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NEW JOCKEY BETTING RULE TO COME INTO FORCE TOMORROW

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) announced today changes to its Rule governing Jockeys betting (Rule 707 of the Rules of Racing) will come into force tomorrow, Thursday, 11 September 2014 on publication in the New Zealand Gazette.

In a strong step to strengthen the assurance of racing integrity, NZTR has moved to ban Jockeys from betting on any New Zealand Thoroughbred race if they are riding on that day. Further, controls regarding the requirement for any bets to be placed solely via a Jockey's electronic account with the New Zealand TAB have been updated.

Historically, Jockeys have been permitted to bet on any New Zealand Thoroughbred race they were not competing in and on the horse that they were riding in races they were competing in.

These changes, which were initiated in 2013, have received approval from all stakeholders in the industry, particularly the Minister for Racing and the New Zealand Jockeys' Association, as well as the Racing Integrity Unit, Racing's Judicial Control Authority and the New Zealand Racing Board.¹

Matthew Goodson, Chairman of NZTR, stated: "the appearance as well as the practice of integrity is critical against a backdrop of rapidly evolving gambling options which are creating issues for many sports. The strengthening of this Racing Rule will provide greater protection for punters, which is critical for our industry, and support our integrity services."

"NZTR is committed to continue reviewing the potential impact of other factors on racing integrity such as growing international linkages and the role of offshore betting organisations and websites. We hold significant reservations regarding the current information that is available to the Racing Integrity Unit from these offshore organisations and there is a clear need for New Zealand legislation that deals with the current reality of global wagering on many domestic and international competitive events. "

"NZTR will recommence a consultation process on the need for further changes to the Rules to ensure New Zealand's Racing Rules are consistent with other major racing jurisdictions. This may result in a ban on Jockeys' betting on races held under our Rules of Racing without exception."

New Zealand Jockeys' Association President, Dave Taylor, emphasised that, "New Zealand racing and Jockeys have the very highest levels of integrity and we acknowledge and understand the need for both the practice and perception of the highest standards of integrity."

NZTR currently licenses 150 Jockeys (including Apprentice Jockeys) and 44 Amateur Riders in New Zealand.

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¹ It is a requirement under The Racing Act (2003) that all proposed amendments to the Rules of Racing must receive approval from the New Zealand Racing Board and consultation must take place with the Judicial Control Authority (clause 30 – *Amendment of racing rules*).

NEW RULE GOVERNING JOCKEYS BETTING

707 (1) Subject to sub-Rule (2) below:

(a) A Rider must not:

- (i) bet or have any interest in a bet, or facilitate a bet; or**
- (ii) have any interest in a contingency**

in relation to any Race or in any way connected with any Race run on a day on which a Rider rides in a Race. For the purpose of this Rule, the reference to bet includes Laying any horse.

(b) If a Rider bets (in circumstances other than those in sub-rule (a)), that Rider must place that bet through his or her betting account with an Authorised Wagering Operator using his or her mobile phone or any other electronic communication device of the Rider (including a smartphone, laptop, personal computer, tablet, pager, or other similar device).

- (2) An Amateur Jockey may bet or have any interest in a bet, or facilitate a bet, on any Race, or any contingency which includes or relates to any Race other than any such Race in which he or she is riding. For the purpose of this Rule, the reference to bet includes Laying any horse.**
- (3) A Rider shall upon request by a Stipendiary Steward or Investigator, supply written or electronic records of all bets made through that Rider's betting accounts, including written or electronic records of that Rider's mobile phone and other electronic communication devices.**
- (4) For the purpose of Rule 801(t), any breach of this Rule 707 is deemed to be a Serious Racing Offence.**

Note: Rule 104 'Definitions': Race means a horse race or competition (not being a harness race or competition) conducted during a Race Meeting, which is conducted by any Club and **"to Race"** has a corresponding meaning.

OLD RULE GOVERNING JOCKEYS BETTING

707 (1) Subject to Rules 708 and 709, a Rider may only bet on a race and/or sports event (including but not limited to a Race) in New Zealand or in any other jurisdiction provided that where he is betting on a Race and he is riding a horse in that Race he may only bet on the horse he is riding and only where:

- (a) he is the or an Owner or lessee (as the case may be) of that horse; or**
- (b) in any other case through or with the permission of the Owner or lessee (as the case may be) of that horse or the Racing Manager of such Owner or lessee (as the case may be),**

And where the Rider is on a Racecourse in New Zealand he may only bet in accordance with this Rule 707 where he uses his mobile phone to place such a bet through his account with an Authorised Wagering Operator.

- (2) Despite sub-Rule (1) above, a Rider under the age of 18 years must not bet on any race and/or sports event (including but not limited to a Race).**
- (3) A Rider shall at any time (including but not limited to where that Rider is suspected of acting in contravention of sub-Rule (1) or (2) above), upon request by a Stipendiary Steward or Investigator, supply written or electronic records of all bets made through that Rider's accounts, including written or electronic records of that Rider's mobile phone records.**
- (4) In circumstances where a Rider may not bet, a Rider must not:**
 - (a) have a bet placed on his behalf; or**
 - (b) receive any money, present, share, or other benefit in any way connected with any bet.**