



TASMANIAN THOROUGHBRED
RACING COUNCIL

PRESS RELEASE

The Tasmanian Jockeys Association (TJA) has today rejected the Tasmanian Thoroughbred Racing Council (TTRC) offer of an interim solution until such time that Workers Compensation or its equivalent is implemented for Tasmanian jockeys by the Tasmanian Government.

The TTRC offered several key incentives in an attempt to avert any strike action. The TTRC has fully complied with all the TJA's requests within legal boundaries and is extremely disappointed with the TJA's decision.

If the TJA's position has not changed by 9am Thursday 2 August 2007 the TTRC will still progress with the Tasmanian Turf Club's meeting on Sunday 5 August 2007.

Seven individual apprentices are eligible to ride and the field sizes will be amended according to the available apprentices and any licensed jockeys willing to ride under the new terms offered by the TTRC.

In support of our Tasmanian apprentices representatives of RVL who currently manage the apprentice training on the TTRC's behalf have committed to attending the meeting in support of the apprentices at this important time.

TTRC CEO Rohan Mitchell said "The TTRC is extremely disappointed with the TJA decision, we have expedited this proposal in all possible ways, the interim offer today fully complied with their requests within legal limitations."

"The TJA have taken what appears to be an ill judged decision in rejecting the TTRC offer given the constraints of their requests. Unfortunately they are not even prepared to come back to the negotiating table".

TTRC Chairman Rod Thirkell-Johnston AM said "The TJA is well aware that we have progressed the proposal with priority. The interim offer today provided an adequate resolution and the TJA should reconsider the offer".

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