appear in the Rules including when expressed in its plural or possessive form.
21. Where the words “Judicial Committee” is prefaced by “a”, “a” was replaced with “an”.
22. The rules in the Appendix that retained the former rules in force before the period the Racing Integrity Unit provided integrity services to HRNZ, and that directed those former rules would come back into force on the termination of the integrity services agreement or if for any reason the Racing Integrity Unit was unable to provided integrity services to HRNZ, were deleted.

AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS OF HARNESS RACING NEW ZEALAND INC

On 30 June 2021, the Board of Harness Racing New Zealand Inc approved the following amendments to the Harness Racing New Zealand Inc Regulations (the “Regulations”), effective 1 July 2021:

1. Under the Breaking Horses, Centralised Payment Scheme and Drivers Fee Regulations, the words “Judicial Committee” were replaced with the words “Adjudicative Committee” wherever they appear.

2. Under the Centralised Payment Scheme and Drivers Fee Regulations, the words “Racing Act 2003” were replaced with the words “Racing Industry Act 2020” wherever they appear.
3. In the Stopped Races Directive, the words “Racing Integrity Unit” were replaced with the words “Racing Integrity Board”. The words “NZRB Race Day Control” were replaced with “TAB NZ Race Day Control”.
4. In the Sulky Fund Regulations, reference to “The Sulky Shop Ltd” was amended to “The Sulky Shop”.

Dated at Christchurch this 30th day of June 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Woodham', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Gary Woodham
Chief Executive

Harness Racing New Zealand Incorporated