



RACING AND WAGERING WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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NOTICE TO TRAINERS – STABLE RETURNS, UNAPPROVED GEAR AND DE-REGISTRATION

Trainers are reminded of the following rules and requirements:

1. Stable Returns

Stewards must at all times know the whereabouts of registered horses. Once a horse enters or leaves the care of a trainer, a stable return must be lodged. This includes for un-named horses and is regardless of whether the horse is being prepared for racing, is being pre-trained, being broken in or being spelled under the care of the trainer.

Further, Rule 119B states:

Unless the stewards otherwise approve, a horse shall not be eligible to be nominated for a race unless the horse has been trained by a licenced trainer for not less than 28 days immediately prior to the date fixed for nomination.

Stewards will use stable return information to determine if a horse has been trained by a licenced trainer for not less than 28 days prior to nomination. Trainers that fail to lodge a stable return once a horse enters their care or within the 28 day period, may have their nomination rejected and a penalty issued.

2. Unapproved Gear

All gear used on horses must be approved. A list of approved gear is available on the harness.org.au website. Any gear not on the list, including home-made gear cannot be used without the approval of the stewards. Any type of pulling cord must be approved by the stewards prior to being used in trackwork, trials or races.

3. De-registration

Rule 96 (3) requires the owner or trainer, within one month of the decision to retire or no longer race a horse to notify the Controlling Body. This can be done by completing a de-registration form or through Harnessweb. During stable inspections, stewards will conduct a check between stable return information and the number of horses currently in the trainers stable. Penalties will be issued to trainers or owners who have failed to de-register horses that are no longer racing.

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