

INTER DOMINION

Inter Dominion Championships – Protocol Guidelines Only

Opening Ceremony

1. The Opening Ceremony will take place on track/trackside prior to the running of the first heat.
2. Present at the on-track ceremony will be
 - Chairman & Secretary, Inter Dominion Event Committee (IDEC)
 - President/Chairman & Chief Executive, Host Club
 - VIP/Dignitary (Premier/Governor or etc)
 - Members of the Inter Dominion Grand Council
 - Chairman of the Controlling Body where applicable
3. The on course/trackside broadcaster to introduce the Chairman of the IDEC.
4. The Chairman of the IDEC to welcome spectators, officials, visitors etc., and then to introduce the President of the Host Club.
5. The President of the Host Club to refer to sponsors name and to introduce the VIP/Dignitary selected to declare open the Inter Dominion Championship.
6. Ribbon to be cut by VIP and the Inter Dominion Flag to be broken open by flag bearer or party.
7. Announcer to close off ceremony.
8. Horses for the first heat of the Championships should then be ready to appear on track.

Note: The above recommends guidelines for the Conducting and Host Clubs. However, the attendant surrounding visual ceremony is left to the Host Club to devise according to local arrangements. The National Anthem of both Australia and New Zealand will be played at the Opening Ceremony at an appropriate time.

Presentations - Grand Final

9. The on course/trackside announcer to introduce Host Club President (Chief Executive of Host Club to be on track and Host Club Committee as appropriate).
10. The Host Club President to introduce the Sponsor (1).
11. The Host Club President to introduce the VIP presenter of the Inter Dominion Championship with a suitable distinguished trophy of excellent quality and design.

12. The VIP presenter to present cup and trophies to:
 - the owner or where owners are concerned to one of the owners
 - the trainer
 - the driver
13. Each of the aforesaid to be requested by the presenter to respond in turn.

Presentation - Inter Dominion Trophy

14. The on course/trackside announcer to introduce Chairman of the IDEC who will present the Inter Dominion Perpetual Trophy to the Chairman of the Conducting Club of the State or New Zealand which the winning horse is deemed to represent and the receiver will respond briefly.

Closing Ceremony

15. The Closing Ceremony may, at the opinion of the Host Club, be conducted:
 - (a) where entertainment is being provided after the last race - immediately after the last race but prior to the entertainment.
 - (b) where entertainment is not provided - after the concluding race (consolation) of the Inter Dominion Championship but prior to the last race of the racing programme.
 - (c) where entertainment is not provided, and the Inter Dominion Consolation event is conducted prior to the Inter Dominion Championship Grand Final, prior to the last race of the racing programme.
16. Those to be in attendance on track for the Closing Ceremony will be the Chairman of the Host Club, the Chairman of the IDEC, the Chairman of the Controlling Body and President of the next following Inter Dominion Conducting Club together with Delegates of the Inter Dominion Grand Council.
17. All involved in the Closing Ceremony should be trackside immediately after the running of the preceding race - particularly where it is proposed to have the Closing Ceremony after the last race of the racing programmes as envisaged by 15a.
18. The oncourse/trackside announcer to introduce the Chairman of the Host Club.
19. The Chairman of the Host Club to make closing remarks and whilst this is being said, the flag bearer or party is lowering the Inter Dominion Flag and will then present same to the speaker who till then pass the flag over to the Chairman of the IDEC who will then pass it over to the next year's Conducting Club representative.
20. It is usual for the Host Club to arrange for a rendition of "Now is the Hour" at an appropriate time according to whichever procedure is adopted.

General

Flags Required

21.
 - a. Australian Flag
 - b. New Zealand Flag
 - c. State and any other Country competing Flags
 - d. Inter Dominion Championship Flag.

Grand Council

22. The Host Club shall set aside an appropriate space in each night's racebook to list the names thereof of the IDEC (Grand Council) Members and the State or Dominion they represent.

Please Note: On 2nd March 2008 the Inter Dominion Harness Racing Council was formally dissolved at a meeting in Melbourne. The supervision of future Inter Dominion Series is being undertaken by an Event Committee (IDEC) comprising of members appointed by Harness Racing Australia and Harness Racing New Zealand. This document has been adapted from the previous IDHRC document to reflect the new arrangement.

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