



**Racing
Victoria**

**AMENDMENT TO RULES OF RACING
Amendment No 211 – Issued 10 February 2023**

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

AMENDMENT TO THE VICTORIAN LOCAL RULES OF RACING: LR 18D

INTRACTABLE HORSES

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

It is essential that samples can be collected from all registered thoroughbred horses so that they can be subjected to the full testing programme for prohibited substances. If samples are not able to be collected, those horses may be regarded as having an unfair advantage over other horses that are subject to the full testing programme.

Therefore, consideration has been given to suspending the nominations of intractable horses until they have undergone rehabilitation and behavioural modification to make them safe to handle and sample. Once a horse has been rehabilitated then consideration can be given for its acceptance back into the racing population. If the horse cannot be rehabilitated and continues to demonstrate behavioural tendencies which are dangerous to itself, other horses and people who handle it, then it should be considered for longer exclusion from racing.

As a result, together with the addition of LR 18D, the *Intractable Horse Policy* is to be implemented from 1 April 2023 and from that date will be found on the RV website:
<https://www.racingvictoria.com.au/the-sport/racing/rules-of-racing>.

Accordingly, the Racing Victoria Board has approved the addition of Local Rule of Racing 18D effective from 1 April 2023.

LR 18D BE ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

LR 18D Intractable horses

(1) The Stewards may prevent or suspend a horse from participating in any jump out, official trial or race for any period (including indefinitely) and upon any conditions the Stewards think fit, if, in their opinion, the horse's behaviour prevents the collection of a sample.

(2) Where the Stewards suspend or prevent a horse from participating in any jump out, official trial or race in accordance with subrule (1), the Stewards may order that the horse not be permitted to be nominated or entered for any jump out, official trial or race (as applicable), until the horse's behaviour, to the satisfaction of the Stewards, permits the collection of a sample.

Amendment effective from 1 April 2023

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>