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## **NOTICE TO PARTICIPANTS- SOCIAL MEDIA**

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Communication by Social Media has become an everyday occurrence for many people however Harness participants are reminded that Social Media is not to be used to do any of the following.

1. To publish or make comments detrimental to the harness racing industry or other participants or officials.
2. To direct abuse or inappropriate comments about individuals or organisations that participate in the harness racing industry.
3. To assume or use the identity of another licensed person or official in the harness racing industry.
4. Publish any information relating to harness racing which is confidential in nature or is part of an ongoing inquiry or investigation.
5. Make any comment or post that could be considered abusive, offensive, threatening, racist, discriminatory, bullying, defamatory or disrespectful to a person or body in the harness racing industry.

Participants are advised that use of Social Media in the above manner could see them in breach of AHRR 231- Misconduct, AHRR 243- behave in a manner prejudicial or detrimental to the industry. AHRR 248 and 249 also specifically deal with publishing material for an improper purpose relating to harness racing.

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