AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF RACING
Amendment No 159 – Issued 27 April 2016

Racing Australia (formerly the Australian Racing Board) has approved the following amendments to the Australian Rules of Racing, effective from 11 April 2016.

AMENDMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING: AR 137A

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

Racing Australia has approved a delegation under AR 137A for a Principal Racing Authority which has charge of the conduct of jumps racing to separately, at its own discretion, regulate the use of the whip in jumping events.

Accordingly, Racing Australia has approved the addition of subrule (10) to AR 137A.

Amendments effective from 11 April 2016

AR 137A(10) BE ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

AR 137A

(10) Notwithstanding the provisions of subrule (5) (a) & (b) of this rule, a Principal Racing Authority who has charge of the conduct of jumps racing may provide separately, and in its own discretion, for the regulation of the use of the whip in jumping events under its own Local Rules of Racing and any such provision/s will not be limited by the provisions of subrule 5(1)(a) & (b).
The Racing Victoria Board has approved the following amendments to the Victorian Local Rules of Racing, effective immediately from 11 April 2016.

**AMENDMENT TO THE LOCAL RULES OF RACING: LR 53A**

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT**

The Racing Victoria Board has approved the following amendments to the Rules relating to the use of the whip in jumping events.

A rider in a jumping race may use their whip prior to the 100 metre mark on no more than ten occasions. However at no time throughout a jumping race, including the final 100 metres, may the whip be used in consecutive strides.

**Amendment effective from 11 April 2016**

**LR 53A BE ADDED AS FOLLOWS:**

**LR 53A**

(1) Further to the provisions of AR 137A(10), and for the purpose of AR 137A(5) (a) & (b) only,

(a) In a jumps race, official jumps trial or jump-out (including a jumps schooling event) prior to the 100 metre mark:

(i) The whip shall not be used in consecutive strides.

(ii) The whip shall not be used on more than 10 occasions.

(iii) The rider may at his discretion use the whip with a slapping motion down the shoulder, with the whip hand remaining on the reins.

(b) In the final 100 metres of a jumps race, official jumps trial or jump-out (including a jumps schooling event) a rider may only use his whip in non-consecutive strides.
Racing Australia (formerly the Australian Racing Board) has approved the following amendments to the Australian Rules of Racing, effective from 21 April 2016.

**AMENDMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING: AR 87**

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT**

Racing Australia has amended AR 87(a) that lists the approved standards for helmets.

European authorities have approved VG1 01.040 and PAS 015:2011 standards necessitating additions to the list of approved helmet standards in AR 87.

**Amendments effective from 21 April 2016**

**AR 87 BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

AR 87 Every licensed or registered person or permit holder shall when mounted on a horse wear a properly affixed helmet which conforms to one of the standards that have been approved by the Australian Racing Board.

Note: Pursuant to AR 87 the Australian Racing Board has ordered that:

(a) The following standards are approved by the Australian Racing Board:
   (i) AS/NZS 3838 2006;
   (ii) United States (US) ASTM F11 63-01;
   (iii) British Standards (BS) EN 1384/1996 onwards;
   (iv) United States (US) ASTM F11 63-04a (reapproved 2011);
   (v) PAS 015:2011
   (vi) VG1 01.040, recommendation for use 12/12/2014

(b) all helmets must be fitted with a nylon interlocking chinstrap clip attachment;

(c) all helmets must be clearly marked with a date of manufacture; and

(d) the use of helmets is subject to the conditions of AR 87AA.
The Racing Victoria Board has approved the following amendments to the Rules of Race Betting, effective immediately from 31 March 2016.

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF RACE BETTING**

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT**

The Racing Victoria Board has approved the following amendments to the Rules relating to the betting limits during the Warrnambool May Racing Carnival.

**Amendment effective from 31 March 2016**

**INSERT NEW DEFINITION AS FOLLOWS:**

“Warrnambool May Racing Carnival” means the racing carnival held at the Warrnambool Racing Club in or around May, on dates as prescribed or set by Racing Victoria.

**5.3 BE ADDED AS FOLLOWS:**

5.3 Warrnambool May Racing Carnival

5.3.1 Rails Ring

(a) Betting on Country Races (including any place Bet) in any one Bet: to lose $3,000.
(b) Betting on interstate Races (including any place Bet) in any one Bet: to lose $1,500.

5.3.2 Other areas

(a) In any one win or each-way Bet: to lose $1,500.
(b) In any one place Bet: to lose $800.

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