AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF RACING

Amendment No 133 – Issued 21 March 2014

The Racing Victoria Board has approved the following amendments to the Local Rules of Racing, effective from 1 April 2014.

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**LR 21D(5) BE DELETED AND REPLACED AS FOLLOWS:**

LR 21D(5) Non-handicap hurdle and steeplechase races (including maiden class)

Method of elimination of surplus horses:

(a) Subject to paragraph (b):

(i) First: Horses which have not received prizemoney in any race. Elimination must be effected according to age, oldest first, and in the case of horses of the same age, elimination must be effected by lot.

(ii) Second: Horses which have started in a jumping race but have not received prizemoney in their last four jumping races. Elimination must be effected according to the greatest number of consecutive runs without earning prizemoney, by age, oldest first, and in the case of horses of the same age elimination must be effected by lot.

(iii) Third: Horses which have not started in a jumping race. Elimination must be effected according to aggregate flat prizemoney won, lowest first. In the case of horses with equal aggregate prizemoney elimination must be effected by lot.

(iv) Fourth: Horses which have not won a hurdle race or steeplechase. Elimination must be effected by aggregate jumping prizemoney won within the last four starts, lowest first. In the case of horses with equal aggregate jumping prizemoney elimination must be effected by lot.

(v) Fifth: Horses other than those described in the preceding subparagraphs. Elimination must be effected by total aggregate jumping prizemoney won, lowest first. In the case of horses with equal aggregate jumping prizemoney elimination must be effected by lot.

[b] In set weight and penalty races to which this LR 21D(5) applies, the elimination conditions set out in this LR 21D(5) must commence with horses which have received no weight penalty, and then the lowest weight penalty for the race and so on upwards until the safety limit is reached.

For the purpose of this Rule LR 21D(5), “prizemoney” shall not include:

(a) prizemoney earned in Picnic races;

(b) for jumps and flat races worth less than $27,500, prizemoney received for finishing 5th to 10th;

(c) for flat races worth $27,500 to $59,999, prizemoney received for finishing 6th to 10th; or

(d) for jumps races worth $27,500 or more, prizemoney received for finishing 6th to 10th.

[(a)-(d) immediately above adopted 30/4/09][LR 21D(5) renumbered from LR 21C(2) 4/3/04]
(5) **Non-handicap hurdle and steeplechase races**

Method of elimination of surplus horses:

(a) **Maiden Class**

(i) **First:** Horses which have started in a jumping race but have not received prizemoney in their last four jumping races. Elimination must be effected according to the greatest number of consecutive runs without earning prizemoney, by age, oldest first, and in the case of horses of the same age elimination must be effected by lot.

(ii) **Second:** Horses which have received prizemoney within their last four jumping starts, in order of average prizemoney won, lowest first. In the case of horses with equal average jumping prizemoney elimination must be effected by lot.

(iii) **Third:** Horses which have not started in a jumping race. Elimination must be effected according to aggregate flat prizemoney won, lowest first. In the case of horses with equal aggregate prizemoney elimination must be effected by lot.

(b) In Set weight and Penalty races to which this LR 21D(5) applies, elimination must commence with horses which have received no weight penalty in order of aggregate jumping prizemoney, and then the lowest weight penalty for the race and so on upwards until the safety limit is reached.

For the purpose of this LR 21D(5), “prizemoney” shall not include:

(a) prizemoney earned in Picnic races;

(b) for jumps and flat races worth less than $35,000, prizemoney received for finishing 5th to 10th;

(b) for flat races worth $35,000 to $59,999, prizemoney received for finishing 6th to 10th; or

(d) for jumps races worth $35,000 or more, prizemoney received for finishing 6th to 10th.

[LR 21D(5) deleted and replaced 01/04/14]

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LR 59B BE AMENDED AND REPLACED AS FOLLOWS:

LR 59B Handicap weights

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(3) Increase in weights for handicap jumping races: If at the final declaration of acceptance for a handicap jumping race the highest weight to be carried (including any extra weight by way of re-handicap or penalty) is less than 68kg:

(a) the highest weight must be increased to 68kg; and

(b) all other weights must be increased by the same amount.

[LR 59B (3) amended 01/04/14]

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