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Subject: **Harness Racing Air Quality Policy**
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HRNSW AIR QUALITY POLICY

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 This Policy is in place to protect the welfare of horses and participants during adverse air quality conditions at training establishments.
- 1.2 This Policy was introduced as a result of recent Bushfire Smoke experienced within various parts of NSW.
- 1.3 HRNSW expects all Officials and Trainers to adopt a “safety first” preference at all times when managing horses and themselves when adverse air quality is experienced.

2. TRAINERS POLICY

- 2.1 In the event that air quality at a registered training establishment is assessed by the trainer as being unacceptable, the trainer prior to 9:00am on the day of the race, may elect to scratch all horse(s) entered for a race meeting free of penalty.
- 2.2 The horse(s) withdrawn will not be eligible to be entered for a race until the day following the race meeting in which the horse(s) was/were scratched.
- 2.3 Any other race for which the horse(s) was/were nominated or accepted at the time of the scratching will be withdrawn free of penalty.
- 2.4 For clarity, if a trainer elects to scratch a horse from a race due to the poor air quality, all horses from that trainer’s stable and entered for any race on that day, will also be scratched and subject to the same conditions.