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Harness Racing Display

RULES AND REGULATIONS - 1 March 2018

Agricultural Show Societies insured under the ASC insurance program and wishing to hold a harness racing display may do so following the rules and regulations stated below. Please note that your insurer extends public liability cover to Shows for this activity and cover for local club Harness Racing NSW Accredited Racing Club Stewards/Official Supervisors for their role in the display race – as long as the Racing Club Stewards/Official Supervisors only act **within the scope of work** they would normally undertake at a NSW Harness Racing event.

MINIMUM 1 MONTH PRIOR TO THE HARNESS RACING DISPLAY

1. Advise the ASC of the date of your harness racing display.
2. The track must be approved by a local Harness Racing NSW Accredited Racing Club Steward /Official Supervisor (HRNSW ARCS) from a local Harness Racing NSW Club. Any recommendations made by the HRNSW ARCS must be implemented.
3. As a general rule, a secure outside fence and flexible inside marker pegs are necessary prior to track approval.
4. The number of horses permitted in each harness racing display is determined by the local HRNSW ACRS inspecting the track.
5. A letter from the HRNSW ACRCs should be given to the Show Society stating that the track is approved and indicating the number of horses that can safely race on the track.

ON THE DAY OF THE HARNESS RACING DISPLAY

6. On the day of the display race, the local HRNSW ACRCs must check the track and give it final approval for racing. Their decision is final.
7. When the time for the harness racing display occurs the following MUST be in place:
 - a. All activity in the centre of the track to cease,
 - b. Car movements in the centre of the track to cease,
 - c. Any rides etc in centre of track must be stopped,
 - d. Children and all but non-essential race officials should be removed from centre of track,
 - e. If centre of track is used for horse activity (show jumping etc) that activity to cease during the conduct of races.
8. Harness racing displays are to be started and supervised by a person with horse experience.
9. No prize money is to be awarded for harness racing displays. Winners can be rewarded with trophies, produce, harnesses and gift vouchers only.
10. During the course of the harness racing display, there must be:
 - a. A Clerk of the Course on the track,
 - b. St John's Ambulance or NSW Ambulance personnel in attendance,
 - c. A vet on call and available to attend the track,
 - d. No bookmaker or totalisator betting on-course.

RULES FOR DRIVERS

11. All drivers and their horses must be licensed with HRNSW.
12. Drivers are not permitted to carry whips during harness racing displays.
13. All drivers are to sign a waiver prior to participating in the harness racing display.