



AMENDMENT TO RULES OF RACING

Amendment No 148 – Issued 5 March 2015

The Racing Victoria Board has approved the following amendments to the Victorian Local Rules of Racing, effective from 1 March 2015.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

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

These changes have been implemented in order to:

1. Update the Rules to reflect the recent change in track ratings (for example, to change 'Dead 4' track ratings to 'Good 4').
2. Provide for an alteration to the "Jockey-B Cross Country Licence" to allow a rider who rides in 10 races at Country Racing Meetings to the satisfaction of the Jumps Review Panel to apply for daily permission to ride at Metropolitan Race Meetings.
3. Change the provisions in relation to qualifications for hurdle races. This change is proposed to allow a horse which has previously been qualified to accept in a hurdle race in a previous jumping season to accept in a future jumps season if it has completed a hurdle race in New Zealand to the satisfaction of the Jumps Review Panel in the same calendar year of the jumps racing season, and also schooled over a minimum of three Approved Hurdles to the satisfaction of the Jumps Review Panel.
4. Change the provisions in relation to qualifications for steeplechase races. These changes are proposed to allow a horse to be qualified to participate in a steeplechase race for the first time (or in future seasons if it has previously been qualified) if it has completed a steeplechase race in New Zealand to the satisfaction of the Jumps Review Panel in the same calendar year of the jumps racing season, and also schooled over a minimum of three Approved Hurdles to the satisfaction of the Jumps Review Panel.

AMENDMENT TO THE LOCAL RULES OF RACING: LR 62(8) & LR 63A(10)

Amendment effective from 1 March 2015

LR 62(8) BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

LR 62 Conduct of jumping races

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(8) **Condition of track:** A hurdle or steeplechase race must not be conducted on a track that, at the time of the race, is rated better than a ~~Dead~~ [Good](#) 4 or equivalent (as rated in accordance with the RVL Track Rating Policy).

LR 63A BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

LR 63A Official Trials in Victoria

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(10) **Condition of track for official hurdle and steeplechase trials:** An official hurdle or steeplechase trial must not be conducted on a track that, at the time of the trial, is rated better than a ~~Dead~~ [Good](#) 4 or equivalent.

AMENDMENT TO THE LOCAL RULES OF RACING: LR 36B(7)(d)

Amendment effective from 1 March 2015

LR 36B(7)(d)(v) BE ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

LR 36B Licences and permits

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(7) **Conditions of certain licences and permits to ride:** Without in any way limiting the power of the Directors to prescribe terms and conditions in respect of licences or permits to ride, the following categories of licences and permits to ride are subject to the conditions specified:

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(d) **Any person granted a "Jockey-B Cross-Country Licence" may:**

(i) subject to LR 36B(8A), ride in all jumping races at Country Race Meetings;

(ii) ride in highweight races at Country Race Meetings;

(iii) ride in any official flat or hurdle trial;

(iv) if he or she has not ridden more than 20 winners at race meetings conducted by Registered Clubs, ride at Point-to-point Meetings:-

(v) if he or she has ridden in 10 or more jumping races at Country Race Meetings to the satisfaction of the Stewards, apply to the Stewards for daily permission to ride in a jumping race (or races) at a Metropolitan Race Meeting.

AMENDMENT TO THE LOCAL RULES OF RACING: LR 60B(2)(f) & LR 60B(3)(c)

Amendment effective from 1 March 2015

LR 60B(2)(f) & (3)(c) BE ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

LR 60B Qualification for hurdle races

- (1) Prior to a horse participating in its first Official Hurdle Trial, that horse must have schooled to the satisfaction of a Steward over three Approved Hurdles. [added 4/3/10; amended 4/2/11]
- (2) Subject to LR 60B(3), a horse is qualified to accept in a hurdle race if it has:
 - (a) previously completed the course to the satisfaction of the Stewards in a jumping race at a registered race meeting in Victoria and trialed to the satisfaction of the Jumps Review Panel in one Official Hurdle Trial in Victoria over at least 10 Approved Hurdles and over a distance of at least 2800 metres; or
 - (b) trialed to the satisfaction of the Jumps Review Panel in two consecutive Official Hurdle Trials in Victoria with one trial being over at least eight hurdles and a distance of at least 2400 metres, and the other trial being over a distance of at least 2800 metres and over at least 10 Approved Hurdles; or
 - (c) trialed to the satisfaction of the Jumps Review Panel in one Official Hurdle Trial in Victoria over at least 10 Approved Hurdles and a distance of at least 2800 metres, if, having been approved:
 - (i) interstate or overseas to compete in a hurdle race; or
 - (ii) in Victoria to accept in a hurdle race in the previous racing season; it has yet to start in a hurdle race or has failed to complete the course in a hurdle race; or
 - (d) completed the course in a hurdle race at a registered race meeting outside Victoria, and then trialed in Victoria to the satisfaction of the Jumps Review Panel, over at least 10 Approved Hurdles and a distance of at least 2800 metres; or
 - (e) completed a hurdle race in South Australia to the satisfaction of the Jumps Review Panel in the same calendar year; or
 - (f) completed a hurdle race in New Zealand to the satisfaction of the Jumps Review Panel in the same calendar year of the jumps racing season, and also schooled over a minimum of three Approved Hurdles to the satisfaction of the Jumps Review Panel.
- (3) Where a horse has qualified to accept in a hurdle race in a previous jumps racing season, that horse is not qualified to accept in a hurdle race in any future jumps racing season unless it has:
 - (a) completed a further trial to the satisfaction of the Jumps Review Panel in one Official Hurdle Trial over at least eight Approved Hurdles and a distance of at least 2400 metres; or
 - (b) completed a hurdle race in South Australia to the satisfaction of the Jumps Review Panel in the same calendar year of the jumps racing season; or
 - (c) completed a hurdle race in New Zealand to the satisfaction of the Jumps Review Panel in the same calendar year of the jumps racing season, and also schooled over a minimum of three Approved Hurdles to the satisfaction of the Jumps Review Panel.

Note: The Official Hurdle Trial required by this LR 60B(3) must take place following the completion of the previous jumps racing season and as directed by the Jumps Review Panel. ...

AMENDMENT TO THE LOCAL RULES OF RACING: LR 60C(1)(e) & LR 60C(2)(c)

Amendment effective from 1 March 2015

LR 60C(1)(e) & (2)(c) BE ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

LR 60C Qualification for steeplechases

- (1) Subject to LR 60C(2), a horse is qualified to participate in a steeplechase race if it has:
 - (a) previously completed the course to the satisfaction of the Stewards in a steeplechase race at a registered race meeting over modular steeplechase obstacles and trialed to the satisfaction of the Jumps Review Panel on at least one occasion over a minimum distance of 2800 metres and over at least 10 Approved Steeplechase Obstacles; or
 - (b) completed the course in a steeplechase race at a registered race meeting, or outside Victoria, over non modular steeplechase obstacles and then trialed to the satisfaction of the Jumps Review Panel over a minimum distance of 2800 metres and over at least 10 Approved Steeplechase Obstacles; or

- (c) completed the course to the satisfaction of the Jumps Review Panel in two hurdle races at a registered race meeting and trialed in Victoria to the satisfaction of the Jumps Review Panel on one occasion over a minimum distance of 2800 metres and over a minimum of 10 Approved Steeplechase Obstacles; or
- (d) completed a steeplechase race in South Australia to the satisfaction of the Jumps Review Panel in the same calendar year; ~~and or~~
- (e) completed a steeplechase race in New Zealand to the satisfaction of the Jumps Review Panel in the same calendar year of the jumps racing season and also schooled over a minimum of three Approved Steeplechase Obstacles to the satisfaction of the Jumps Review Panel; and

in addition to the above:

- (e) for qualification to participate in a steeplechase race at Warrnambool, a horse must have, prior to the race, schooled around the steeplechase course at that racetrack.

(2) Where a horse has qualified to accept in a steeplechase race in a previous jumps racing season, that horse is not qualified to accept in a steeplechase race in any future jumps racing season unless it has:

- (a) completed a further trial to the satisfaction of the Jumps Review Panel over at least eight Approved Steeplechase Obstacles and a distance of at least 2400 metres; or
- (b) completed a steeplechase race in South Australia to the satisfaction of the Jumps Review Panel in the same calendar year of the jumps racing season; ~~or~~
- (c) completed a steeplechase race in New Zealand to the satisfaction of the Jumps Review Panel in the same calendar year of the jumps racing season and also schooled over a minimum of three Approved Steeplechase Obstacles to the satisfaction of the Jumps Review Panel

Note: The trial required by LR 60C(2)(a) must take place following the completion of the previous jumps racing season and as directed by the Jumps Review Panel. ...

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