



**Racing  
Victoria**

## **AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF RACING**

### **Amendment No 172 – Issued 19 February 2018**

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 70B & LR 70C**

##### **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT**

Racing Victoria will introduce a new Local Rule that will allow for the deferment of riding suspensions.

LR 70B 'Deferment of Suspensions' and LR 70C 'Overseas Riding Commitments' have been developed in consultation with the Victorian Jockeys Association (VJA).

The key features of the new rules are summarised as follows:

- Subject to approval from the Stewards acting in their discretion, a rider can now defer his/her suspension for up to nine days, except for suspensions incurred on Victoria Derby Day and Melbourne Cup Day where the period of deferment is only three days;
- Where a rider who is suspended on Victoria Derby Day or Melbourne Cup Day has an overseas riding commitment within seven days of the suspension then the Stewards, acting in their discretion, may allow the rider to fulfil that commitment; and
- A rider must now fulfil their engagements the next day after a suspension, with consented releases from engaged rides only to be considered by Stewards for the period from two to nine days after the suspension is incurred.

These rules bring Victoria into line with the deferment provisions available in other states and take into account current practices where jockeys are being engaged for rides well before acceptances.

## Amendments effective from 19 February 2018

### **LR 70B BE DELETED AND REPLACED AS FOLLOWS: LR 70C BE ADDED AS FOLLOWS:**

#### **LR 70B Deferment of suspensions**

##### **Where:**

- ~~(a) a rider receives a period of suspension imposed by the Stewards under these Rules; and~~
- ~~(b) at the time that the Stewards determined to suspend the rider, final acceptances have been taken and the rider holds an engagement or engagements and is declared to ride and the rider has notified the Stewards of such declared rides, then unless the Stewards in their discretion otherwise require the suspension to take immediate effect, the suspension shall commence from midnight on the earlier of the date that:~~
- ~~(c) the rider has obtained release(s) from the owner(s) or trainer(s) involved in all the rides and notified the Stewards; and~~
- ~~(d) the last of the declared riding engagements has been completed by the rider.~~

#### **LR 70B Deferment of suspensions**

##### **(1) Where:**

- (a) a rider receives a period of suspension imposed by the Stewards under these Rules for an incident that occurred on any day other than Derby Day or Melbourne Cup Day; and
- (b) at the time that the Stewards determined to suspend the rider, the rider holds an engagement or engagements to ride, then that period of suspension can be deferred by the Stewards, in their discretion, until the rider has fulfilled all of their riding engagements, but the period of deferment must not be more than nine days following the issue of the suspension. If the rider:
- (c) has riding engagements the day following the issue of the suspension, they must fulfil those engagements; and
- (d) is able to obtain release(s) from the owner(s) or trainer(s) involved from other riding engagements (two days to nine days following the issuing of the suspension), and the rider notifies the Stewards of this, then the period of suspension may (in the Stewards' discretion) begin as soon as all riding engagements have been released.

##### **(2) Where:**

- (a) a rider receives a period of suspension imposed by the Stewards under these Rules for an incident that occurred on Derby Day or Melbourne Cup Day; and
- (b) at the time that the Stewards determined to suspend the rider, final acceptances have been taken and the rider holds an engagement or engagements and is declared to ride, and the rider has notified the Stewards of such engagement(s), then that period of suspension can be deferred by the Stewards, in their discretion, until the rider has fulfilled all of their declared rides, but the period of deferment must not be more than three days following the issue of the suspension. If the rider:
- (c) has riding engagements the day following the issue of the suspension, they must fulfil those engagements; and
- (d) is able to obtain release(s) from the owner(s) or trainer(s) involved from other riding engagements (two days to three days following the issuing of the suspension), and the rider notifies the Stewards of this, then the period of suspension may (in the Stewards' discretion) begin as soon as all riding engagements have been released.

#### **LR 70C Overseas Riding Commitments**

##### **Where:**

- (a) a rider receives a period of suspension imposed by the Stewards under these Rules for an incident that occurred on Derby Day or Melbourne Cup Day; and
- (b) that rider has an existing riding commitment(s) outside of Australia at the time the suspension is imposed, the Stewards may in their discretion allow that rider to fulfil that existing overseas riding commitment(s) outside of Australia during the term of the suspension imposed (but only during the first seven days of the period of suspension), and the Stewards may take the use of this Rule into account when determining the period of suspension to be issued.

## AMENDMENT TO THE VICTORIAN LOCAL RULES OF RACING: LR 36L

### SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

Following a meeting of the Victorian Thoroughbred Racing Industry Safety Committee, it was agreed that the operation of on-course saunas should change in Victoria.

Racing Victoria, Clubs and the VJA will enter a Memorandum of Understanding which sets out the responsibilities of the various stakeholders with regard to the use of on-course saunas and spas.

With the new on-course sauna arrangements to come into operation 1 March 2018, LR 36L will be repealed.

### Amendments effective from 1 March 2018

#### **LR 36L BE DELETED AS FOLLOWS:**

##### **LR 36L Use of on-course saunas**

- ~~(1) No rider shall enter or use a sauna located on-course unless:
  - ~~(a) the rider's name has been recorded in the register maintained by Racing Victoria of riders authorised by Racing Victoria to enter or use a sauna located on-course; and~~
  - ~~(b) the rider has first obtained the permission of the person authorised by the Stewards to supervise the use of the sauna on the day of the race meeting.~~~~
- ~~(2) No rider's name shall be recorded in the register of riders authorised by Racing Victoria to enter or use a sauna located on-course unless the rider satisfies, and continues to satisfy, the admission criteria as may be required by the Directors from time to time.~~
- ~~(3) Every rider admitted to use a sauna located on-course must:
  - ~~(a) comply with the procedures and guidelines on the use of saunas notified by the Directors from time to time; and~~
  - ~~(b) comply with the directions of persons authorised by the Stewards to supervise the use of the saunas on the day of the race meeting.~~~~
- ~~(4) Where a rider breaches any part of this LR 36L, the Stewards may:
  - ~~(a) suspend the rider's privilege to use on-course saunas for such periods of time as the Stewards think fit; and/or~~
  - ~~(b) stand down the rider from riding on the day that the breach occurred; and/or~~
  - ~~(c) remove the rider's name from the register of riders authorised to enter or use saunas located on-course; and/or~~
  - ~~(d) penalise the rider as otherwise provided under the rules.~~~~

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