



Industry notice

9 July 2018

Change of tactics rule repealed

Racing Queensland (RQ) in consultation with Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC), Harness Racing Australia and Harness associative bodies, will adopt the amendment to repeal the Australian Harness Rule of Racing (AHRR) 44 effective 10 July 2018.

Following the deletion of AHRR 44, harness trainers will no longer be required to notify a change of tactics.

The QRIC stewarding position in relation to change of tactics is consistent with the approach being taken in other harness jurisdictions.

Notwithstanding the above, QRIC Stewards advise that drivers who drive in a manner which may be considered unreasonable or unacceptable as per AHRR 149(1) or (2) will be questioned, as drivers are required to ensure that their horses are provided full opportunity to win or finish in the best possible placing.

While AHRR44 has been repealed it will remain a requirement that all trainers with more than one runner in any race must notify Stewards of the intended driving tactics of each runner no later than 60 minutes prior to the advertised starting time for that race.

Should a trainer not be present at a race meeting then it is the responsibility of the licensed person in charge to notify Stewards of the intended driving tactics of the multiple runners in their charge.

Licensed persons who fail to comply with the requirement to notify their multiple runner tactics may be penalised pursuant to AHRR 238 - *A person shall not fail to comply with any order, direction or requirement of the Controlling Body or the Stewards relating to harness racing or the harness racing industry.*

This change is effective 10 July 2018.

ENDS.

If you have any information about serious misconduct in racing, contact Crime Stoppers on their toll free number 1800 333 000 or e-mail reportsomething@qric.qld.gov.au

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