



GEAR MALFUNCTION IN SCORE UP OF MOBILE START RACES

If a hopple shortener pin or ear plug prematurely releases and a horse maintains its correct gait, the score up shall continue and the Driver shall not alert the Starter of a gear malfunction. The Driver may release the shortener pin or ear plug that has remained in place however must continue to score up. **This is irrespective of the horse maintaining its correct gait or galloping – the score up shall continue regardless.**

It is the responsibility of all Trainers to ensure ear plugs and shortener pins are secure.

Drivers should note that if they attempt to delay the start of a race due to a hopple shortener pin or ear plug prematurely releasing when their drive maintains its gait, or turn their horse away from the start after the score up has commenced, penalties may apply.

If a driver alerts the Starter of **broken gear** (broken gear does not include a hopple shortener pin or ear plug prematurely releasing) and calls for the start to be aborted, that driver is requested to immediately make their way to the nearest Steward to advise of the issue prior to alighting from the sulky and rectifying such.