



## AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF RACING

### Amendment No 158 – Issued 2 March 2016

Racing Australia has approved the following amendment to the Australian Rules of Racing, effective from 1 February 2016.

#### AMENDMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

##### SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

Racing Australia requires safety vests to be an Approved vest in addition to meeting either the European Standard EN 13158 or the ARB Standard 1.1998.

In deciding whether to grant Approved status to a safety vest, Racing Australia will also apply a public interest test.

As a result of satisfying both requirements, the Airowear Swift vest has now been added to the Approved list and can be worn by riders from 1 February 2016.

#### Amendment effective from 1 February 2016

##### ***AR 87B(2) BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:***

##### **AR 87B**

- (1) Every rider shall when mounted on a horse wear a properly fastened Approved or permitted safety vest the standard of which has been prescribed by Order of the Board. Provided that every such Approved or permitted safety vest shall be in a satisfactory condition and shall have attached to it a manufacturer's label that states that it complies with the relevant standard prescribed by the Board.
- (2) Notwithstanding compliance with subrule (1), no safety vest may be worn in a race, official trial or jumpout unless it is an Approved safety vest. Such Approved Level 1 safety vests are: Hows Racesafe, Ozvest, Racelite Pro, Vipa, Vipa I, USG Flexi Race and [Airowear Swift](#).

Racing Australia has approved the following amendment to the Australian Rules of Racing, effective from 1 March 2016.

## AMENDMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

### SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

Racing Australia has decided on a change to the programming and handicapping of Group 1 handicap events, aimed at producing the best available race for connections and racegoers.

The decision mitigates the impact when topweights do not accept to race (due to injury or change in the horse's program) and weights have to be raised.

Racing Australia believes that the raising of weights to only 57kg at acceptance time for Group 1 races rather than 58kg would be more in concert with the lower minimums that separate Group 1 handicaps from other races, and negate marginally excessively high minimum weights if weights are raised at acceptance time.

The current wording of AR 103(2) requires the addition of "(57 kilograms for Group 1 handicap races)" to facilitate this decision.

### Amendment effective from 1 March 2016

#### **AR 103(2) BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

##### AR 103

- (1) The top weight allocated for handicap flat races must not be less than 59 kilograms, except for Group 1 handicap races and races in which 2yos only can run, for which the allocated top weight must not be less than 58 kilograms.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-rule (1), if at the declaration of acceptances for a handicap flat race the weight allocated to the highest-weighted acceptor (including any extra weight by way of re-handicap or penalty) is less than 58 kilograms [\(57 kilograms for Group 1 handicap races\)](#), or less than a higher weight determined by a Principal Racing Authority, then allocated weights for the race must be increased until the highest-weighted acceptor is weighted at not less than 58 kilograms [\(57 kilograms for Group 1 handicap races\)](#).

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