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RACECOURSE DEVELOPMENT FUND (RDF) POLICY

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 2% of the HRNSW's gross TAB distribution is allocated to the Racecourse Development Fund (approx \$700,000).

2. POLICY

- 2.1 Funding for Clubs can only be used for costs directly related to racing activities. All funding requests are to be made in writing and approved by HRNSW and can only be used for activities such as track resurfacing, track lighting, plant and equipment purchase and repairs.
- 2.2 Funding pursuant to Clause 2.1. will be means tested pursuant to Clause 2.3 and will be considered and approved by HRNSW.
- 2.3 The HRNSW Board is to consider RDF Applications based on:
- The benefit of the expenditure to the industry;
 - The assets of the Club; and
 - Recent P+L results of the Club; and
 - Administration Subsidy dollar value provided to the Club.
- 2.4 After assessing RDF Applications and Clause 2.3 the Board will attribute the split of expenditure between the Club and the RDF accordingly:

Option	RDF	Club
A	100%	0%
B	75%	25%
C	25%	75%
D	0%	100%

As a guide the following principles will also be considered when evaluating proposals:

Option A

Generally these will involve changes or improvements instigated by HRNSW.

Option B

This category may be used where emergencies arise and need to be fixed and the Club does not have sufficient funds.

Option C

Track resurfacing requests will generally fit into this category.

Option D

This option will involve situations where the club is making improvements that are mostly/partially harness related or the club will derive income from the improvements and/or where the works are:

- (i) not necessarily racing related (eg canteen) or
- (ii) where the club will derive income from the improvements;
- (iii) The improvements benefits other users of the site.

- 2.5 All allocated RDF monies will be held by HRNSW and paid on invoice.
- 2.6 Clubs are required to submit two (2) quotes for all RDF applications to HRNSW; where circumstances may prevent that from occurring, the Board of HRNSW will have the discretionary power to waive this condition. Additionally the Board of HRNSW has the discretionary power to approve the higher of the two quotes if it deemed necessary, in the interests of the industry.
- 2.7 HRNSW may direct a club to upgrade facilities in accordance with industry standards and integrity strategies as part of its RDF expenditure.
- 2.8 Funding for Training Centres sanctioned by HRNSW will be made available from the Racecourse Development Fund for approved activities.
- 2.9 Funding of infrastructure projects submitted to HRNSW will be considered at the sole discretion of the Board.
- 2.10 Requests for equipment purchases (subject to Board approval)

The actual allocation from the RDF for equipment purchases will depend on which entity will own the equipment when purchased.
 - i. If HRNSW will own the equipment it will be funded 100% from the RDF;
 - ii. If the Club wishes to own the equipment it will be funded 100% by the club.
- 2.11 The RDF Policy is to be reviewed at the discretion of HRNSW.
- 2.12 All figures exclude GST.