

OFFICIAL NOTICE

AMENDMENT TO DRIVING FEES AND TRAINERS FEES – WINNING PERCENTAGE REGULATIONS

At its meetings on 20 April and 2 June 2016, the Board of Harness Racing New Zealand approved the following amendments to the Driving Fees Regulations and Trainers Fees – Winning Percentage Regulations, effective 1 August 2016.

These amendments provide:

- (a) A \$5.00 increase in the losing driving fee, from \$75.00 to \$80.00 plus GST; and
- (b) That trainers and drivers' winning fees percentages are calculated on stakes won of \$250 or more by horses placed in the first five.

The amended Regulations now read as follows (with changes marked):

DRIVING FEES

The following is the scale of driving fees approved by the Board, payable from 1 August 2016 ~~1 August 2014~~.

Race Meetings

- From 1 August 2016 ~~1 August 2014~~, \$80 ~~\$75~~, plus 5% of any stake of \$250 or more ~~over \$200~~ won by horses placed in the first five.
- In situations where horses are scratched after the Right of Re-entry time, the driving fee shall be paid to the confirmed driver unless the horse concerned is accepted and races in another race at the meeting.

Trials

- \$10, plus 5% of any stake of \$250 or more ~~over \$200~~ won by horses placed in the first five.

(Note: GST will be added to all driving fees earned by GST registered drivers.)

From 1 March 2004, for all Clubs that participate in Harness Racing New Zealand's stakes payment system, such payment will be made by direct credit to the licenceholder's nominated bank account.

TRAINERS FEES - WINNING PERCENTAGE

The following are the Training Fees Regulations approved by the Board pursuant to Rule 511 to apply from ~~1 August 2008~~ 1 August 2016.

- (i) The provisions of these Regulations shall apply where the stake payable to any horse placed in the first five of any race is \$250.00 or more ~~exceeds \$200.00~~ (exclusive of trophies, prizes and the value of any awards or rights).
- (ii) Every owner and every trainer shall prior to the race meeting commencing notify in writing to Harness Racing New Zealand or the Secretary of the Club their registered GST number.
- (iii) The trainer's fee shall be calculated at 10% of the gross stake to be credited to the horse trained by the trainer, plus any GST applicable where the trainer has given notification pursuant to clause (ii) hereof, or shall be deemed to be GST inclusive where the trainer has failed to give notification pursuant to clause 2 hereof, and shall not include GST where the trainer is not GST registered.
- (iv) The trainer's fee shall be deducted by the Club from the stake otherwise payable to the owner of the stake winning horse and shall be paid by the Club on behalf of the owner to the trainer of the said horse.
- (v) Subject to the provisions of the Rules of Harness Racing including the Rules relating to payment of stakes, the Club shall pay such trainer's fees at the time of payment of the stakes.
- (vi) The trainer's fee shall be paid unless the Club is advised in writing prior to the race meeting commencing by the trainer involved that the trainer's fee is not to apply for the specific horse concerned.
- (vii) In the event of a payment being made by a Club to a person who is not entitled to it, such person shall immediately return the amount of that payment to the Club concerned. Any failure to do so is declared to be a serious racing offence.
- (viii) From 1 March 2004, for all Clubs that participate in Harness Racing New Zealand's stakes payment system, such payment will be made by direct credit to the licence holder's nominated bank account.



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