



**Racing  
Victoria**

## **AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF RACING**

### **Amendment No 181 – Issued 27 May 2019**

Racing Australia has approved the following amendments to the Australian Rules of Racing, effective from 1 June 2019.

<b>AMENDMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING: SCHEDULE 1 – PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE LISTS &amp; EXEMPTIONS/THRESHOLDS</b>
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#### **PROHIBITED LIST A & B THRESHOLDS - TESTOSTERONE**

##### **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT**

Article 6A of the International Agreement on Breeding Racing and Wagering (IABRW) now contains a plasma testosterone threshold for fillies and mares (unless in foal): 100 picograms free testosterone per millilitre in plasma from fillies and mares.

Racing Australia has approved the inclusion of the international threshold in the Rules.

#### **Amendments effective from 1 June 2019**

##### ***SCHEDULE 1, PART 1, DIVISION 3 BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:***

##### **Division 3 – Prohibited List A thresholds (anabolic androgenic steroids)**

The prohibited substances set out below in this Division 3 when present at or below their respective threshold are exempt from Prohibited List A.

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2. Testosterone:

- (a) in geldings: free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its conjugates at a mass concentration of 20 micrograms per litre in urine;
- (b) in fillies and mares: free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its conjugates at a mass concentration of 55 micrograms per litre in urine;
- (c) in geldings, [fillies and mares](#): free testosterone at a mass concentration of 100 picograms per millilitre in plasma;
- (d) in fillies and mares that have been notified as pregnant under AR 84(2): free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its conjugates at any concentration in urine, [or free testosterone at any concentration in plasma](#).

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**SCHEDULE 1, PART 2, DIVISION 3 BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

**Division 3 – Prohibited List B thresholds**

The prohibited substances set out below in this Division 3 when present at or below their respective threshold are exempt from Prohibited List B.

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7. Testosterone:

- (a) in geldings: free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its conjugates at a mass concentration of 20 micrograms per litre in urine;
- (b) in fillies and mares: free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its conjugates at a mass concentration of 55 micrograms per litre in urine;
- (c) in geldings, [fillies and mares](#): free testosterone at a mass concentration of 100 picograms per millilitre in plasma;
- (d) in fillies and mares that have been notified as pregnant under AR 84(2): free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its conjugates at any concentration in urine, [or free testosterone at any concentration in plasma](#).

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**AMENDMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING: SCHEDULE 1 –  
PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE LISTS & EXEMPTIONS/THRESHOLDS**

**PROHIBITED LIST A & B THRESHOLDS - ESTRANEDIOL**

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT**

Under the Rules of Racing the threshold for estranediol in male horses is expressed as the ratio of estranediol: estrenediol at  $\leq 1$ . However, under Article 6A of the International Agreement on Breeding, Racing and Wagering (IABRW), the threshold is expressed as an absolute threshold of 45 micrograms per litre in urine, provided that at the screening stage the ratio of estranediol: estrenediol is  $> 1$ .

For consistency with the IABRW, Racing Australia has approved an amendment to the way in which the threshold is expressed in the Rules.

**Amendments effective from 1 June 2019**

***SCHEDULE 1, PART 1, DIVISION 3 BE DELETED AND REPLACED AS FOLLOWS:***

**Division 3 – Prohibited List A thresholds (anabolic androgenic steroids)**

The prohibited substances set out below in this Division 3 when present at or below their respective threshold are exempt from Prohibited List A.

- ~~1. In male horses other than geldings, 5 $\alpha$ -estrane-3 $\beta$ , 17 $\alpha$ -diol in urine (including both the free substance and that liberated from its conjugates) at a mass concentration equal to or less than that of 5(10) estrene-3 $\beta$ , 17 $\alpha$ -diol in urine (including both the free substance and that liberated from its conjugates).~~

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**Division 3 – Prohibited List A thresholds (anabolic androgenic steroids)**

The prohibited substances set out below in this Division 3 when present at or below their respective threshold are exempt from Prohibited List A.

1. In male horses other than geldings, free and glucuroconjugated 5 $\alpha$ -estrane-3 $\beta$ , 17 $\alpha$ -diol at a mass concentration of 45 micrograms per litre in urine when, at the screening stage, the free and glucuroconjugated 5 $\alpha$ -estrane-3 $\beta$ , 17 $\alpha$ -diol exceeds the free and glucuroconjugated 5,10 estrene-3 $\beta$ ,17 $\alpha$ -diol in the urine.

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***SCHEDULE 1, PART 2, DIVISION 3 BE DELETED AND REPLACED AS FOLLOWS:***

**Division 3 – Prohibited List B thresholds**

The prohibited substances set out below in this Division 3 when present at or below their respective threshold are exempt from Prohibited List B.

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- ~~4. In male horses other than geldings, 5 $\alpha$ -estrane-3 $\beta$ , 17 $\alpha$ -diol in urine (including both the free substance and that liberated from its conjugates) at a mass concentration equal to or less than~~

~~that of 5(10)-estrane-3 $\beta$ ,17 $\alpha$ -diol in urine (including both the free substance and that liberated from its conjugates).~~

### **Division 3 – Prohibited List B thresholds**

The prohibited substances set out below in this Division 3 when present at or below their respective threshold are exempt from Prohibited List B.

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4. In male horses other than geldings, free and glucuroconjugated 5 $\alpha$ -estrane-3 $\beta$ , 17 $\alpha$ -diol at a mass concentration of 45 micrograms per litre in urine when, at the screening stage, the free and glucuroconjugated 5 $\alpha$ -estrane-3 $\beta$ , 17 $\alpha$ -diol exceeds the free and glucuroconjugated 5,10-estrane-3 $\beta$ ,17 $\alpha$ -diol in the urine.

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**AMENDMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING: SCHEDULE 1 –  
PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE LISTS & EXEMPTIONS/THRESHOLDS**

**PROHIBITED LIST B THRESHOLDS - PREDNISOLONE**

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT**

There is now evidence that prednisolone is an endogenous substance in horses. In light of this, Article 6A of the International Agreement on Breeding, Racing and Wagering (IABRW) now includes a prednisolone threshold.

Racing Australia has approved the inclusion of this threshold in the Rules.

**Amendments effective from 1 June 2019**

***SCHEDULE 1, PART 2, DIVISION 3 BE ADDED AS FOLLOWS:***

**Division 3 – Prohibited List B thresholds**

The prohibited substances set out below in this Division 3 when present at or below their respective threshold are exempt from Prohibited List B.

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[12. Prednisolone \(free prednisolone\) at a mass concentration of 10 micrograms per litre in urine.](#)

## CLOTHES, FOOTWEAR AND EQUIPMENT

### SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

Under the Rules of Racing, Stewards have specific powers to confiscate riders' safety gear and equipment such as helmets, safety vests and whips that do not meet the required standards or are not in a suitable condition.

In circumstances where the Rules provide that only clothes, footwear, apparel and equipment approved by Stewards are allowed to be worn or used by riders, Racing Australia has approved an expansion of the rule to give Stewards powers to confiscate such items that have not been approved.

The primary aims of such an amendment are to improve rider safety (by restricting use of potentially dangerous clothing and footwear) and to improve equine welfare (by restricting use of potentially harmful equipment).

### Amendments effective from 1 June 2019

#### **AR 121 BE DELETED AND REPLACED AS FOLLOWS:**

##### ~~AR 121 Clothes, footwear and equipment~~

- ~~(1) Riders must wear clothes which are clean and appropriate for riding.~~
- ~~(2) Only clothes, footwear, apparel and equipment approved by Racing Australia, a PRA, or the Stewards may be worn by a rider in a race, official trial, jump-out or trackwork.~~

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- (1) Riders must wear clothes which are clean and appropriate for riding.
- (2) Only clothes, footwear, apparel and equipment approved by Racing Australia, a PRA, or the Stewards may be worn or used by a rider in a race, official trial, jump-out or trackwork.
- (3) The Stewards may confiscate any clothes, footwear, apparel and equipment worn or used by a rider that has not been approved in accordance with subrule (2).

**METHOD OF WEIGHING-OUT AND WEIGHING-IN**

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT**

Racing Australia has approved an amendment to this rule to accord with the Stewards' current practice of including the neck strap in the rider's weight.

**Amendments effective from 1 June 2019**

***AR 184 BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:***

**AR 184 Method of weighing-out and weighing-in**

When calculating a rider's weight in weighing-out and weighing-in:

- (a) no account is to be taken of fractions of 0.5kg; and
- (b) the following items must be included by the rider in the weight:
  - (i) all items of clothing worn by the rider except for the rider's helmet, goggles, other face protection and gloves;
  - (ii) the saddle, lead bag, ~~and~~ associated packing (excluding the saddle cloth) [and neck strap](#); and
  - (iii) any other gear attached or to be attached to the saddle.

## **MAKING PROTESTS**

### **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT**

Protests for interference per AR 130(1) may be made on behalf of horses finishing up to one place after the last place for which prizemoney is awarded.

This can result in the Stewards having to deal with largely inconsequential matters (e.g. 9th vs 10th), as well as creating significant delays in authorising betting payouts.

Accordingly, Racing Australia has approved that such protests be restricted to horses finishing up to 5th place, with discretion for the Stewards to consider protests in respect of any lower placed horses.

Discretion for the Stewards to hear protests for lower placings provides flexibility, and may be particularly relevant for bigger races where prizemoney is significant below 5th place.

### **Amendments effective from 1 June 2019**

#### **AR 219(4) BE DELETED AND REPLACED AS FOLLOWS:**

##### **AR 219 Making protests**

- (1) Except for protests to be made prior to a rider weighing-in (under subrule (3)), unless the Stewards order otherwise every protest:
  - (a) must be made to the Stewards in writing; and
  - (b) be signed by either the nominator or the nominator's authorised agent, trainer or rider.
- (2) A protest may be made by a Steward or the Starter in their official capacity. In the case of such a protest in relation to a matter referred to in subrule (3), it must be made before correct weight is declared.
- (3) Any protest by the persons authorised under subrule (1)(b) against a horse/s on the ground of:
  - (a) an interference in the running of a race as provided for in AR 130(1);
  - (b) a horse/s not having run the proper course;
  - (c) the race having been run over a wrong course;
  - (d) the use of a whip as provided for in AR 132; or
  - (e) any other matter occurring in a race,must be made to the Steward at scale before the riders of all placed horses are weighed-in or at any other time allowed by the Stewards prior to the signaling of correct weight.

~~(4) A protest made under subrule (3)(a) is only permitted to be made on behalf of a horse that has been placed by the Judge in accordance with AR 214(3).~~

(4) A protest made under subrule (3)(a) is only permitted to be made on behalf of a horse that has been placed first, second, third, fourth or fifth by the Judge, provided that the Stewards, in their discretion, may allow a protest made under subrule (3)(a) to be made on behalf of a horse that has been placed below fifth by the Judge.

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## AMENDMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING: AR 227

### BREACHES OF THE RULES

#### SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

Under the Rules of Racing it is an offence for a person to attempt to commit, aid, abet, counsel, procure, connive at, conspire with another person to commit, or be a party to another person who commits, a breach of the Rules.

Further, where a person is approached or requested to engage in corrupt, improper etc conduct, or conduct detrimental to the interests of racing, that person has an obligation under the Rules to report such approach or request to the Stewards (see AR 230).

Racing Australia has approved the introduction of a specific offence where a person approaches or requests a person to commit a breach of the Rules. This will help improve integrity measures by creating an offence where a person takes steps with the intent of having an offence committed by another person, despite the other person potentially refusing or having no intention to carry it out.

### Amendments effective from 1 June 2019

#### **AR 227 BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

##### **AR 227 Breaches of the Rules**

Without limiting any other powers, a PRA or the Stewards may penalise any person who:

- (a) commits any breach of the Rules, or engages in conduct or negligence which has led or could have led to a breach of the Rules;
- (b) attempts to commit, aids, abets, counsels, procures, connives at, [approaches or requests another person to commit](#), conspires with another person to commit, or is a party to another person who commits, a breach of the Rules.

## OFFICIAL RACING LABORATORY

### SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

The Japan Racing Association's Laboratory of Racing Chemistry has been added to the list of analytical racing laboratories approved by Racing Australia, for the purposes of reserve portion/B sample analysis only.

### Amendments effective from 1 June 2019

#### AR 2 BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

##### AR 2 Dictionary

In the interpretation of these Australian Rules (and any race meeting held under them), unless the context requires otherwise, the words and phrases below have the meanings set out in this rule.

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**Official Racing Laboratory** means an analytical racing laboratory which is approved by Racing Australia.

**Note:** *The following have been approved by Racing Australia as Official Racing Laboratories:*

*Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory, Sydney*

*Queensland Racing Integrity Commission – Racing Science Centre, Brisbane*

*Racing Analytical Services Limited, Melbourne*

*Racing Chemistry Laboratory, Chemistry Centre (W.A.), Perth*

*The Hong Kong Jockey Club Racing Laboratory, Sha Tin, Hong Kong*

*New Zealand Racing Laboratory Services Limited, Avondale, Auckland, New Zealand*

*Sport and Specialised Analytical Services, LGC, Fordham, Ely, Cambridgeshire, United Kingdom*

*Australian Sports Drug Testing Laboratory, Sydney*

*ChemCentre, Western Australia*

*National Measurement Institute (NMI), Sydney (trace element analysis)*

*Institute of Biochemistry, German Sport University, Cologne, German.*

[Laboratory of Racing Chemistry, Tochigi, Japan \(reserve portion/B sample analysis\).](#)

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

## AMENDMENT TO THE VICTORIAN LOCAL RULES OF RACING: LR 8C(2A)

### MINOR OFFENCES

#### SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

LR 8C(2A) is currently inconsistently worded and for ease of reading it ought be amended. In particular, the prefix "AR" should be included before each rule and each rule should be reordered in numerical order.

### Amendments effective from 21 May 2019

#### ***LR 8C(2A) BE DELETED AND REPLACED AS FOLLOWS:***

##### LR 8C

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~~(2A) **Minor Offences:** Notwithstanding the provisions of LR 8C(1), where a person charged by the Stewards with a breach of AR 232(h), 232(i), 229(1)(h), 227(b), AR 228(a), AR 228(b), AR 241, AR 251, or AR 247 has indicated in writing that he or she will plead guilty before the RAD Board, the Stewards may penalise the person by imposing a fine not exceeding \$5000.~~

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##### LR 8C

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(2A) **Minor Offences:** Notwithstanding the provisions of LR 8C(1), where a person charged by the Stewards with a breach of AR 227(b), AR 228(a), AR 228(b), AR 229(1)(h), AR 232(h), AR 232(i), AR 241, AR 247, or AR 251 has indicated in writing that he or she will plead guilty before the RAD Board, the Stewards may penalise the person by imposing a fine not exceeding \$5000.

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## AMENDMENT TO THE VICTORIAN LOCAL RULES OF RACING: LR 10(3)(c)

### APPOINTMENT OF STEWARDS AND INVESTIGATORS

#### SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

An inadvertent error has been identified in the re-write of the Local Rules.

LR 10(3)(c) currently references LR 7B(4). This is a reference to the old Rule. It should instead reference LR 11(4).

Accordingly, it was recommended that the Rule be amended as follows.

### Amendments effective from 21 May 2019

#### ***LR 10(3)(c) BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:***

#### **LR 10 Appointment of Stewards and Investigators**

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- (3) **Secondment of other Principal Racing Authorities' Stewards:** The Directors may from time to time:
- (a) second one or more Stewards employed by another Principal Racing Authority and appoint them to act as Stewards for the purposes of the Rules;
  - (b) define the period of the secondment and remuneration of such Stewards; and
  - (c) notwithstanding the provisions of sub-rule (2) of this rule and of ~~LR 7B(4)~~ [LR 11\(4\)](#), appoint such Stewards to discharge the duties of the Chairman of Stewards and/or the Deputy Chairman of Stewards.

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