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## NZTR DIRECTIVE

### Removal of Blinkers

The Board of New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing have considered and issued the following Directive:

Effective 1 May 2009

Following any race or trial, removal of the blinkers will not be permitted in the Birdcage, and only may be removed when the horse is back in its stable or tie up area, or permission has been sought and granted by the Stipendiary Stewards.

#### Reason:

This directive has been made following a recent incident on raceday whereby a horse became loose due to the bridle being pulled off when the blinkers were being removed. The purpose of this directive is to increase health and safety for industry stakeholders and the public.

#### Rule of Rule Relating to Directives:

106(b)

Every person commits a breach of these Rules who:

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;

**Ross Neal**

Senior Stipendiary Steward (Operations)