

## HARNESS INDUSTRY NOTICE WHIP RULE AMENDMENTS

Notices explaining the new whip rule will be placed on the notice boards at all tracks in the weeks leading up to the implementation of the rule on the 1 May 2016. Please see Stewards if you have any questions regarding the new rule.

***Participants are advised that new rules relating to whip use come into effect on 1 May 2016. To assist drivers understand the new rule Harness Racing Australia has released a video.***

***To see the new rule and the video go to the link below.***

[http://www.harness.org.au/news-article.cfm?news\\_id=29141](http://www.harness.org.au/news-article.cfm?news_id=29141)

The whip rule video produced by HRA will also be played on-course at upcoming race meetings in the lead up to the May 1<sup>st</sup> introduction of the rule.

Following consultation with the Harness Advisory Group, participants are advised that it will be a requirement for all drivers competing in trials from 1 April 2016 onwards **not to cross their reins and use the whip in a free hand** at any stage of a trial to assist in transitioning to the new whip rules which come into effect in races on 1 May 2016.

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