



**TRNT BOARD POLICY NO: 020**

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## **RACING AND TRAINING DURING ELECTRICAL STORMS**

Stewards/Staff should cease outdoor activities when electrical storms are present using the 15/15 standard.

This means that when there is lightning visible in the area, if the thunder is heard within 15 seconds of the lightning it is evidence that the lightning is within a proximity that may mean a lightning strike may occur in your immediate vicinity.

Therefore jockeys should not be sent out to ride and horses should remain in the day stalls and all training activities should cease.

Once that has occurred the status quo should remain for 15 minutes after the last sighting of lightning.

Hence the 15/15 policy;

- 15 seconds between lightning sighting and thunder, stop, 15 minutes after last lightning sighting, start.

Stewards/Staff should strictly adhere to this policy to ensure the safety of participants.

In cases where horses may already be on the track when lightning becomes visible, stewards/staff will be required to make a judgement as to whether it is prudent to continue to progress or to bring the riders back to the mounting yard.

This will be dependant on many variable factors but should include matters such as how close the visible lightning was and which may be the quicker way to get the riders back to the mounting yard such as run the race or postpone and trot back.