



TRNT BOARD POLICY NO:

037

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HORSE EMERGENCY PROVISIONS

In the event that a horse is either seriously injured, or dies, during the running of a race, it is the responsibility of the Race Club to provide adequate facilities for the timely removal of that horse from the track.

On all race days the Race Club is required to have both a screen, to shield the horse from public view, and a suitable vehicle attached to a designated horse float ready to act as a horse ambulance. The Starter and barrier staff should be responsible for deployment of the horse ambulance and the retrieval of the horse under the direct supervision of the veterinary officer and Stewards. These staff should be given a copy of this policy to ensure compliance with the procedures.

1. Screens must be a minimum size of 2m height x 5m length. A heavy duty tarpaulin can act as a suitable screen. Poles should be attached at either end to facilitate the holding of a screen in front of an injured horse to the correct height. The screens must be readily available at all times on race day and it is suggested that they are kept within either the designated horse ambulance float or the starters vehicle for the duration of the meeting, so they can be quickly transported to the site of the injured horse.
2. A suitable float must be large enough to contain either an injured standing horse or a dead horse. For this reason a double float is recommended. The float must be hooked up to a suitable vehicle at the beginning of the race meeting so there is no delay when the float is required on the track. It should be parked close to an entrance to the track and the keys to the vehicle should be made available to the club employee designated to drive the float onto the track, or left in the vehicle.

In order to facilitate moving a dead horse into the float - either a winch should be installed into the front of the float, or the club must make available a suitable length of heavy duty tow rope, that when attached to a second vehicle and the rope placed through an opening in the float's front i.e. front door, is capable of pulling a horse up into the float.

3. It is the responsibility of the Race Club to ensure the body of a dead horse is left in an appropriate on course area, out of public view, and disposed of in a correct manner at the conclusion of the meeting.