



Update for SA Harness Racing Participants

Wednesday 29th April 2020

Some weeks ago, there was great uncertainty as to whether we would be able to continue to race through Covid-19 pandemic.

However, through strict compliance we have retained the ability to remain racing. Much of this being premised on industry buy-in, and the goodwill of participants to adhere to the restrictions imposed. This proving crucial to satisfy both State Government and SAPOL requirements. Effectively we have, through industry cooperation, been able to fly under the radar.

But this position has now been challenged through some participants entering the racecourse to view races when they have no legitimate reasons for being at the venue. In particular some have chosen to watch races from Norman's Gate.

In consequence I have been made aware that both State Government and SAPOL have been informed of this situation and as such this has drawn attention upon us for all the wrong reasons. Both SAPOL and State Government previously making it very clear that in order to continue to conduct race meetings during this crisis, all venues must be closed venues.

Therefore, the actions of entering the course to watch races at 'Norman's Gate' contravenes both Government and SAPOL requirements. Consequently, this must cease. Failure to adhere to this requirement puts our on-going ability to race at significant risk.

Finally, on a positive note, thank you to the great majority for assisting the industry during these unprecedented and most challenging times.

Take care and good luck this coming weekend.

Regards

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