

POLICY GOVERNING RULE 162 (1)(y)

162 (1)(y) reads:

“A driver shall not fail to adhere to minimum time standards for sections of a race”

Policy:

- 1 *Any driver of a horse leading in a race who fails to adhere to a minimum time standard of 65 seconds for the first half of the last mile of a race (ie where the time exceeds 65 seconds) is guilty of an offence.*
- 2 *Stewards may refrain from taking action against a driver guilty of an offence if they are of the opinion there are circumstances justifying the reasons for the breach.*  
  
*These circumstances may include but not be limited to a lead time significantly faster than the average lead time in a race.*
- 3 *Two year old races will be exempt with the exception of those races carrying a Metropolitan Age Penalty.*
- 4 *In the case of restricted penalty races a one second allowance be made to increase the standard sectional time to 66 seconds.*
- 5 *In the case of races run over a distance greater than 2400 metres, a one second allowance be made to increase the standard sectional time to 66 seconds.*
- 6 *In circumstances where the lead position changes during the first half of the last mile, no driver will be in breach of the rule.*
- 7 *The onus is on the driver of the leader to adhere to the sectional time requirements.*