

# Harness – Abandoned Race Meeting Procedure

## 1. Purpose & Scope

The Racing Act 2002 (Act) authorises the Queensland All Codes Racing Industry Board trading as Racing Queensland (RQ) to make policies for the sound management of the industry.

Racing Queensland is committed to providing the racing industry with a clear and transparent understanding of entitlements pertaining to abandoned race meetings and races.

The purpose of this procedure details the payment obligations of Racing Queensland to participants in the occurrence of either an abandoned race meeting (all races abandoned) or individually abandoned races.

### Definitions

Abandoned Race Meeting

means a race/s scheduled at a registered venue that are cancelled by order of Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards after at least one race at the race meeting has been completed

### Abandoned Race/s

means a scheduled race meeting at a registered venue that is cancelled by order of Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards.

### **Guidelines**

Racing Queensland aims to run all schedule races. On occasions circumstances including but not limited to inclement weather, racing incidents, safety hazards and track conditions will require race meetings or races to be abandoned. In recognition of the impact of abandoned race meetings and races on participants Racing Queensland will maintain a policy to address these events.

Additionally, where possible Racing Queensland will aim to provide alternative racing opportunities for those horses and participants impacted by abandoned race meetings.

### Application

The policy applies to all registered Non-TAB and TAB Harness race meetings in Queensland.

The following sets out applicable payments to participants in the instance of an abandoned race meeting or individual races:

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	Abandoned Race Meeting (4hrs prior to advertised start time)	Abandoned (less than 4hrs prior to advertised start time - no races completed) or postponed races	Abandoned Race/s (individual or multiple races abandoned after commencement of race meeting)
<b>Trainers</b>	- Nil Payment	- Owners to receive \$50 for each runner engaged; - All trainers to receive \$100.	- Owners to receive \$50 for each runner engaged; - All trainers to receive \$100.
<b>Drivers</b>	- Nil Payment	- Each driver with at least 1 engagement to receive a single drivers fee	- Drivers fee to be paid for their remaining drives upto a maximum of 2.

## Communication

Where a race meeting is abandoned Racing Queensland will endeavour to notify participants engaged via the following platforms.

- Direct Text Message
- Racing Queensland Social/Digital Media channels

## **References & Related Documents**

Document	Document
RQ Abandoned Race Meeting Policy	Enter any reference documents, hyperlink if able

## **2. Version History**

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