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1. PRELIMINARY

1.1 Title

These Rules may be cited as the Sports Betting Rules 2007.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of these Rules is to provide rules for Bookmakers who conduct Sports Betting pursuant to a Club Bookmakers' Licence.

1.3 Authorising provision

These Rules are made pursuant to section 91A of the Racing Act.

1.4 Customers deemed to be bound

All Customers of Bookmakers are bound by these Rules.

1.5 Commencement

These Rules come into effect on the date declared by Racing Victoria.

1.6 Bookmaker to advise copies of Rules are available

A Bookmaker must:

- (a) advise every new Customer that these Rules are available from Racing Victoria or from the Racing Victoria website; and
- (b) advise new Customers that it is their responsibility to obtain these Rules and to be familiar with them.

1.7 Bookmaker may specify additional terms

1.7.1 Bookmaker may specify

A Bookmaker may specify additional terms for Sports Bets with his or her Customers in respect of issues not dealt with by these Rules, provided that:

- (a) the additional terms are in writing and clearly identified as "Additional Terms Applicable to Sports Bets with (name of Bookmaker)"; and
- (b) prior to any Sports Betting transaction being entered into which is subject to these additional terms the Bookmaker:
 - (i) has given Racing Victoria a copy of these additional terms; and

- (ii) used their best endeavours to make these additional terms available to customers; and
 - (iii) in the case of Internet betting, posted and published these additional terms on their website; and
- (c) the additional terms do not conflict with these rules.

1.7.2 Racing Victoria may disallow

Racing Victoria may disallow any or all such additional terms.

1.8 Applicable law

All Sports Bets between a Bookmaker and his or her Customers are subject to the laws of Victoria.

1.9 Consequence of non-compliance

A failure by a Bookmaker to comply with any obligation imposed on him or her by these Rules may not be used by the Bookmaker to cancel the Sports Bet.

2. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

2.1 Definitions

In these Rules:

- (a) unless the context necessarily requires otherwise, all terms have the same meaning as in the Club Bookmakers' Licence Rules; and
- (b) the following terms have the meaning ascribed below:

“All-in” means that the Sports Bet stands and no refund is payable whether or not a particular competitor or team or member of a team starts or completes the Approved Sports Betting Event on which a Sports Bet is placed.

“Approved Sports Betting Event” means an event or contingency which is:

- (a) declared by the Minister from time to time under section 4(1) of the Racing Act to be an approved betting event; and
- (b) set out in the schedule of these Rules.

“Bookmaker” means, for the purpose of these Sports Betting Rules, a bookmaker who is the holder of a Licence granted by Racing Victoria pursuant to the Club Bookmakers' Licence Rules 2010 to accept bets on Approved Sports Betting Events.

“Customer” means a person from whom a Bookmaker accepts a Sports Bet.

“Declared Internet Betting System” means an Internet Betting System that is declared by Racing Victoria to be exempted from the operation of the Bookmaker Sports Betting Rules 2007.

“Dividend” means the agreed payout or return, including any stake, on a Sports Bet.

“Group Betting” means any form of betting involving the relative performances of any two or more nominated competitors.

“Odds” means either:

- (a) when expressed in monetary terms, the return for an outlay of a certain monetary unit, inclusive of the unit of outlay; or
- (b) when expressed in fractional terms, the ratio of win to stake,

in either case as agreed to by the Bookmaker and Customer at the time the Sports Bet is made.

“Racing Act” means the *Racing Act 1958 (Vic)*.

“Racing Victoria” means Racing Victoria Limited.

“Rules” means these Bookmaker Sports Betting Rules as amended from time to time.

“Sports Bet” means any bet or wager made on an Approved Sports Betting Event.

“Sports Betting Ticket” means a ticket issued in accordance with the Club Bookmakers’ Licence Rules 2010 and the Bookmakers’ Licence Levy Rules 2001.

“Stake” means the monetary outlay by a Customer in placing a Sports Bet.

“Win” means the profit portion of a Dividend, being the Dividend less any stake outlaid by the customer.

2.2 Interpretation

Unless the context requires to the contrary:

- (a) words and expressions used in these Rules have the meaning ascribed to them in the Club Bookmakers’ Licence Rules and the Racing Act; and
- (b) these Rules shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of the *Acts Interpretation of Legislation Act 1984*.

3A. LIMITATION OF APPLICABILITY OF THESE RULES

These Rules do not apply to Sports Betting conducted by a Bookmaker on:

- (a) a betting exchange that is an Internet Betting System;
- (b) a Declared Internet Betting System.

3. GENERAL RULES REGARDING SPORTS BETTING TRANSACTIONS

3.1 Compliance

3.1.1 Conduct of betting

All Sports Betting must be conducted in accordance with the Racing Victoria Rules.

3.1.2 Sports Bets only on Approved Sports Betting Events

Bookmakers may accept bets only on Approved Sports Betting Events.

3.2 Amount of Sports Bets

3.2.1 Amount is as agreed

The amount of a Sports Bet is as agreed between the Bookmaker and Customer.

3.2.2 No minimum or maximum

No minimum or maximum amount is fixed by these Rules for any Sports Bet.

3.3 No obligation to provide credit

A Bookmaker does not have any obligation to:

- (a) open an account on behalf of any prospective Customer; or
- (b) provide credit to any Customer or prospective Customer.

3.4 No obligation to accept any Sports Bet

A Bookmaker does not have any obligation to accept any Sports Bet from any Customer or prospective Customer.

3.5 Calling off of a Sports Bet

A Sports Bet may be called off by one of the parties only if an agreement was made between the Bookmaker and Customer at the time the Sports Bet was made for the Sports Bet to be called off should certain agreed circumstances arise.

3.6 Approval of all-up and multiple bets

An all-up or multiple bet may be accepted by a Bookmaker involving two or more contingencies and may be made across different Approved Sports Betting Events.

3.7 Accuracy of Odds displays

A Bookmaker must use his or her best endeavours to ensure the accuracy and currency of all Odds displayed or advertised but is not liable for any errors or

omissions that are not the result of human error or intervention by the Bookmaker.

3.8 Cash bets

In the case of any Sports Bet transacted by cash, a Bookmaker must issue to a Customer a Sports Betting Ticket that complies with the requirements of the Club Bookmakers' Licence Rules and the Licence Levy Rules.

3.9 Sports Betting account

3.9.1 Use of Sports Betting accounts

Except in the case of a cash bet made in person by a Customer made in accordance with the Racing Victoria Rules, all Sports Bets must be:

- (a) transacted through a Customer account maintained by a Bookmaker; and
- (b) properly recorded by the Bookmaker using a means approved by Racing Victoria.

3.9.2 Provision of Sports Betting account balance

A Customer must query the balance of a Sports Betting account promptly if the Customer has grounds to believe that the balance may be incorrect.

3.9.3 Sports Betting account statements

- (a) Upon receipt of a request from a Customer, a Bookmaker must promptly make available a statement relating to a betting account held by the Customer.
- (b) If a Customer requests a statement with greater frequency than once per week with respect to a single betting account, a Bookmaker may charge a nominal fee for the additional statements.

3.9.4 Overdrawn Sports Betting accounts

Where an amount has been incorrectly credited to a Sports Betting account, a Bookmaker:

- (a) may adjust the Sports Betting account to the extent necessary to rectify the amount incorrectly credited; and
- (b) if as a result of such adjustment the Sports Betting account is in debit, may recover as a debt the amount of the deficiency in the account.

3.9.5 Individual accounts

A Bookmaker must open a Sports Betting account in the name of the Customer on the account application who will be solely responsible for all account obligations and entitled to all benefits.

3.9.6 Security and confidentiality of Sports Betting accounts

- (a) Bookmakers must maintain all reasonable security measures (e.g. Password, PIN) over Sports Betting accounts to prevent unauthorised use of a Customer's Sports Betting account.
- (b) It is the responsibility of each Customer to ensure confidentiality with respect to security measures and to notify the Bookmaker promptly in the event of concerns regarding a breach of security.

3.9.7 Account closure

A Bookmaker may close any account without being required to give any reason for doing so. In this event or in the event of account closure by a client, any Sports Bets that remain open or not yet decided at the date of closure will stand.

3.10 Right to refuse or limit Sports Bets

A Bookmaker may decline or limit any Sports Bets a Customer may wish to place.

3.11 Making a Sports Bet

3.11.1 Sports Bets void if made after starting time

Subject to clause 3.12.2, a Sports Bet is void (even if accepted) if submitted later than the official starting time of an event (in-the-run betting excepted).

3.11.2 Revised Dividend

A Sports Bet that covers two or more Approved Sports Betting Events is not void solely for the reason that the Sports Bet in respect of any event was submitted later than the official starting time. In this case, the Sports Bet shall stand in respect of the events submitted within time and the revised Dividend(s) shall be calculated using the Dividend(s) on offer in respect of the decided events at the time that the Sports Bet was made excluding events where the Sports Bet was submitted later than the official starting time.

4. GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE DETERMINATION OF RESULTS

4.1 All-in basis

All Sports Bets are made on an All-in basis unless otherwise agreed by the Bookmaker and Customer at the time of making the Sports Bet.

4.2 Determination of result

Subject to clauses 4.3 and 4.7 and unless agreed otherwise by the Bookmaker and Customer at the time of making the Sports Bet, the final result of an Approved Sports Betting Event is to be determined on the basis of any extra time periods or match replay or any other contingency necessary to determine the winner.

4.3 Points start (handicap betting)

Where betting on the outcome of an Approved Sports Betting Event involves a points start (including handicap betting on a particular match):

- (a) such points start is set to half a point unless agreed otherwise by the Bookmaker and Customer at the time of making the Sports Bet;
- (b) if it is agreed that a points start match be set as a flat number and the result of that match falls on that number the stake wagered shall be refunded. Furthermore, if the bet is included in a multiple bet then that portion of the bet will be void, and
- (c) subject to any provisions of Rule 5 relating to the relevant Approved Sports Betting Event, the outcome of each Approved Sports Betting Event is to be determined including any extra time, replay or other contingency necessary to determine the official result, unless agreed otherwise by the Bookmaker and Customer at the time of making the Sports Bet.

4.4 Right of Bookmaker to cease Sports Betting

- (a) A Bookmaker may, in his or her absolute discretion, cease or suspend betting on any Approved Sports Betting Event without giving any reason or prior notification.
- (b) All Sports Bets accepted before the cessation or suspension of betting are to stand and will be treated in accordance with these Rules.

4.5 Amount of Dividend

4.5.1 To be as agreed

The Dividend payable on any Sports Bet is as agreed between a Bookmaker and Customer at the time of the making of the Sports Bet.

4.5.2 Communications evidence of agreement

Subject to sub-clause 4.5.3, the Dividend quoted in telephone or electronic communications between the Bookmaker and Customer is deemed to be the Dividend agreed between the Bookmaker and the Customer.

4.5.3 Resolution of errors

If there is an error in the quoted Dividend resulting from computer or other technical malfunction or where there is evidence of fraud notified by the Bookmaker or Customer to the other before the conclusion of the relevant Approved Sports Betting Event, the Bookmaker or Customer must use their best endeavours to notify the other party immediately and use their best endeavours in good faith to resolve the matter.

4.6 Postponement or cancellation of an Approved Sports Betting Event

Subject to Rule 4.9.3, if an Approved Sports Betting Event is postponed or is listed for replay and is not officially scheduled to be replayed or conducted within forty-eight (48) hours of the original scheduled completion date, the Approved Sports Betting Event shall be treated as abandoned and all Sports Bets shall be refunded.

4.7 Odds offered for tie, draw or dead heat

If an Approved Sports Betting Event results in a tie, draw or dead heat and Odds are offered (within the relevant market) on that Approved Sports Betting Event for a tie, draw or dead heat by the Bookmaker with whom the Sports Bet was made:

- (a) the outcome of the Approved Sports Betting Event shall be determined excluding any extra time, replay or other contingency necessary to determine an official result; and
- (b) any Sports Bet for a result other than a tie, draw or dead heat will be deemed to have lost.

4.8 Odds not offered for tie, draw or dead heat

Unless otherwise publicised by the Bookmaker, if the result of an Approved Sports Betting Event is declared with joint winners or placegetters and a tie, draw or dead heat is not a form of betting offered (within the relevant market) on that Approved Sports Betting Event by the Bookmaker with whom the Sports Bet was made, the revised dividend payable shall be calculated by the formula:

$$\left[\frac{F}{C} \right] \text{ multiplied by P}$$

where:

“F” is the face value of the Sports Betting ticket (the original Dividend)

“C” the number of competitors involved in the tie, draw or dead heat

“P” is the number of official placings to be filled by the competitors figuring in the tie, draw or dead heat.

4.9 Multiple bets

Unless agreed otherwise by the Bookmaker and Customer at the time of making the Sports Bet, and subject to clauses 4.7 and 4.8, in Sports Bets involving more than one contingency or Approved Sports Betting Event; the following provisions 4.9.1 to 4.9.3 apply:

4.9.1 Events lost

If the selection in any of the contingencies or Approved Sports Betting Events loses or is deemed to have lost, the whole of the Sports Bet is lost.

4.9.2 Draw

If one or more of the Approved Sports Betting Events results in a tie, draw or dead heat:

- (a) the revised return for each contingency must be calculated by applying the method set out in clause 4.8 herein; and
- (b) the revised Dividend payable shall be the amount obtained as the product of the cumulative odds applicable and the original stake.

4.9.3 Some won and some postponed or abandoned

If a Sports Bet covers two or more Approved Sports Betting Events and one or more of those events is decided in the Customer's favour but any remaining events are subsequently postponed and not officially scheduled to be replayed or conducted within forty-eight (48) hours of the original scheduled date, or abandoned, the revised Dividend is calculated using the Dividend(s) on offer in respect of the decided event(s) at the time that the Sports Bet was made but excluding any event that has been postponed or abandoned.

4.10 Cancellation of sports betting event prior to commencement

Subject to sub-Rule 4.9.3, if any Approved Sports Betting Event is cancelled before its commencement, or abandoned, all Sports Bets relating to that Approved Sports Betting Event must be refunded.

4.11 Reliance on official or podium positions

Unless agreed otherwise by the Bookmaker and Customer at the time of making the Sports Bet, all Sports Bets must be settled on the declared result or podium positions of the sport's controlling body. Any subsequent decision by the sports controlling body will not affect the settlement of bets already decided under this rule.

4.12 Scratchings where Approved Sports Betting Event subsequently postponed

Where a Sports Bet is made on a competitor or team in an Approved Sports Betting Event and that competitor or team is scratched, withdrawn or disqualified from that event, and notwithstanding that event is subsequently postponed and unable to be replayed or conducted within forty-eight (48) hours, the Sports Bet stands and no refund is payable.

4.13 Sports Bets placed after completion of relevant Approved Sports Betting Event

- (a) Subject to the following paragraph 4.13(b), any Sports Bet placed after the completion of the Approved Sports Betting Event to which it relates is void and is to be refunded to the Customer.

- (b) If this circumstance arises in the context of one or more legs of a multiple Sports Bet, only the affected leg(s) of the Sports Bet are deemed void.

4.14 Change of venue of an Approved Sports Betting Event

If there is a change to a venue of an Approved Sports Betting Event involving named competitors, all Sports Bets relating to the Approved Sports Betting Event are void and must be refunded unless agreed otherwise by the Bookmaker and Customer at the time of making the Sports Bet.

5. RULES APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC SPORTS

5.1 General

5.1.1 Rules apply unless agreed otherwise

This Rule 5 applies to all Sports Bets on the relevant sport unless agreed otherwise by the Bookmaker and Customer at the time of making the Sports Bet.

5.1.2 Rule 5 applies if any inconsistency

In determining the result of a Sports Bet, if any inconsistency arises between a provision of this Rule 5 relating to the contingency on which the Sports Bet was placed and a provision of any other of these Rules, the specific provision in this Rule 5 prevails to the extent of any inconsistency.

5.2 Athletics

The medal ceremony will determine the placings for Sports Betting purposes.

5.3 Australian Football League

5.3.1 Declared result

The official results declared by the AFL will be the results used for the settlement of Sports Bets.

5.3.2 Individual player markets

Unless otherwise specified, all Sports Bets relating to individual players will stand if they are listed in any official 22 player squad on match day.

5.3.3 Draw option

If a bet type is offered including a draw option, the wager will be decided on the result at the end of normal time (i.e. extra time – not included). When the draw option is not offered, the dead heat rule applies.

5.3.4 Sports Bets relating to ladder position

When determining the ladder position, the official AFL ladder standings at the conclusion of the AFL Finals series will be used. .

5.3.5 Premier State

In the case of Sports Betting on the Premier State, payouts will be determined by the home state of the team that wins the Grand Final.

5.3.6 Brownlow and Coleman Medal markets

In the case of Sports Betting on the Brownlow and Coleman Medals, Win and Place will be paid on first, second and third. In the event of a tie between two or more players, the Dead Heat Rule applies.

5.4 Baseball

5.4.1 General Rules

If either:

- (a) a game is postponed; or
- (b) the pitcher of either team who was nominated to throw the first pitch for their team in the game withdraws before throwing a pitch, then
- (c) single Sports Bets on the game are void and the Stake must be refunded; and
- (d) multiple Sports Bets must be recalculated excluding that game.

5.4.2 Game duration

Games are official after 5 innings of play. If the home team is leading, the game is official after 4½ innings of play. If a game goes past 5 innings (including any extra innings) and is subsequently called off, suspended or postponed, the winner is determined by the score after the last full innings of play (except in the case when the home team score to tie, or take the lead in the bottom half of the innings in which the game is called off - the runs do count).

5.4.3 Bets on run lines

For run line betting, the game is official after 9 innings if the visitor team is winning and after 8.5 innings if the home team is winning.

5.4.4 Bets on total runs

For run totals the game is official after 9 innings (8.5 innings if home team is winning) with the exception that at any time the run total is exceeded the wager is official.

5.5 Basketball

5.5.1 Official game time

Games are official after 43 minutes of play (NBA and NBL), 35 minutes of play (NCAA) and at the end of normal time (all other competitions).

5.5.2 Betting on quarters and half's

For wagers on periods (quarters and half's) the minimum time is considered to be the duration of the period. If the entire game is not completed, wagers on quarters and half's will have action if the relevant period was completed.

5.5.3 Postponements

If a game is abandoned, postponed to another date, or fails to become official, single wagers are void and refunded.

5.6 Boxing

5.6.1 Postponement or substitute contestant

If a boxing contest is postponed (to the day following or later) or a contestant is replaced by a substitute, such contest is deemed to be abandoned and all Sports Bets must be refunded.

5.6.2 Change in scheduled number of rounds

If for any reason the scheduled number of rounds in a boxing contest is altered, all Sports Bets on that contest are deemed void and must be refunded.

5.6.3 Points decision before scheduled number of rounds

If for any reason a points decision is awarded before the full number of rounds of a boxing contest is completed, Sports Bets will be settled on the round in which the fight was stopped.

5.6.4 Points win

For all Sports Bets on a boxer to win on points, the full scheduled number of rounds must take place for the Sports Bet to be a winner.

5.6.5 Boxer fails to "answer the bell"

If a boxer fails to "answer the bell" signalling the commencement of the next round, the boxing contest is deemed to have ended in the previous round.

5.6.6 Draw

If a price is offered for the draw then, in the event of a draw, all Sports Bets on either boxer to win will be losers.

5.6.7 Result

All Sports Bets on either boxer to win will be decided by the judges' decision, which includes points, technical knockout (TKO), knockout (KO) or disqualification.

5.7 Cricket

5.7.1 No ball bowled

In the case of all types of cricket matches, unless at least one ball is bowled all Sports Bets on the relevant match are void and must be refunded.

5.7.2 “Next batsman out” Sports Betting

In the case of “next batsman out” Sports Betting:

- (a) *unbroken partnership:* Sports Bets on a member of a batting partnership which remains intact until the end of an innings are void and must be refunded;
- (b) *batsman retires hurt:* a batsman who officially retires injured during the course of an innings is not “out” for Sports Betting purposes. In such instances, Sports Bets relating to the relevant batsman or pairing are void and must be refunded;
- (c) *batsman retires when not hurt:* a batsman who retires for any official reason other than injury is deemed to be out.

5.7.3 Head-to-head Sports Betting on runs made

In the case of head to head Sports Betting on the number of runs scored by a batsman, unless both the relevant batsman are at the wicket when at least one ball is bowled (but not necessarily at the same time) the relevant Sports Bets are void and must be refunded.

5.7.4 Conduct of “bowl offs”

- (a) *Individual match:* A “bowl off” to determine the result of an individual cricket match is ignored for Sports Betting purposes, and the result of the Sports Bet is determined by the Rules relating to no result (Rule 5.7.8(b)) or to a tie (Rule 4.8) as is relevant.
- (b) *Tournament:* The result of a “bowl off” to determine the result of a tournament will also determine the result of the Sports Bet.

5.7.5 Series Betting

In the event of the designated number of matches not being completed all bets are void and are to be refunded unless the result of bets has already been determined.

5.7.6 Tied Test and other non-limited over matches

In the event of a tie in Test and other non-limited over matches unless otherwise specified by the bookmaker, all bets to win will be paid at half face value of the ticket and all bets on the draw will be losers.

5.7.7 Tied one-day series

If only two teams compete in a limited over series and the result of the series is a tie, then both teams are joint winners and all Sports Bets on the series to win will be paid at half face value.

5.7.8 Shortened or “no result” one-day matches

- (a) *match shortened:* If a one-day cricket match is shortened by the relevant recognized controlling body (due to weather or poor light or any other reason) but is not abandoned:
 - (i) all Sports Bets stand (including in-running Bets); and
 - (ii) the result is that determined by the relevant recognized controlling body under the relevant competition rules.
- (b) *no result:* If the one-day cricket match is declared a “no result”, it is deemed abandoned for Sports Betting purposes and all Sports Bets relating to the end result are void and must be refunded.
- (c) *match transferred:* If a match is transferred or postponed to another day all bets are void and fresh betting will commence unless the match is being carried on from where it left off.

5.8 Golf

5.8.1 All in rules apply

All in betting rules apply. If a player starts a round and subsequently retires (or is disqualified for any reason) they will count as a participant.

5.8.2 Abandonment of 72 hole tournament

If a golf tournament which is scheduled for seventy-two (72) holes is abandoned for any reason:

- (a) *less than 36 holes completed:* if less than thirty-six (36) holes are completed, all Sports Bets on the outcome of the tournament are void and must be refunded;
- (b) *result after 36 or more holes:* if thirty-six (36) or more holes are completed and an official result is declared by the relevant recognized governing body, all Sports Bets stand and are to be determined in accordance with that official result.

5.8.3 Abandonment of tournament of less than 72 holes

If a golf tournament which is scheduled for less than seventy-two (72) holes is abandoned, Sports Bets on the outcome of the tournament stand and are to be determined in accordance with the official result declared by the relevant recognised governing body.

5.8.4 Scheduled rounds not completed

If the scheduled number of rounds of a golf tournament are not completed for any reason (for example, because of inclement weather) all Sports Bets accepted after the last completed round are void and must be refunded.

5.8.5 Play-off holes

- (a) *play-off holes determine winner:* Subject to the following paragraph 5.8.5(b), any play-off holes are taken into account in determining the winner of a golf tournament.
- (b) *place betting:* Subject to Rules 5.8.2 and 5.8.3, in the case of place Sports Bets, Rules 4.8 and 4.9 apply where there is a tie after completion of the set number of holes.

5.8.6 “Group” Sports Betting

In the case of “group” Sports Betting on golf:

- (a) For single round betting (two balls, three balls, groups):
 - (i) Both players (and all players in the three balls or group) must tee off for wagers to stand;
 - (ii) Where a tie or draw option is not offered, bets are subject to Rules 4.8 and 4.9 applies. Playoffs are excluded unless otherwise stated;
 - (iii) The winner is the player who plays the most holes (excluding playoffs). If they are equal on holes, the best score wins. Holes played in a round that is subsequently abandoned, or for any reason not counted towards the result of the tournament, do not count.

- (b) 72 hole Head-to-Heads:

Winner decided upon most holes completed by each player, followed by best score between each player. If one player misses the cut their opponent is deemed the winner. If both players miss the cut the lower score wins. Unless the tie is offered as a third option in two ball betting, if both players have the same score, bets are then subject to Rules 4.8 and 4.9. Both players must tee off for bets to stand.

- (c) Betting on tournament groups with nine players or more:

For bets on a particular player to stand, that player must tee-off. Playoffs are included in determining the winner and every player beaten in a playoff is deemed to have tied for second.

If a tournament is officially abandoned, all wagers on the tournament are void, except options that have already been decided.

- (d) For single betting and betting on tournament groups with 8 players or less:
 - (i) All players in group must tee off for wagers to stand. Playoffs are excluded; and
 - (ii) The winner is the player who plays the most holes (excluding playoffs). If they are equal on holes, the best score wins. Holes played in a round that is subsequently abandoned, or for any reason not counted towards the result of the tournament, do not count. Ties are subject to Rules 4.8 and 4.9.
- (e) Top 3, 4 or 5 vs. The Field betting:

The Field is any other player in the field other than those mentioned in the Top 3, 4 or 5. If any of the Top 3, 4 or 5 fail to start the tournament, the market will be void.
- (f) For 'make the cut' betting:
 - (i) For wagers to stand, the named player must play 36 holes (or 54 or 72 holes where the cut is made at that point);
 - (ii) A player is deemed to have made the cut if the player is eligible to play in the round after the cut is made (even if the player chooses not to do so). If a player is not eligible to do so (even if the rules for the cut have been changed during the tournament) that player is deemed to have missed the cut.

5.8.7 Tournament suspended to be completed later

If a tournament is not completed within 14 days of commencing, all wagers on any betting option for the tournament are void except wagers that are decided within the 14-day period.

5.9 Gridiron (American Football)

5.9.1 Extra Time

Payouts will be based on the official final score, including extra time (an extension of normal time). Games are official after 55 minutes of play.

5.9.2 Half Lines

First half lines and wagers relate solely to the score in the first half. The first half must be completed for such wagers to stand. Second half/half time lines and wagers relate solely to the score in the second half (including any extra time, i.e. an extension of normal time). The second half must have five minutes or less remaining for such wagers to stand.

5.10 Motor Sport

5.10.1 Individual races

In the case of individual races, results are determined on the basis of the initial declaration of the official result of the race by the relevant controlling body. Any subsequent protests, processes or amendments to placings do not affect the result of the race for Sports Betting purposes.

5.10.2 Championship betting

In the case of betting on 'drivers' and constructors' championships, results are determined based on the official points standings upon the initial declaration of the official result by the relevant controlling body of the final event for championship purposes. Any subsequent protests, processes or amendments to placings do not affect the championship result for Sports Betting purposes.

5.10.3 Match-ups or group betting

Those drivers must line up on the official starting grid for wagers to stand. The official starting grid is the grid after the warm up lap.

5.10.4 Head-to-head betting

Both drivers must line up on the official starting grid for wagers to stand. Payouts are based on the driver that finishes first or the driver who completes the most laps. If both drivers retire on the same lap, the match up will be deemed a tie in which event Rule 4.8 shall be deemed to apply.

5.10.5 1st retirement bets

If more than one driver retires on the same lap number, the Dead-Heat Rule applies.

5.11 Rugby League

5.11.1 Sports Bets on the first or next try scorer

- (a) except in cases where prices for a penalty try are within the relevant market, relevant Sports Bets will be determined by the first try that is not a penalty try; and
- (b) relevant Sports Bets stand regardless of whether the player who is the subject of the Sports Bet or any other player takes or leaves the field or is dismissed from the game.

5.11.2 Sports Bets on the next scoring play

- (a) except in cases where prices are offered for a penalty try within the relevant market, the relevant Sports Bet will be determined by the next scoring play that is not a penalty try; and

- (b) relevant Sports Bets stand regardless of whether the player who is the subject of the Sports Bet or any other player takes or leaves the field or is dismissed from the game.

5.11.3 For Most tries wagers in groups of three or more players

If no player from the group scores a try, single wagers are void and monies refunded. In the case of players scoring the same amount of tries, ties are subject to Rules 4.8 and 4.9.

5.12 Rugby Union

5.12.1 Odds offered for tie or draw

Where the draw option is offered, the bet is decided on the result at the end of normal time (i.e. extra time - an extension of normal time - not included). Where the draw option is not offered bets are subject to Rules 4.8 and 4.9.

5.12.2 Sports Bets on the first or next try scorer

- (a) except in cases where prices for a penalty try are within the relevant market, relevant Sports Bets will be determined by the first try that is not a penalty try; and
- (b) relevant Sports Bets stand regardless of whether the player who is the subject of the Sports Bet or any other player takes or leaves the field or is dismissed from the game.

5.12.3 Sports Bets on the next scoring play

- (a) except in cases where prices are offered for a penalty try within the relevant market, relevant Sports Bet will be determined by the next scoring play that is not a penalty try; and
- (b) relevant Sports Bets stand regardless of whether the player who is the subject of the Sports Bet or any other player takes or leaves the field or is dismissed from the game.

5.13 Soccer

5.13.1 Game called off

If a soccer match is cancelled or abandoned after its commencement, but before its scheduled conclusion and is not replayed within 48 hours, Sports Bets not determined at the time the match is cancelled or abandoned are void and must be refunded. Any official match result declared by the relevant controlling body will have no bearing on the settlement of bets affected by this rule.

5.13.2 Result at end of “normal time”

In the case of betting on a soccer match, if not specified, the score at 90 minutes (normal full-time, normal time includes any stoppage time added by the referee) shall determine settlement of the wager and extra time will not count in determining the final result. In the event that odds are offered for a team to

progress outright to the next round or to win the competition outright, then replays, extra time and penalties will count in determining settlement of the bet.

5.13.3 Next goal betting

Except in cases where prices for an own goal are within the relevant market, relevant Sports Bets will be determined by the first goal that is not an own goal.

5.13.4 Betting on match outcomes

Soccer specials such as correct score, HT/FT double, first goal scorer and handicap betting are resulted at 'normal time'.

5.14 Tennis

5.14.1 Match commences on first serve

A tennis match is deemed to have commenced with the first serve.

5.14.2 Tournament betting

In the case of Outright Tournament winner, All-In rule applies.

5.14.3 Match not completed

If a match does not start or is unfinished due to either player's retirement or disqualification, all single bets including sets betting are void and wagers refunded, while affected multiple bets will be recalculated excluding that match.

If a game is postponed and rescheduled, all bets stand.

5.14.4 Tournament Head-to-Heads

Tournament Head-to-Heads will be determined by the player that advances the furthest in the singles competition of the tournament. Both players must start the event for bets to stand. Where both players are eliminated in the same round and a draw option is not offered, bets will be subject to Rules 4.8 and 4.9.

5.14.5 Sets Betting

For sets Sports Betting, if a match is not started, or is incomplete due to either player's incapacity or disqualification, then Sports Bets are void and must be refunded.

5.14.6 Change in match duration

If the scheduled duration of a match is reduced or increased in the number of games/sets required to win, all bets will be void except for those on markets which have been unconditionally determined.

6. RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

6.1 Sports Betting Disputes

Disputes or claims in respect of bets subject to the Bookmakers' Sports Betting Rules may, with the consent of the parties, be mediated by the Betting Supervisor and any agreement that may be reached at such mediation will be made binding on the parties.

6.2 Matters referable to the Betting Supervisor

A Bookmaker or (subject to Rule 6.3) a Customer may refer to the Betting Supervisor any issue relating to the outcome of a Sports Bet or Sports Betting Event which:

- (a) is not provided for in the Club Bookmakers' Licence Rules or these Rules; or
- (b) relates to the interpretation of these Rules.

6.3 Prior attempt at resolution

Before referring any matter to the Betting Supervisor, a Customer must endeavour to resolve the matter directly with the relevant Bookmaker.

6.4 Time frame for reference to Betting Supervisor

Under normal circumstances, references to the Betting Supervisor must be within twenty-eight (28) days of the date of completion of the Sports Betting Event to which the disputed Sports Bet relates.

6.5 Contact point for Racing Victoria Betting Supervisor

References to the Betting Supervisor should be directed to:

Betting Compliance and Regulation
Racing Victoria Limited
400 Epsom Road
Flemington Vic 3031
Telephone: (03) 9258 4662