

HIF – MEETING SUMMARY
Thursday, 12th September 2019
Studio One, The Grange Campbell Town
Meeting commenced at 12:37pm

- HIF raised concerns with the current timeframe for prize money payments due to delays on the results of swabs. It was suggested that payments be made prior to swab results being returned on the understanding that if the swab is positive the prize money will be recovered. Tasracing committed to draft a proposal highlighting the potential risks and consequences if trainers nominate to take on the responsibility to recover prize money.
- Tasracing committed to supply first aid kits and to fund first aid training for two representatives from each Harness Club to ensure that trial days have a person with level 2 first aide certification on track.
- Discussions were held on the Code Allocation for Financial Year 2019/20 noting a 2% increase.
- HIF supported Tasracing's changes to both the Abandoned Race Policy and the Use of Joggers Policy. These policies will be available via the Tasracing website.
- An update was provided on the Harness Racing Industry Review thus far noting that information gathered from forums will be investigated further with a summary to go back to Industry in late October.
- Harness wagering performance was discussed highlighting that nationally wagering was down slightly compared to the same time last year.
- The group discussed the Point of Consumption Tax (POCT) noting that percentages have not yet been confirmed by government. However, the POCT is expected to begin in January 2020.
- HIF raised concerns on the readability of the Formplus website and the accessibility of the Tasracing race replays online. Tasracing have advised they will discuss this with the Marketing Department and that a representative will be invited to the December HIF Meeting.
- The minutes of the Programming Sub-Committee were provided and discussion was held regarding adding further conditions to programming. The sweepstakes nomination fees were also queried, it was confirmed that the nomination fees are not yet agreed upon.
- An update was provided to HIF on the status of the Off The Track Program highlighting that 29 horses were rehomed in July and August. It was also noted that the Tasracing Animal Welfare Manager has been appointed and will begin in mid-October.
- The group were advised that the Mini Trots Program will commence in early November however at this stage the Southern region of the state will not be participating this season.
- Tasracing announced that the Double Seated Sulky Novelty Races are to be held over 17 meetings commencing in November.

- An ORI proposal was put to the table that suggested Tasmania move to seeded barrier draws. The positive response from HIF moved the proposal forward to be reviewed by BOTRA and clubs.
- A second ORI proposal was also tabled to amend the process for trialling, qualifying and education. Feedback is currently being sought from Industry at a club level.
- Conversation was held regarding concerns with Tasmania following the National Rule for Novice/Concession Drivers. It has been suggested that Tasracing investigate bringing in a local rule to better suit our driving population.