

In addition to the industry notice of 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020, ORI has updated the official direction to all participants regarding COVID-19 Restrictions:

## OFFICIAL DIRECTION TO ALL RACING PARTICIPANTS COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

It is imperative that as an industry we practise proper social distancing and compliance with all COVID-19 protocols when present at any racing activity. Racing activities are defined as:

- Race meetings
- Training (including track work)
- All forms of trials and jump outs
- Trainers' stables or kennels and spelling properties

Social distancing requires persons to observe 1 ½ metres (1.5 metres) of spacing between themselves and other persons.

**Office of Racing Integrity Stewards provide notice of an official direction under the Rules of Racing. The direction being:**

**“Any person in attendance during racing activities in Tasmania must comply with all COVID-19 protocols, including Tasracing policies and public health advice. This includes mandatory check-in upon entry to all racing venues.”**

The direction will be effective immediately.

Tasmanian ORI Stewards further provide notice that any person who breaches the direction may be subject to a significant fine. Nothing in the notice derogates from the powers of Stewards to either suspend or disqualify any person who breaches this direction.

Non-compliance shall be considered an offence under the provisions of:

### **Thoroughbred**

AR 232 (b) states *“A person must not fail or refuse to comply with an order, direction or requirement of the Stewards or an official.”*

### **Harness**

AHRR 238 states *“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 to the harness racing industry.”*

### **Greyhound**

GAR 86(p) states *“A person (including an official) shall be guilty of an offence if the person disobeys or fails to comply with the lawful order of a Steward or other person or body having official duties in relation to greyhound racing.”*

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