



NEW ZEALAND THOROUGHBRED RACING DIRECTIVE CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIA

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing issues the following directive in relation to cardiac arrhythmia, to protect the health and safety of industry participants:

Effective 1 August 2017

- (i) Horses that experience any form of cardiac arrhythmia in a race or trial will not be permitted to start in any race or trial until a veterinary certificate declaring the horse free of any cardiac arrhythmia following a gallop of at least 1000m has been received by NZTR with an ECG to be carried out at the veterinarians discretion.
- (ii) Any horse experiencing more than two repeated episodes of cardiac arrhythmia may be suspended by order of the Stipendiary Stewards for such period as they consider necessary to allow a complete diagnostic evaluation by a veterinarian to take place.
- (iii) Any horse so suspended shall not be permitted to start in any trial or race until such time as it has received a satisfactory veterinary report. And upon receipt of such clearance will not be permitted to race until the horse has performed in a trial and passed a post trial veterinary examination to the satisfaction of Stipendiary Stewards.
- (iv) Any horse that continues to experience repeated episodes of cardiac arrhythmia following previous clearance from a veterinarian will be ineligible to trial or race unless otherwise determined by the Stipendiary Stewards.

Rule of Racing Relating to Directives:

106(b)

Every person commits a breach of these Rules who:

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acts in contravention of or fails to comply with any provision of these Rules or any Regulations made thereunder, or any notice, direction, instruction, requirement or condition given, made or imposed under these Rules;