

## STABLE RETURNS & HORSE NOMINATIONS – REMINDER

20 FEBRUARY 2023

Trainers are reminded that unless a horse has been trained by a licensed trainer for a period of not less than 28 days immediately prior to nomination for a race (including an official trial) the horse shall be considered ineligible.

Australian Harness Racing Rule (AHRR) 119B states the following:

**AHRR 119B.** *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 licensed trainer for not less than 28 days immediately prior to the date fixed for nomination.*

Trainers are also reminded of their obligation to lodge a stable return within 24 hours of any horse entering or leaving their stable.

**AHRR 25.** (1) (a) *When a horse enters the stable of a trainer a stable return containing true and correct particulars must be lodged with the Controlling Body or Stewards by the connections of a horse within the time and in the manner and form determined by the Controlling Body or Stewards and the connections shall ensure that all particulars on the stable return are true and correct.*

(b) *Unless otherwise determined by the Controlling Body or Stewards, a stable return shall be made within twenty four hours and in such form as the Controlling Body may determine.*

Trainers are further reminded that HRNSW Stewards will permit a horse to be nominated for an official trial following 14 clear days from the date upon which the horse entered a trainer's stable as evidenced by a Stable Return.

Failure to lodge a stable return for a horse within the prescribed timeframe or at least 28 days prior to a horse being nominated to race, will result in the horse being deemed ineligible.

Trainers are further reminded that the lodgement of a Stable Return must also be completed for horses that are not yet named.

For all imported horses, the date upon its arrival to NSW would be considered Day 1 when not in the care of a Trainer as evidenced by an approved Stable Return. In the event that a Trainer is unable to lodge a Stable Return due to the clearance process, Trainers are to provide HRNSW Stewards with notice of the horse entering their stable.

For further clarity, a horse that has not been in the care of a Trainer as evidenced by an approved Stable Return for a period of time (less than 28 days) will be considered ineligible for that period of time.

For example;

Trainer A – Removed from stable on 1 January 2020

10 Days Break

Trainer B – Entered stable (by way of Stable Return) on 12 January 2020

Horse will not be eligible for 10 days following 12 January 2020.

For further information on this matter contact:  
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