

AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF RACING

Amendment No 183 – Issued 25 July 2019

Racing Australia has approved the following amendments to the Australian Rules of Racing, effective from 1 August 2019.

AMENDMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING: AR 170

ALLOWANCES FOR WEIGHT-FOR-AGE RACES (NORTHERN HEMISPHERE HORSES)

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

AR 170 provides allowances for horses bred in the northern hemisphere when they compete in weight-for-age (WFA) races in Australia.

A comparative review of AR 170 and European WFA scales revealed allowances provided to northern hemisphere 3-year-olds under AR 170 are more generous than the allowances these horses would receive from older horses under the European WFA scales across various distances if they were run on the same day and over the same distance in their country of origin.

Accordingly, Racing Australia has decided to amend the allowances under AR 170 in respect of WFA races run (i) over 2000m to 2400m, (ii) over 2400m to 3000m, and (iii) over 3000m.

There has not been any change to the allowances for WFA races up to 2000m.

Amendments effective from 1 August 2019

AR 170 BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

AR 170 Allowances for weight-for-age races (northern hemisphere horses)

An allowance in standard weight-for-age races will only apply to all horses sired in the northern hemisphere and foaled between 1 January and 31 July, in accordance with the following table (allowances expressed in kg):

Distance	Age	Aug	Sept	0ct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
1200m	2y						3	3	3	3	3	3	3
and	3y	2.5	2.5	2	2	2	2	1.5	1.5	1.5	1	1	1
under	4y	.5	.5	.5	.5								
	5y												
Over	2y						3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
1200m	3y	3	3	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2	2	2	1.5	1.5	1.5
to 1600m	4y	1	1	1	1	.5	.5	.5	.5				
	5y												
Over	2y						4	4	4	4	4	4	4
1600m	3y	3	3	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2	2	2	2	2
to	4y	1.5	1.5	1.5	1	1	1	.5	.5	.5			
2000m	5y												
Over	3y	3.5	3.5	3	3	3	3	2.5	2.5	2.5	2	2	2
2000m	-4 y	2	2	1.5	-1.5-	-1.5-	-1.5-	-1	1		.5		
<u>2000m</u>	4y	2	1.5	1	1	0.5							
to 2400m	5y												
Over	3y	4	4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3	3	3	3
2400m	-4 y	2.5	2.5	2	2	2	-1.5-	-1.5-	1	1	.5	.5	5
<u>2400m</u>	4y	2.5	1.5	1	1	0.5							
to 3000m	5y												
Over	3y					4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
3000m	-4 y	3	3	2.5	2.5	2.5	2	_2	1.5	1.5	1	1	.5
<u>3000m</u>	4y	3	2	1.5	1.5	1	0.5	0.5					
	5y												

The Racing Victoria Board has approved the following amendments to the Victorian Local Rules of Racing.

AMENDMENT TO THE VICTORIAN LOCAL RULES OF RACING: LR 7

VICTORIAN RACING TRIBUNAL

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

Pursuant to the *Racing Amendment (Integrity and Disciplinary Structures) Act 2018* (the Act), on 1 August 2019:

- a) The Victorian Racing Tribunal (VRT) and the Victorian Racing Integrity Board (VRIB) will come into operation.
- b) The Racing Victoria Integrity Council will no longer be in operation. Accordingly, from that date, all rules establishing and maintaining the Integrity Council need to be repealed.
- c) The Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board (RAD Board) will continue to operate in a limited fashion, as detailed in the Act.

Accordingly, LR 7A needs to be repealed and a new LR 7 be enacted. These amendments reflect the statutory requirements in the Act. Local Rules regarding the operation of the RAD Board, in particular LRs 8A to 8F, will remain in force until completion of any historical matters still before the RAD Board.

The Racing Victoria Board has approved the amendments to the following Local Rules.

Amendments effective from 1 August 2019

PART 2A – DIVISION 1 – RACING VICTORIA INTEGRITY COUNCIL LR 7A BE DELETED AS FOLLOWS:

PART 2A – RACING VICTORIA INTEGRITY COUNCIL, RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD, AND TRAINING DISPUTES TRIBUNAL

Division 1 – Racing Victoria Integrity Council

LR 7A Appointment and Functions

(1) **Appointment:** The Directors may:

- (a) with the approval of the Minister for Racing, appoint five persons to constitute the Racing Victoria Integrity Council (the **"Integrity Council**"), with:
 - (i)—three of the appointed members of the Integrity Council not to hold any office or participant licence within the thoroughbred racing code (including any office or employment with Racing Victoria, any Racing Club or any participant representative body); and
 - (ii) two of the appointed members to be Directors of Racing Victoria (other than the Chair or the Deputy Chair of Racing Victoria);

- (b) with the approval of the Minister for Racing, appoint a Chair from amongst the persons appointed to the Integrity Council under LR 7A(1)(a)(i); and
- (c) define the term of office and remuneration of persons appointed to constitute the Integrity Council.
- (2) **Function:** The function of the Integrity Council is to:
 - (a) carry out the functions and exercise the powers set out in the Integrity Council charter as set by the Directors and amended from time to time in consultation with the Racing Integrity Commissioner;
 - (b) oversee the integrity assurance functions of the Racing Victoria Integrity Services Department and to consult with, advise and where necessary, provide direction in relation to the management and conduct of the Department's integrity assurance operations;
 - (c) advise the Directors, and make any recommendations to the Directors, in respect of racingintegrity related matters, including regarding:
 - (i) rule making or amendment proposals;
 - (ii) integrity policy;
 - (iii) participant licensing applications and related procedures;
 - (iv) resourcing of the integrity assurance function of Racing Victoria;
 - (d) advise and report on any matter referred to it by:
 - (i) the Directors;
 - (ii) the Stewards or General Manager, Integrity;
 - (iii) Racing Integrity Commissioner;
 - (e) liaise with the Racing Integrity Commissioner and external law enforcement agencies;
 - (f) liaise with the Integrity Councils of the other racing codes in order to promote cross-code cooperation, resource sharing and integrity-related training and development;
 - (g) review integrity policy compliance; and
 - (h) consider and review any matter relevant to the integrity of racing as deemed appropriate.

PART 2A – DIVISION 1 – LR 7 - VICTORIAN RACING TRIBUNAL BE ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

<u>PART 2A – VICTORIAN RACING TRIBUNAL, RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD AND</u> <u>TRAINING DISPUTES TRIBUNAL</u>

Division 1 – Victorian Racing Tribunal

LR 7 - Victorian Racing Tribunal & RAD Board Transitional Provisions

(1) <u>In this LR 7:</u>

2018 Act means the Racing Amendment (Integrity and Disciplinary Structures) Act 2018 (Vic);

Commencement Day means the day on which Part 3 of the 2018 Act comes into operation; and

Victorian Racing Tribunal has the same meaning as in the 2018 Act.

- (2) <u>If immediately before the Commencement Day:</u>
 - (a) <u>a person is charged with a Serious Offence under the Rules and that charge:</u>
 - i) <u>has been part heard by the RAD Board and has not been determined by the</u> <u>RAD Board; or</u>
 - ii) <u>has not been heard or determined by the RAD Board; or</u>
 - (b) <u>a person has lodged an appeal against a Steward's decision with the RAD Board and</u> <u>the appeal has not been heard or determined by the RAD Board; or</u>
 - (c) <u>any other proceeding has commenced with the RAD Board and the proceeding has not</u> <u>been determined by the RAD Board</u>

(each a 'RAD Board Proceeding').

- the RAD Board will continue to have jurisdiction over any such RAD Board Proceeding.
 (3) Subject to LR 7(2), from the Commencement Day, all matters, hearings and appeals are to be heard and determined by the Victorian Racing Tribunal in accordance with the 2018 Act.
- (4) <u>To the extent of any inconsistency between the Rules and the 2018 Act, the 2018 Act shall</u> prevail.

AMENDMENT TO THE VICTORIAN LOCAL RULES OF RACING: LR 62C

NON-HANDICAP RACES

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

With increases in minimum prizemoney levels from 1 January 2019 for Premium Country meetings (were \$25k now \$35k), Metropolitan Midweek meetings (were \$35k now \$50k) and Metropolitan Saturday ninth races (were \$60k now \$75k), the prizemoney referred to in the various Local Rules controlling race balloting need updating.

The proposed amendments will ensure that the rules governing ballot conditions maintain their alignment with the minimum prizemoney levels across the various segments of Victorian racing.

Amendments effective from 1 August 2019

LR 62C BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

LR 62C Non-handicap races

(1) Weight-for-age and set-weight races (other than Maiden Races)

Method of elimination of surplus horses:

FIRST – horses which have not received \$30,000 for being placed 1st to 5th inclusive in any flat race in the 24 months* prior to the date of the race, in order of lowest aggregate career prizemoney received. Horses in this category with equal aggregate career prizemoney shall be eliminated by lot.

SECOND – horses which have not received \$60,000 for being placed 1st to 5th inclusive in any flat race in the 24 months* prior to the date of the race, in order of lowest aggregate career prizemoney received. Horses in this category with equal aggregate career prizemoney shall be eliminated by lot.

THIRD – horses which have not received \$90,000 for being placed 1st to 5th inclusive in any flat race in the 24 months* prior to the date of the race, in order of lowest aggregate career prizemoney received. Horses in this category with equal aggregate career prizemoney shall be eliminated by lot.

FOURTH – remaining horses in order of lowest aggregate career prizemoney received. Horses in this category with equal aggregate career prizemoney shall be eliminated by lot.

* which commences from and includes corresponding day two years prior

For the purpose of this Rule LR 62C(1), "prizemoney" shall not include:

(a) prizemoney earned in Picnic races;

(b) for other races worth less than $\frac{35,000}{50,000}$, prizemoney received for finishing 5th to 10th; or

(c) for races worth $\frac{35,000 \pm 50,000}{50,000}$ or more that were not Group or Listed Races, prizemoney received for finishing 6th to 10th.

(2) Set weights and penalty races

Method of elimination of surplus horses:

FIRST – horses which have received no weight penalty for the race, in order of lowest aggregate prizemoney received. Horses in this category with equal aggregate prizemoney shall be eliminated by lot.

SECOND – horses which have received the lowest weight penalty for the race, and so on upwards until the safety limit is reached. Horses in the same weight penalty category shall be eliminated in order of lowest aggregate prizemoney received. Horses in the same weight penalty category with equal aggregate prizemoney shall be eliminated by lot.

For the purpose of this Rule LR 62C(2), "prizemoney" shall not include:

(a) prizemoney earned in Picnic races;

(b) for other races worth less than $\frac{35,000}{50,000}$, prizemoney received for finishing 5th to 10th; or

(c) for races worth $\frac{35,000}{50,000}$ or more that were not Group or Listed Races, prizemoney received for finishing 6th to 10th.

(3) Early Season Selected 2YO races

Method of elimination of surplus horses:

FIRST – horses which have not been placed 1^{st} to 4^{th} inclusive in a race and have not been placed 1^{st} to 3^{rd} inclusive in a 2YO official trial in any Metropolitan Area of Australia or official trial in Victoria. If horses in this category exceed the number to be eliminated, then elimination shall be by lot.

SECOND – horses which have not been placed 1st to 4th inclusive in a race but which have been placed 1st to 3rd inclusive in a 2YO official trial in any Metropolitan Area of Australia or official trial in Victoria. Official trial winners will receive preference over those placed second and third. Horses placed second will receive preference over those placed third. Surplus horses in this category remaining after the exhaustion of such preferences shall be eliminated by lot.

THIRD – horses which have not won a race.

(4) Maiden set weights and maiden weight-for-age flat races

Method of elimination of surplus horses:

- (a) First: Raced horses which have not won prizemoney in any of their last four starts on the flat. The horse with the greatest number of consecutive runs since winning prizemoney must be eliminated first according to age, oldest first and in the case of horses of the same age elimination must be by lot.
- (b) Second: Horses which have received the lowest average prizemoney within their last four starts on the flat. Horses which have equal average prizemoney must be eliminated by lot.
- For the purpose of this Rule LR 62C(4), "prizemoney" shall not include:
- (a) prizemoney earned in Picnic races;
- (b) for other races worth less than \$35,000 \$50,000, prizemoney received for finishing 5th to 10th; or
- (c) for races worth \$35,000 \$50,000 to \$59,999 \$74,999, prizemoney received for finishing 6th to 10th.

(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 62C(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 Rule LR 62C(5), "prizemoney" shall not include:

- (a) prizemoney earned in Picnic races;
- (b) for jumps and flat races worth less than \$35,000 \$50,000, prizemoney received for finishing 5th to 10th;
- (c) for flat races worth <u>\$35,000</u> to <u>\$59,999</u> <u>\$74,999</u>, prizemoney received for finishing 6th to 10th; or
- (d) for jumps races worth \$35,000 \$50,000 or more, prizemoney received for finishing 6th to 10th.

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