AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF RACING
Amendment No 128 – Issued 31 October 2013

The Australian Racing Board have approved the following amendments to the Australian Rules of Racing, effective from 1 November 2013.

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NEW DEFINITION TO AR 1 AS FOLLOWS:

“Anabolic Androgenic Steroid Clearing Certificate” means a certificate from an Official Racing Laboratory stating that a sample (taken under the supervision of the Stewards or other official appointed by the Principal Racing Authority to do so) is free of anabolic androgenic steroids or that any anabolic androgenic steroids that are present are at or below the relevant concentrations set out in AR 178C(1).

[added 1/11/13]

NEW AR 15D TO BE ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

AR 15D

(1) This rule applies to all horses:

(a) born on or after 1st May 2014; and
(b) which are eligible to be registered under these Rules but have not yet been registered under these Rules.

(2) The Stewards or other official appointed by the Principal Racing Authority may, at any time, direct that a horse be produced to provide a sample to be analysed to determine whether any anabolic androgenic steroid is present in the system of the horse.

(3) Where a horse is not produced to provide a sample as directed pursuant to AR 15D(2), that horse is ineligible to start in any race or official trial:

(a) until at least 12 months after the latter of:

(i) the date on which the horse, having been registered under these Rules, is allowed to start in a race under AR 45A (subject to any further conditions imposed by the Stewards in their discretion); and
(ii) the date on which the horse is in fact produced to provide a sample to be analysed to determine whether any anabolic androgenic steroid is present in the system of the horse; and

(b) only after an Anabolic Androgenic Steroid Clearing Certificate is provided in respect of a sample taken from the horse, such sample having been taken at a date determined by the Stewards.
(4) Where a sample taken at any time from a horse has detected in it an anabolic androgenic steroid (other than an anabolic androgenic steroid which is present at or below the relevant concentrations set out in AR.178C(1)), that horse is ineligible to start in any race or official trial:

(a) until at least 12 months after the latter of:

(i) the date on which the horse, having been registered under these Rules, is allowed to start in a race under AR.45A (subject to any further conditions imposed by the Stewards in their discretion); and

(ii) the date the relevant sample was taken; and

(b) only after an Anabolic Androgenic Steroid Clearing Certificate is provided in respect of a sample taken from the horse, such sample having been taken at a date determined by the Stewards.

(5) Any person must, when directed by the Stewards or other official appointed by the Principal Racing Authority, produce, or otherwise give full access to, the horse so that the Stewards or other official appointed by the Principal Racing Authority may take or cause a sample to be taken and analysed to determine whether any anabolic androgenic steroid is present in the system of the horse.

(6) For the avoidance of doubt and without limitation, sub-rule (5) requires an owner, lessee, nominator and/or trainer to produce the horse, or otherwise give full access to the horse, even if the horse is:

(a) under the care or control of another person; and/or

(b) located at the property of another person.

(7) Any person who fails to produce, or give full access to, a horse to provide a sample as required by sub-rule (5) may be penalised.

[AR 15D added 1/11/13]

**AR 177B(2) (r) AND (s) BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

(r) metabolites, artifacts and isomers of any of the substances specified in paragraphs (a) to (q),

(r) anabolic androgenic steroids (other than an anabolic androgenic steroid which is present at or below the relevant concentrations set out in AR.178C(1)); and

(s) metabolites, artifacts and isomers of any of the substances specified in paragraphs (a) to (r).

[deleted and replaced 1/11/2012, amended and paragraphs renumbered 1/12/2012, (r) amended (s) added 1/11/2013]

**AR 177C BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

**AR 177C** In the case of the presence of testosterone (including both free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its conjugates) above a mass concentration of 20 micrograms per litre being detected in a urine sample taken from a gelding prior to or following its running in any race it is open to the Stewards to find that the provisions of AR 177 or 178H do not apply if on the basis of the scientific and analytical evidence available to them they are satisfied that the detected level in the sample was of endogenous origin or as a result of endogenous activity. [added 1/10/12, **amended 1/11/13**]
**AR 178C BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

(1) The following prohibited substances when present at or below the concentrations respectively set out are excepted from the provisions of AR 178B and AR 178H:

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[AR 178C(1) amended 1/11/13]

**AR 178G BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

AR 178G

In the case of the presence of testosterone (including both free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its conjugates) above a mass concentration of 20 micrograms per litre being detected in a urine sample taken from a gelding prior to or following its running in any race it is open to the Stewards to find that the provisions of AR 178 or AR 178H do not apply if on the basis of the scientific and analytical evidence available to them they are satisfied that the detected level in the sample was of endogenous origin or as a result of endogenous activity. [added 1/10/12, amended 1/11/13]

**NEW AR 178H BE ADDED AS FOLLOWS:**

AR 178H

(1) A horse must not, in any manner, at any time, be administered an anabolic androgenic steroid.

(2) Any person who:

   (a) administers an anabolic androgenic steroid;
   (b) attempts to administer an anabolic androgenic steroid;
   (c) causes an anabolic androgenic steroid to be administered; and/or
   (d) is a party to the administration of, or an attempt to administer, an anabolic androgenic steroid,
       to a horse commits an offence and must be penalised in accordance with AR 196(5).

(3) Where the Stewards are satisfied that a horse has, or is likely to have been, administered any anabolic androgenic steroid contrary to AR 178H(1), the Stewards may prevent the horse from starting in any relevant race, official trial or jump-out.

(4) When a sample taken at any time from a horse has detected in it an anabolic androgenic steroid the horse is not permitted to start in any race or official trial:

   (a) for a minimum period of 12 months from the date of the collection of the sample in which an anabolic androgenic steroid was detected; and
   (b) only after an Anabolic Androgenic Steroid Clearing Certificate is provided in respect of a sample taken from the horse, such sample having been taken at a date determined by the Stewards.

(5) Any owner, lessee, nominator, trainer and/or person in charge of a horse registered under these Rules must, when directed by the Stewards or other official appointed by the Principal Racing Authority, produce, or otherwise give full access to, the horse so that the Stewards or other official appointed by the Principal Racing Authority may take or cause a sample to be taken and analysed to determine whether any anabolic androgenic steroid is present in the system of the horse.

(6) For the avoidance of doubt and without limitation, sub-rule (5) requires an owner, lessee, nominator and/or trainer to produce the horse, or otherwise give full access to the horse, even if the horse is:

   (a) under the care or control of another person; and/or
(b) located at the property of another person.

(7) Any person who fails to produce, or give full access to, a horse to provide a sample as required by sub-rule (5) may be penalised.

(8) In respect of a horse registered under these Rules, where an owner, lessee, nominator, trainer and/or person in charge of a horse is in breach of sub-rule (5), the relevant horse will not be permitted to start in any race or official trial:

(a) for a period of not less than 12 months following the day on which the horse is in fact produced to the Stewards, or full access to the horse is otherwise given to the Stewards, so that a sample may be taken and analysed for anabolic androgenic steroids; and

(b) only after an Anabolic Androgenic Steroid Clearing Certificate is provided in respect of a sample taken from the horse, such sample having been taken at a date determined by the Stewards.

[AR 178H added 1/11/13]

AR 196(5) BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

(5) Where a person is found guilty of a breach of any of the Rules listed below, a penalty of disqualification for a period of not less than the period specified for that Rule must be imposed unless there is a finding that a special circumstance exists whereupon the penalty may be reduced:

(i) AR 64G(1)(a) – 12 months
(ii) AR 83(d) – 2 years
(iii) AR 84 – 2 years
(iv) AR 135(d) – 3 years
(v) AR 175(aa) – 5 years
(vi) AR 175(h)(i) – 3 years
(vii) AR 175(hh)(i) – 2 years
(viii) AR 177B(6) – 2 years
(ix) AR 178E – 6 months
(x) AR 178H(2) – 2 years

For the purpose of this sub-rule, a special circumstance is as stipulated by each Principal Racing Authority under its respective Local Rules. [AR 196(5) added 1/3/13, AR 196(5)(x) added 1/11/13]

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