



**Racing  
Victoria**

## **AMENDMENT TO RULES OF RACING**

### **Amendment No 199 – Issued 15 October 2021**

The Racing Victoria Board has approved the following amendment to the Victorian Local Rules of Racing.

#### **AMENDMENT TO THE VICTORIAN LOCAL RULES OF RACING: LR 64D**

#### **VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS**

#### **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT**

Racing Victoria is committed to protecting, as far as is reasonably practicable, the health and wellbeing of all persons involved in racing.

The measures implemented in response to the Covid-19 pandemic to date have ensured the survival of the thoroughbred racing industry, by allowing it to continue operating in a safe and sustainable environment.

It is critically important to the ongoing sustainability and proper conduct of racing in Victoria that these measures evolve in line with the changing public health landscape and medical advice.

Accordingly, effective immediately, Racing Victoria will not allow any person to enter a Designated Racing Participant Area on raceday if they have not first obtained appropriate vaccination status, subject to legitimate medical exemptions or as otherwise permitted by the Stewards.

Accordingly, the Racing Victoria Board has approved the introduction of LR 64D.

In approving the introduction of a Local Rule to this effect, Racing Victoria has balanced and ensured proportionality between the impact the requirement will have on affected individuals, and its responsibility to provide a safe environment for all persons involved in operating and participating at race meetings.

As foreshadowed in its Media Release on 15 September 2021, and following the Public Health Directions requiring workers to be vaccinated, Racing Victoria will also require that as a condition of entry to designated licensed premises, all persons will need to obtain appropriate vaccination status against COVID-19. These requirements will be regulated through amendments to the Racing Victoria COVID-19 Industry Protocols.

**AR 64D BE ADDED AS FOLLOWS:**

**LR 64D Vaccination Requirements**

(1) Subject to LR 64D(2), a person must not enter or remain in a Designated Racing Participant Area while a registered meeting is being held, unless the person:

(a) for the purposes of any registered meeting held on or following the First Vaccination Date, but prior to the Full Vaccination Date, can show Evidence of being at least Partially Vaccinated; and

(b) for the purposes of any registered meeting held on or following the Full Vaccination Date, can show Evidence of being Fully Vaccinated.

(2) LR 64D(1) does not apply to a person who, within 3 days in advance of the registered meeting, has:

(a) to the satisfaction of Racing Victoria, produced:

(i) a medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner certifying that because of a specified medical contraindication as set out in the Public Health Directions, the person to whom the certificate has been issued cannot safely have a COVID-19 vaccine; and

(ii) a certified COVID-19 test result confirming that the person has tested negative to COVID-19 within 3 days of the commencement of the registered meeting; or

(b) otherwise complied with any other direction or order made by the Stewards with respect to biosecurity precautions required to be taken by a person from time to time.

(3) For the purpose of LR 64D:

(a) **COVID-19 vaccine** means a vaccine to protect a person against COVID-19 that has been registered or provisionally registered by the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

(b) **Designated Raceday Participant Area** means an area of the Course:

(i) used by persons involved in the participation, operation and management of a race meeting, including but not limited to the tie up stalls, parade ring, mounting yard, jockey rooms, Stewards' rooms and racetrack; or

(ii) as otherwise designated by the Stewards.

(c) **Evidence** means:

(i) a form of government issued photo identification showing the person's name and place of residence; and

(ii) a digital certificate or other evidence from the Australian Government that the person is Partially Vaccinated or Fully Vaccinated.

(d) **First Vaccination Date** means the date determined and proclaimed by Racing Victoria as such for the purpose of **this rule**.

(e) **Full Vaccination Date** means the date determined and proclaimed by Racing Victoria as such for the purpose of **this rule**.

(f) **Fully Vaccinated** means having received the prescribed number of doses of a COVID-19 vaccine as **recommended** by the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) for full COVID-19 vaccination.

(g) **Partially Vaccinated** means having received a dose of a COVID-19 vaccine that is less than the number of doses of a COVID-19 vaccine as recommended by the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) for Full Vaccination.

(h) **Public Health Directions** means the COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination (Workers) Directions made under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 (Vic), which commenced on 7 October 2021, and as amended from time to time (including, for clarity, any successive Directions with a different name).

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