

AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF RACING

Amendment No 130 - Issued 17 January 2014

The Australian Racing Board has approved the following amendments to the Australian Rules of Racing, effective from 1 February 2014.

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NEW AR 8E BE ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

AR 8E

- (1) The Principal Racing Authority may from time to time appoint one or more persons to undertake investigations at the direction of the Principal Racing Authority and such investigators shall have and may exercise all the powers, duties and authorities conferred on Stewards by AR 8(b),(c), (jj), (k)(ii), AR 8B and AR 8C.
- (2) Any licensed person, owner or any other person engaged in or associated with racing who, whilst the investigators are exercising such powers, duties and authorities, refuses to obey any reasonable direction of investigators or obstructs, hinders or delays investigators in exercising such powers or carrying out their duties, or incites any other person or person to obstruct, hinder or delay investigators from exercising such powers or carrying out their duties, may be penalised.

[AR 8E added 1/2/14]

NEW AR 64 BE ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

AR 64

- (1) Without limiting any power contained in these Rules, the Stewards may prevent or suspend a horse from participating in track work, or from starting in any jump-out, official trial or race, for any period and upon any conditions that the Stewards consider appropriate if, in the Stewards' opinion:
 - (a) <u>the horse has a galloping action or races in a manner which is likely to pose a safety</u> risk to either itself, any other horse, or to any person;
 - (b) the horse has barrier manners which are considered to be unruly or intractable and/or which may pose a safety risk to itself or any other horse in a race or to any person.
- Where the Stewards suspend or prevent a horse from starting in any jump-out, official trial or race for a temporary period in accordance with AR 64(1), the Stewards may also order that the horse not be permitted to be nominated or entered for any official trial or race (as applicable) until the horse has:
 - (a) <u>participated to the satisfaction of the Stewards in any test, jump-out or official trial (or series of tests, jump-outs or official trials); and/or</u>

(b) passed any veterinary examination or any other examination considered appropriate.

[AR 64 added 1/2/14]

AR 103(3) BE DELETED AND REPLACED AS FOLLOWS:

- (3) The minimum weight allocated for handicap flat races must not be less than:
 - (a) 50 kilograms for the Melbourne Cup and Caulfield Cup;
 - (b) 52 kilograms for Group 1 handicap races other than the Melbourne Cup and Caulfield Cup;
 - (c) 53 kilograms for Group 2 handicap flat races;
 - (d) 54 kilograms for all other handicap flat races.
- (3) The minimum weight allocated for handicap flat races must not be less than
 - (a) 50 kilograms for the Melbourne, Caulfield Cup and Doncaster Mile;
 - (b) 52 kilograms for Group 1 handicap races other than the Melbourne Cup and Caulfield Cup;
 - (c) 53 kilograms for Group 2 handicap flat races;
 - (d) 54 kilograms for all other handicap flat races.

[AR 103(3) amended 1/1/12, AR 103(3) deleted and replaced 1/2/14]

AR 111A (5) BE ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

AR 111A

- (1) The Stewards may, subject to sub-rule (2) of this rule, within any reasonable time, permit the handicapper to amend the allotted weight of any horse in a handicap race.
- (2) The Stewards may allow the handicapper to amend the allotted weight of a horse only if they are satisfied that the allotted weight was incorrect because of:
 - (a) a clerical error at the time of release of such weights, or
 - (b) incomplete or inaccurate information on the performances, age, sex or identity of any entry, or
 - (c) an error by the handicapper in the assessment of the age or sex of any entry or of the conditions for the race. [(c) amended 1/10/00]
- (3) The handicapper may, with the permission of the Stewards and before the declaration of acceptances, issue a substitute set of weights for a handicap race only when:
 - (a) a correctly nominated horse was not included in the original weights, or
 - (b) the original weights are not in accordance with the conditions for the race.
- (4) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this rule, an error in the allotted weight of any horse in a weight-for-age, set-weight, ratings-based, benchmark or set-weight-and-penalties race may be corrected at any time.
- (5) The handicapper may amend the allotted weight of a horse in a handicap race to carry an additional weight if, after weights are declared for that handicap race, that horse wins a race.

[added 1/8/99; amended 1/10/07, 1/12/10, AR 111A(5) added 1/2/14]

AR 175(f) and AR 175(g) BE DELETED AND REPLACED AS FOLLOWS:

AR 175

The Committee of any Club or the Stewards may penalise:

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- (f) Any owner, nominator, lessee, member of a syndicate, trainer, jockey, rider, apprentice, stablehand, bookmaker, bookmaker's clerk, person having official duties in relation to racing, person attendant on or connected with a horse, or any other person who refuses or fails to attend or give such evidence as directed at any inquiry or appeal when requested by the Principal Racing Authority or Stewards to do so. [word substituted 1/5/02; amended 30/4/03]
- (f) Any person who refuses or fails to attend or give evidence at any investigation, inquiry or appeal when directed or requested by the Principal Racing Authority or Stewards, acting under delegated authority from the Principal Racing Authority, or other person authorised by the Principal Racing Authority, to do so.

- (g) Any person who gives at any inquiry or appeal any evidence which in their opinion is false or misleading in any particular.
- (g) Any person who gives at any interview, investigation, inquiry, hearing and/or appeal any evidence which is false or misleading in any particular.

[word substituted 1/5/02, amended 30/4/03,AR 175(f) and (g) deleted and replaced 1/2/14]

AR 178D BE DELETED AND REPLACED AS FOLLOWS:

AR 178D

- (1) Samples taken from horses in pursuance of the powers conferred on the stewards by AR 8(j) shall be analysed by only an official racing laboratory.
- (2) Upon the detection by an official racing laboratory of a prohibited substance in a sample taken from a horse such laboratory shall:
 - (a) notify its finding to the stewards, who shall thereupon notify the trainer of the horse of such finding; and
 - (b) nominate another official racing laboratory and refer to it the reserve portion of the same sample and, except in the case of a blood sample, the control of the same sample, together with advice as to the identity of the prohibited substance detected.

 [amended 27/10/05]
- (3) In the event of the other official racing laboratory detecting the same prohibited substance, or metabolites, isomers or artifacts of the same prohibited substance, in the referred reserve portion of the sample and not in the referred portion of the control, the certified findings of both official racing laboratories shall be prima facie evidence that a prohibited substance has been detected in that sample for the purposes of these rules.

[AR 178D(3) amended 01/06/11]

- (1) Samples taken from horses in pursuance of the powers conferred on the stewards by AR 8(j) shall be analysed by only an Official Racing Laboratory.
- (2) Upon the detection by an Official Racing Laboratory of a prohibited substance in a sample taken from a horse such laboratory shall
 - (a) notify its finding to the stewards, who shall thereupon notify the trainer of the horse of such finding; and
 - (b) nominate another Official Racing Laboratory and refer to it the reserve portion of the same sample and, except in the case of a blood sample, the control of the same sample, together with advice as to the identity of the prohibited substance detected.
- (3) In the event of the other Official Racing Laboratory detecting the same prohibited substance, or metabolites, isomers or artefacts of the same prohibited substance, in the referred reserve portion of the sample and not in the referred portion of the control, the certified findings of both official racing laboratories shall be prima facie evidence that a prohibited substance has been detected in that sample for the purposes of these rules.
- (4) Where an Official Racing Laboratory is unable, for any reason, to analyse a sample to detect and/or certify as to the presence of a prohibited substance in that sample, that Official Racing Laboratory or the Stewards may refer the sample, or any portion of the sample, to another Official Racing Laboratory for analysis.
- (5) If the Official Racing Laboratory to which a sample or portion of a sample was referred in accordance with AR 178D(4) detects a prohibited substance in that sample or portion of that sample, that Official Racing Laboratory shall -
 - (a) notify its finding to the stewards, who shall thereupon notify the trainer of the horse of such finding; and
 - (b) nominate another Official Racing Laboratory and refer to it a reserve portion of the same sample and, except in the case of a blood sample, the control of the same sample, together with advice as to the identity of the prohibited substance detected.

(6) In the event of the Official Racing Laboratory to which a sample was referred pursuant to AR

178D(5) detecting the same prohibited substance, or metabolites, isomers or artefacts of the same prohibited substance, in the referred reserve portion of the control sample and not in the referred portion of the control, the certified findings of both Official Racing laboratories shall be prima facie evidence that a prohibited substance has been detected in that sample for the purposes of these rules.

[AR 178D(2) ame	nded 27/10/05, AR	178D(3) amended	l 1/6/11, <u>AR</u>	<u> 178D</u>	deleted and	replaced	<u>1/2/14]</u>

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