

# PROCEDURE: ABANDONED RACE MEETING COMPENSATION (HARNESS)



## 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Procedure is to outline the compensation payments to be made by Racing Queensland (RQ) to participants in the event a Harness race meeting is abandoned.

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

## 2. Scope

The Procedure applies to all TAB and non-TAB Harness race meetings and all licensed Harness Trainers, Drivers and Owners.

## 3. Guidelines

### 3.1 Objective

RQ aims to run all scheduled races. On occasions circumstances including, but not limited to, inclement weather, racing incidents, safety hazards and track conditions, will require the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards to abandon either entire race meetings, or the balance of a race meeting after it has commenced. In recognition of the impact of abandoned race meetings on participants, RQ will provide a level of compensation to participants to offset these impacts.

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

### 3.2 Application

The following sets out applicable payments to participants where a race meeting is abandoned:

Participant	Category A	Category B
Trainers	\$100	\$100
Drivers	Drivers' Fee x 1	Drivers' Fee x Remaining (up to maximum of 2)
Owners	\$50 for each runner engaged	\$50 for each runner engaged

### 3.3 Definitions

*Category A* means and includes where a race meeting is abandoned less than four hours prior to the advertised start time for the first race on the program and no races are conducted, and also includes where a race or races are postponed to another program.

*Category B* means and includes where a race meeting is abandoned after it has commenced (i.e., at least one race has been conducted and the remaining race or races are abandoned).

Note that where a race meeting is abandoned four hours or more prior to the advertised start time of the first race on the program, compensation payments will not apply.

### 3.4 Communication

Where a race meeting is abandoned, RQ will endeavour to notify participants (i.e., trainers and drivers) engaged to compete at the race meeting via direct text message and/or the RQ social and digital media channels.



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## 4. Roles & Responsibilities

*Trainers, Drivers, Owners* should familiarise themselves with this Guideline and note the circumstances when compensation will be paid.

*RQ* will act on the official information provided by the *QRIC Stewards* in terms of the time for the abandonment of a race meeting. *RQ* will provide notification of race meeting abandonments to participants and will make the applicable compensation payments in line with this Guideline.

*QRIC* will liaise with *RQ* and advise/confirm the official time of the abandonment of a race meeting.

## 5. References & Related Documents

Document	Document
N/a	N/a

## 6. Version History

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