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Remote False Start & Warning Siren

NZ Thoroughbred Racing have arranged for two remote recall sirens and light units to be available at each thoroughbred race meeting.



This system has been progressively tested and deployed over the past year and are now available in all regions.

These lights/sirens are wireless remote controlled enabling the starter or gates crew to call off a race during an incident.

A siren and light unit will be positioned at the beginning of a race to alert riders should a false start occur, while a second unit will be positioned (at the discretion of the starter with input from the RIU) near the 800m mark on most tracks or near the end of the back straight for smaller track circumferences. The second unit may be activated by the Stipendiary Stewards to signal race abandonment if the following circumstances arise:

- a jockey has a fall and is being attended by paramedics in an area where horses would come around once more (note: this is not necessarily applicable in jumps races where fences are staffed with persons able to divert horses if required); or

- a loose horse creates a high-risk problem (e.g. running back towards the field).

Starting gates crews will transport these units around to each race meeting, and have been trained by NZTR in the positioning and testing of the units.

The Minimum Venue Guideline Standards have reference (7g and 20d) to the requirements of a False Start system. NZTR will update the wording in the guidelines to reflect the set-up of the new equipment.

We appreciate all clubs' review and cooperation in this matter.

If you have any queries, please contact Garry Foskett on 027 457 0178.

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