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CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

Under Rule 106 of the Rules of Racing, New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Inc has made regulations in response to the coronavirus pandemic prohibiting public access to race meetings, restricting jockey movements, and taking other temporary steps during the pandemic.

These steps are necessary to protect the health and wellbeing of our participants and ensure that our industry can continue to function in a time of national crisis.

The Coronavirus Emergency Regulations come into force at 4 pm today and will remain in force until 13 April 2020. Under Rule 106 the Regulations are binding on all clubs, licence holders, owners and other persons to whom the Rules apply.

A copy of the Regulations is **attached** and will shortly be published on the NZTR website. The key points of the Regulations are:

- There will be no general admission to race meetings, trials, trackwork or jumpouts. The only people that can attend race meetings will be:
 - Licensed jockeys engaged to compete at the meeting;
 - Licensed trainers with runners engaged at the meeting and their essential staff;
 - Race day and integrity officials and staff;
 - Broadcasters (Trackside);
 - Limited accredited media (only as approved by NZTR); and
- Persons with cold or flu symptoms are all in all circumstances prohibited from attending race meetings, trials, trackwork or jumpouts;
- All jockeys with concerns about their health status must immediately contact NZTR's Medical Advisor;
- Jockeys must not travel between the North and South Islands, or vice versa, without NZTR's prior approval;
- For all race meetings commencing after 12:01 am on Friday 20 March, all weight allocations will be increased by two kilograms to protect jockey health.

Clubs are asked to ensure that copies of the Regulations are made widely and prominently available about their venues.

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