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NZTR DIRECTIVE - COVID-19 REGULATIONS

This Directive (and the protocols set out below) are binding on all Clubs, licensed persons, owners, and all other persons to whom the Rules of Racing apply. Failure to adhere to this Directive (and the protocols set out below) constitutes a breach of the Rules of Racing (Rule 801 - Serious Racing Offences) or may be a breach stipulated as a Minor Infringement.

This Directive may be updated by NZTR and re-released if the Government announces substantive relevant public health policy changes.

1. Definitions

1.1 For the purpose of this Directive:

Meeting means a race or trial meeting and includes Jump Outs that are timed over set distances. For the purposes of these Regulations, a Meeting is in progress from 7:30 am on the morning of the Meeting until 30 minutes after the finish of the last race or trial conducted at that Meeting.

Stable staff means any person licenced by NZTR and employed by a licensed trainer and includes freelance track-riders.

2.1 Any term used in this Directive shall have the meaning given to it in the Rules of Racing unless the context requires otherwise.

2. Meetings

2.1 Admission to Meetings

- (a) A person must not attend, and must be refused access to, a Meeting if they are required by the government to self-isolate.
- (b) Persons should consider excluding themselves from a Meeting if they have cold or flu symptoms (including coughing or sneezing, runny nose, headache, aches or fever) or have experienced a loss of, or change in, their sense of smell.
- (c) Jockeys and other persons who are in close contact with jockeys including RIB staff, Clerk of Scales and other club staff who work in the vicinity of the weigh-room, who experience symptoms as described in 2.1(b), must conduct a Rapid Antigen Test prior to travel on the morning of the meeting, with the indicated result photographed and texted to the Chairman of Stewards for that meeting.

If the test is positive (indicates COVID infection) then the person must self-isolate and advise the Chairman of Stewards that s/he is unable to conduct his/her duties for that and subsequent race meetings.

- (d) If directed by a Stipendiary Stewards or a Racecourse Investigator, a person may be required to undertake a Rapid Antigen Test.

If the test is positive (indicates COVID infection) then the person must leave the racecourse immediately and on leaving the racecourse to immediately self-isolate in accordance with the prevailing NZ Government requirements.

2.2 Expulsion from Racecourses

Clubs or RIB staff who believe, on reasonable grounds, that a person seeking entry to a racecourse, or who is present on a racecourse, is a person who has not complied with any Government requirement to self-isolate, then they shall immediately expel that person from the racecourse.

3. Offences:

- 7.1 Failure of a Licenceholder to comply with certain components this Directive will attract penalties in line with the charge(s) laid.

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