



AMENDMENT TO RULES OF RACING

Amendment No 154 – Issued 31 August 2015

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

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

The Racing Victoria Board has approved the following amendment to the Victorian Local Rules of Racing which determines that it is now an offence for a person who is bound by the Rules of Racing to bet on Victorian thoroughbred racing with a non-approved wagering service provider.

The list of approved wagering service providers can be found at rv.racing.com and includes over 230 organisations and individual providers who are approved to wager on Victorian thoroughbred racing during the 2015-16 racing season.

Non-approved wagering service providers, most of which are located offshore, present a significant risk to the Victorian thoroughbred racing industry.

They pay no returns to the Victorian thoroughbred racing industry for the use of its product, nor are they complying with Racing Victoria's integrity requirements, as approved wagering operators are obligated to do through information sharing and compliance.

Furthermore, the level of complaints received by Racing Victoria and associated law enforcement authorities over recent months regarding non-approved wagering operators failing to pay punters monies owed has increased to a concerning level.

This new rule automatically applies as of 1 September 2015 to all licensed and registered persons (including trainers, trainers' stable employees, bookmakers and farriers) and racehorse owners, as well as industry officials. All are asked to make themselves familiar with the list of approved wagering operators located at rv.racing.com.

AMENDMENT TO THE LOCAL RULES OF RACING: LR 66AA

Amendment effective from 1 September 2015

LR 66AA BE ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

[LR 66AA Prohibition on betting with Non-Approved Wagering Service Providers](#)

(1) [A person bound by these Rules must not:](#)

- (a) place a bet (including any lay bet) on Victorian thoroughbred racing with a Non-Approved Wagering Service Provider; or
 - (b) have a bet (including any lay bet) placed on his or her behalf, or otherwise have an interest in a bet placed, on Victorian thoroughbred racing with a Non-Approved Wagering Service Provider.
- (2) Where the Stewards reasonably suspect that a person bound by these Rules has, or may have, placed a bet on Victorian thoroughbred racing with a Non-Approved Wagering Service Provider:
- (a) the Stewards may direct the person to produce, and the person must produce, all relevant documents and devices, including but not limited to, the person's computer, mobile telephone, and betting records; and
 - (b) the Stewards may direct the person to provide, and the person must provide, the Stewards with access to the account (or accounts) with the Non-Approved Wagering Service Provider used by or on behalf of the person, including any username, password or other security information.
- (3) For the purpose of this Rule, Non-Approved Wagering Service Provider:
- (a) means a wagering service provider, as defined in section 1.3 of the *Gambling Regulation Act 2003 (Vic) (GR Act)* which did not hold, at the time the relevant bet or bets were placed, approval from Racing Victoria to publish, use or otherwise make available in the course of business, in Victoria or elsewhere, a race field (as defined in section 1.3 of the GR Act) in accordance with section 4.2.3C of the GR Act.
 - (b) does not include the wagering and betting licensee or the wagering and betting operator (as defined by the GR Act); or
 - (c) does not include a bookmaker licensed by Racing Victoria.

To view the current version of the Rules of Racing, please visit the following link to the Racing Victoria website: <http://rv.racing.com/racing-and-integrity/rules-of-racing>