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1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The objective of this policy is to outline the principles for postponed and/or abandoned race meetings within the harness industry in Tasmania and define the subsidies payable (if any).

2. POLICY

2.1 **DISRUPTED RACES OR RACE MEETINGS**

In the event of disruption to a race meeting and in consultation with the relevant club and RST, Tasracing will endeavour to postpone the affected races.

2.2 **SUBSIDY**

2.2.1 When a race meeting is postponed or abandoned at least three hours prior to the advertised start time for the first race, there will be no subsidy payable.

2.2.2 When a race meeting is postponed or abandoned within three hours of the advertised start time for the first race, or part of a meeting is abandoned at any stage during the conduct of the race meeting, a subsidy (with the exception of clause 2.2.3) will be allocated to the affected owners of horses eligible to compete, who are denied that opportunity at the time of the postponement or abandonment.

2.2.3 Horses that have raced prior to the postponement or abandonment of the race meeting will not be eligible for the subsidy.

2.3 **OWNER'S SUBSIDY**

The subsidy will be calculated on a regional basis.

The regions are defined, as in the ordinary understanding of South, North and North West of Tasmania. In accordance with clause 2.2.2, the following subsidies shall apply:

Horses stabled within the same region as the scheduled meeting	\$100
Horses stabled within an adjoining region	\$150
Horses stabled within the furthest region	\$250

Example 1:

An owner whose horse is stabled in the North West, competing at a Hobart race meeting may be eligible for a payment of \$250.

Example 2:

An owner whose horse is stabled in the North of the state, competing at a Devonport race meeting may be eligible for a payment of \$150.

2.3.1 Driver Subsidy

In accordance with clause 2.2.2, a subsidy will also be provided to drivers that travel 150kms or more (return) for race meetings. The travel subsidy will be paid at the rate of:

Drives	Subsidy	Driving Fee	Total Minimum
0	\$60		\$60
1	\$60	\$50 + % of prizemoney	\$110
2	\$30	\$100 + % of prizemoney	\$130
3 or more	\$ Nil		

2.4 FORCE MAJURE

2.4.1 This policy shall not apply in the event of an extraordinary event or circumstance beyond the control of Tasracing, such as a war, strike, riot, crime, or an event described by the legal term *act of God* (such as hurricane, flooding, earthquake, volcanic eruption, etc.).

2.4.2 Notwithstanding any provision of this policy, Tasracing reserves the right to make the final determination in relation to any aspect of the execution or interpretation of this policy and/or the payment of subsidies.

2.5 FUNDING

2.5.1 In the event that a race or race meeting is abandoned, stakes money allocated to the race or meeting will be distributed to the Divided Stakes Pool (DSP) fund for future use.

2.5.2 In the event that a race or race meeting is postponed, funding for the subsidies for owners will be utilised from the DSP fund. Funding for the subsidies for drivers will be utilised from the Drivers Fee Budget.