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HEAT POLICY FOR HARNESS RACING

- A horse may be withdrawn for heat stress on arrival at the track by order of the Steward, in consultation with the On course Veterinarian, Stewards and the Trainer. Any penalty incurred would be at the discretion of the Stewards.
- If the climatic conditions are excessive on race day, all horses that have been floated should be checked by a Veterinarian on arrival at the track.
- At the request of a trainer or their representative any other horse shall also be subject to pre-race Veterinary inspection.
- Should a horse be withdrawn on course for heat related reasons on Veterinary advice, a stand down period of 6 days shall be imposed.
- Horses shall not be required to parade and identification procedures shall be conducted in the stalls.
- Horses will be sent out onto the track for their preliminary 6 minutes prior to race start time in lieu of normal 10 minute requirement.
- Subject to restrictions applying at the time, Clubs are requested to ensure that facilities be provided to simultaneously hose/wash all horses in a race.
- Any Trainer who has any concerns regarding their horse's condition post race should immediately notify Stewards to enable Veterinary assistance to be available.
- Stewards to be mindful of prevailing conditions when directing horses to be post race swabbed. Horses to be only required to remain in swab stall a maximum of 30 minutes.
- Policy to be referred to all Clubs and all Club Veterinarians.
- Policy to be reviewed on an as needs basis.