

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - HARNESS RACING PARTICIPANTS

SECTIONAL TIMES POLICY (RULE 162 (1)(Y))

After discussions with the Harness Advisory Group, the Office of Racing Integrity has amended its policy relating to sectional times for races with a 3 year old front.

This rule states "A driver shall not fail to adhere to minimum time standards for sections of a race"

The policy now reads as follows and this change is effective from 10 September 2015.

The policy states:

- 1 Any driver of a horse leading in a race who fails to adhere to a minimum time standard of 65 seconds (LPC and TPC) and 66 seconds (DHRC Showgrounds) for the first half of the last mile of a race is guilty of an offence.

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- 2 Stewards may refrain from taking action against a driver guilty of an offence if they are of the opinion there are circumstances justifying the reasons for the breach. These circumstances may include but are not be limited to:

- (a) a lead time significantly faster than the average lead time in a race.
- (b) Inclement weather, where the use of mud guards/splash sheets have been ordered.
- (c) There has been a malfunction resulting in the indicator board not displaying the 1st quarter time.

- 3 Exceptions to this policy include all 2 year old races and those races with a 3 year old front conducted prior to 1 December each season. **In the event that no three year olds start in a race programmed with a three year old front then normal sectional time requirements will apply.**

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- 4 In the case of restricted penalty races a one second allowance will be made to increase the standard sectional time to 66 seconds (LPC and TPC) and 67 seconds (DHRC Showgrounds).
- 5 In the case of races run over a distance greater than 2400 metres, a one second allowance be made to increase the standard sectional time to 66 seconds (LPC and TPC) and 67 seconds (DHRC Showgrounds).
- 6 In circumstances where the lead position changes during the first half of the last mile, no driver will be in breach of the rule.
- 7 The onus is on the driver of the leader to adhere to the sectional time requirements.

Penalties will apply as follows;

- 1st offence – fine \$100
- 2nd offence – fine \$200
- 3rd offence – fine \$300
- 4th offence – Suspension of licence

A driver will be subject to an increase in penalty if he/she re-offends within a period of three (3) months.

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