



## **TRNT BOARD POLICY NO:**

**040**

**Date Introduced:**

**4 February 2015**

**Date Amended:**

### **Preparation and Maintenance of Sand/Dirt crossings, including general course proper upkeep**

The Track and Facilities Manager should ensure that crossings are:

- Proactively maintained and refurbished to ensure the crossing remains level with the track surfaces and be consistent with the lay of the land on either side of the crossing so that horses are not impacted or put off stride when approaching, traversing and exiting the crossing. Profile depth and visual appearance to match the racing surface and therefore provide adequate cushioning and stability for racing, trials and trackwork. Any build-up of material on the crossing must be removed.
- Vehicular/tyre or other marks are erased by either harrowing, rotilla, dragging or rolling prior to a race-day, trials or trackwork. Vehicles, utilised by Stewards or barrier staff, whose only means of getting around the track on race day is on the course proper, must travel to the outside of the track and not deviate towards the inside. These protocols apply to the entire circuit and not only crossings.
- Appropriately monitored and maintained during race meetings as required, including raking. This includes barrier wheel marks, when race starts require horses and jockeys to go over the original start a second time around.
- Inspected by Stewards before racing commences. Racecourse Managers to advise Stewards of any specific rectification measures that have been undertaken in the lead up for the meeting.
- In addition to this policy, The Darwin Turf Club has a specific track crossing management procedure in place for Darwin Cup Day which was effective from 28 July, 2014.