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To: The Secretary all Totalisator Clubs and Kindred Bodies

From: Edward Rennell, Chief Executive

Subject: **OFFICIAL NOTICE – REGULATION CHANGES**

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- Race Starting Procedures
- Safety Number for Approved Tracks

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STANDING DOWN OF BREAKING HORSES

The following are guidelines which the Stipendiary Stewards may adopt in applying the requirements of Rule 213 of the Rules of Harness Racing.

1. ~~Horses-Pacers~~ that break free of interference at the start will receive a warning to improve their barrier manners if they do so in two consecutive races they compete in. If a ~~horse~~ pacer breaks free of interference at the start in another race it competes in whilst the warning remains in force, that horse may be declared unruly or stood down in accordance with Rules 860(6) and 213(1)(e).
2. ~~Horses-Pacers~~ that break free of interference at the start and interfere with another horse, will receive a warning to improve their barrier manners. For a second occasion whilst that warning is in force a ~~horse~~ pacer breaks free of interference at the start, that ~~horse~~ pacer may be declared unruly or stood down in accordance with Rules 860 (6) or 213(1)(e).
3. ~~Horses-Pacers~~ that break free of interference at the start regularly, or whose barrier manners are so clearly unsatisfactory in the opinion of the Stipendiary Stewards without coming under the criteria of clauses 1 and 2 above, may be declared unruly in accordance with Rule 860(6), or stood down in accordance with Rule 213(1)(e).
4. For the purposes of clauses 1 and 2 of the regulation, any warning given shall remain in force for the next three races that the horse starts in and any horse declared unruly shall remain so for at least the next three races that the horse starts in.
5. During the running of a race any ~~horse~~ pacer that is deemed by the Stipendiary Stewards to break free of interference may receive a warning to improve its racing manners.
6. Any ~~horse~~ pacer that breaks free of interference during the running of a race whilst a warning is in force in accordance with clause 5 of these regulations and any horse that breaks free of interference during the running of a race and either falls or interferes with any other horse, may be stood down for a period of not less than 14 days in accordance with Rule 213(1)(e) and be required to trial satisfactorily on at least one occasion.
7. For the purpose of clauses 5 and 6 of these regulations, any warning given shall remain in force for the next three races that the horse starts in.
8. Notwithstanding clauses 6 and 7 of these regulations, ~~horses~~ pacers that break free of interference during the running may be stood down or be declared unruly if in the opinion of the Stipendiary Stewards the horse's racing manners were so clearly unsatisfactory that such action was warranted in accordance with Rules 213(1)(e) or 860(6).
- ~~8.9.~~ Any trotter that breaks free of interference during the running of a race and either falls or interferes with any other horse, and the racing manners of the trotter are of concern to the safety of other horses and/or drivers, may be stood down for a period of not less than 14 days in accordance with Rule 213(1)(e) and be required to trial satisfactorily on at least one occasion.
- ~~9.10.~~ The Stipendiary Stewards may ~~use their discretion in applying the foregoing regulations in regard to trotters. They may~~ also make orders distinguishing between mobile and standing starts and dual gaited horses.
- ~~10.11.~~ In a mobile start race, any horse which causes a false start and is unable to remain in its allotted barrier position shall be placed on the outside unruly position.

RACE STARTING PROCEDURES

Delete number 11 which states:

"In the event of a false start, caused by interference in the run up, where the offending horse has drawn on the front line, it will be placed on the extreme outside to ensure that it is clear of all second line horses."

Reason : covered by Clause 11 of the Standing Down of Breaking Horses Regulation.

SAFETY NUMBER FOR APPROVED TRACKS

That the Safety Limit for mile at Cambridge Raceway be extended from 12 to 13.