



## CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY REGULATIONS (as amended 18 March 2020)

NZTR has made the following regulations under Rule 106 of the Rules of Racing. Regulations under Rule 106 form part of the Rules of Racing and are binding on all clubs, licensed persons, owners, and all other persons to whom the Rules apply.

The Regulations are necessary to protect the health and wellbeing of participants in the thoroughbred racing industry during the coronavirus pandemic.

These Regulations come into force at 4 pm, 17 March 2020 and remain in force until 13 April 2020, at which point they will be reviewed.

### *Admission to race meetings*

- (1) Nobody shall be admitted to a racecourse when a race meeting is in progress, except for:
  - (a) Licensed jockeys engaged to compete at the meeting;
  - (b) Licensed trainers with horses entered at the meeting;
  - (c) Licensed stable staff employed by trainers with horses entered at the meeting, if that employee's presence at the course is:
    - (i) Essential; and
    - (ii) Has been notified to the club ahead of the meeting;
  - (d) Club and racing officials (including barrier attendants, veterinary and medical staff and the Racing Integrity Unit) whose presence at the course is essential for the meeting to proceed;
  - (e) Broadcasting and other essential staff employed by the Racing Industry Transition Agency; or
  - (f) Accredited media as approved by NZTR in writing.
- (2) A person (including a person to whom clause (1) applies) must not attend, and must be refused access to, a race meeting if they have cold or flu symptoms, including coughing or sneezing, runny nose, headache, aches or fever.
- (3) For the purposes of these Regulations, a race meeting is *in progress* for the time between 7:30 am on the morning of the race meeting and 30 minutes after the finish of the last race conducted at that meeting.

*Trials, trackwork and jumpouts*

- (4) No person shall be admitted to trials, trackwork or jumpouts conducted at any racecourse or training centre, except for:
- (a) Licensed trainers with a horse or horses participating in the trial, trackwork or jumpout, and their essential licensed staff;
  - (b) Riders riding horses in the trial, trackwork or jumpout;
  - (c) Essential racing officials, club staff and other personnel.
- (5) A person (including a person to whom clause (1) applies) must not attend, and must be refused access to, a trial, trackwork or jumpout, if they have cold or flu symptoms, including coughing or sneezing, runny nose, headache, aches or fever.

*Jockey welfare*

- (6) Any jockey who has concerns regarding their health status must contact NZTR Medical Adviser Dr Margaret Parle immediately.
- (7) No licensed jockey may travel between the North Island and the South Island or vice versa without the prior written permission of NZTR, and a jockey who does so without NZTR's permission shall be ineligible to ride in any race, trial, trackwork or jumpout while these Regulations remain in force.

*Club and RIU powers and responsibilities*

- (8) Clubs and Racing Integrity Unit staff who believe, on reasonable grounds, that a person seeking entry to a racecourse or who is present on a racecourse is a person:
- (a) whose presence on a racecourse is not permitted by these Regulations; or
  - (b) has not complied with any Government requirement to self-isolate;
- shall immediately expel that person from the racecourse. *[amended 18 March 2020]*

*Weight allocations*

- (9) For all race meetings commencing after 12:01 am on 20 March 2020, and while these Regulations remain in force, the weight allocated to all horses in all races will be increased by two kilograms additional to the standard allocation, to support the health of thoroughbred jockeys.

*Dispensation*

- (10) NZTR may, on the request of a club, vary any of the requirements in these Regulations in relation to a specified race meeting.

*Strapper bibs*

- (11) No person may wear a strapper bib during at a racecourse when a race meeting is in progress. *[amended 18 March 2020]*