



STEWARDS INDUSTRY NOTICE

APPROVED WHIP CARRIAGE – EFFECTIVE 1 AUGUST 2016

Harness Racing Victoria (HRV) Stewards advise that from 1 August 2016 drivers will not be permitted to carry the whip in a manner which protrudes, or has the potential to protrude, in the vicinity of the head of a horse which may be trailing.

Prior to the 1 August 2016 commencement date HRV Stewards will alert those drivers with an incorrect whip carriage so as to assist with compliance prior to any penalties being imposed.

Approved Whip Carriage

Drivers are directed that the whip may only be carried in the following manners:

- Forward;
- Under the arm;
- If carried over the arm must be positioned so it is pointed downwards and not protruding upwards towards the head of a horse which may be trailing.

Unapproved Whip Carriage

Under no circumstances may the whip be carried over the shoulder.

Penalties

The following penalties may apply under the provisions of Rule 238:

1st offence: Caution

2nd offence: \$50 fine

3rd offence: \$100 fine

Reset period: 28 Days

Please see below image of correct whip carriage should the whip be carried over the arm.

