# Weight Scale 1 January, 2017

## **Amendments to Australian Rules of Racing**

Industry participants are advised that new weight scales came into effect from March, 2016 following amendments to the Australian Rules of Racing, by the Australian Racing Board and consequential amendments to Victorian weight scales. The amendments cover the following matters:

## **Minimum Riding Weights**

Caulfield and Melbourne Cups	50kg
All other Group 1 Races	52kg
Group 2 Races	53kg
All other races (inc Group 3 and Listed)	54kg
Night and Non-TAB Meetings	55kg
Minimum Topweight at Declaration of Weights	
All Group 1 Races (inc Caulfield and Melbourne Cups)	58kg
All other Group Races and all 2yo Races	59kg
All other Races	60kg
Minimum Topweight at Declaration of Acceptances	
Group 1 Races	57kg
All other Races	58kg

### **Ratings Based Handicapping Template**

An updated RBH Template has been constructed to reflect the amended minimum riding weights and minimum topweights.

The Handicapping Panel has also taken the opportunity to eliminate a number of "bands" that previously existed where two successive rating numbers represented the same weight within many areas of the template. These "bands" have been removed from all sections of the template, other than for the 2yo and 3yo columns. The new template appears on the Racing Victoria Website.

### **Weights in Maiden Races**

The scale of weights for Set Weight Maiden races appears on the Racing Victoria Website.

For further information related to the amended weight scale in Victoria please contact the RVL Handicapping Panel directly on 03 9258 4671 or e-mail g.carpenter@racingvictoria.net.au.