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ORI - NOTICE RE CHANGE OF TACTICS and MULTIPLE RUNNER TACTICS

Following the deletion of AHRR 44, harness trainers will no longer be required to notify a change of tactics. ORI Policy relating to change of tactics and multiple runner tactics has been amended accordingly, and is consistent with the approach being taken in other harness jurisdictions.

Notwithstanding the above, ORI 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.

All trainers are advised that it will remain a requirement that trainers with more than one runner in any race notify Stewards of their 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."

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