



**Racing
Victoria**

AMENDMENT TO RULES OF RACING

Amendment No 204 – Issued 2 May 2022

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 44, LR 65 & LR 91

WEIGHT ALLOWANCES FOR PICNIC JOCKEYS/JUMPS JOCKEYS - PERMITTED RIDERS IN OFFICIAL TRIALS

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

The Racing Victoria Board has approved the following amendments to the Local Rules of Racing LR 91C and LR 65, and the introduction of a new Local Rule LR 44, which come into effect on 9 May 2022.

The rules, as they relate to riders claiming a weight allowance in races, depending on the category of rider (ie. apprentice jockey, jumps jockey, picnic jockey), are currently contained within either the Rules of Racing, the Racing Victoria Jockey Licensing Policy, or a combination of both.

These changes to the Local Rules have been approved to ensure the rules, as they relate to riders claiming a weight allowance in races, are consistent across the categories and more easily understood by all riders.

LR 44 BE ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

LR 44 Weight Allowances for Picnic Jockeys

(1) Unless otherwise provided in the conditions of the race, the permitted weight allowances for a picnic jockey are:

(i) 3 kg until the picnic jockey has ridden 5 winners;

(ii) 2 kg where the picnic jockey has ridden 5 winners and until the picnic jockey has ridden 15 winners;

(iii) No claim permitted where the picnic jockey has ridden 15 or more winners.

(2) A picnic jockey may claim the same allowance throughout a day of racing which he or she was entitled to claim at the beginning of the day.

(3) The time for determining the allowance that a picnic jockey can claim for a race meeting is the point at which acceptances for the race meeting officially close.

LR 65(7)(a) BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

LR 65 Official trials in Victoria

...

(7) Riders:

- (a) **Permitted riders:** Only riders with a permit or approval to ride in races, or riders riding for such permit or approval who are approved of by the Stewards, will be permitted to ride in the official trials, provided that, unless otherwise authorised by the Stewards, a maximum of only one Picnic jockey ~~or amateur rider~~ or rider riding for approval to ride as a Picnic jockey ~~or amateur rider~~ may be permitted to ride in each official trial.

...

LR 91C BE DELETED AND REPLACED AS FOLLOWS:

~~LR 91C Allowances~~

- ~~(1) **Entitlement:** In any handicap hurdle race or steeplechase or maiden jumping race for which the advertised prizemoney (not including trophies) is \$55,000 or less a rider (other than an amateur rider or an owner riding his own horse) is until he or she has ridden ten winners in hurdle races and/or steeplechases entitled to claim a 3kg allowance, provided that:~~
- ~~(a) any such rider after he or she has ridden 10 winners and until he or she has ridden 20 winners is entitled to claim a 1.5kg allowance;~~
- ~~(b) in no event may any horse carry less than 57kg;~~
- ~~(c) any such rider may claim the same allowance during a day of racing to which he was entitled at the beginning of that day; and~~
- ~~(d) no account may be taken of wins at point-to-point meetings when assessing eligibility to claim.~~

...

LR 91C Allowances

- (1) **Entitlement:** In any handicap hurdle race or steeplechase or maiden jumping race for which the advertised prizemoney (not including trophies) is \$55,000 or less, a rider is, until he or she has ridden ten winners in hurdle races and/or steeplechases, entitled to claim a 3kg allowance, provided that:
- (a) any such rider after he or she has ridden 10 winners and until he or she has ridden 20 winners is entitled to claim a 1.5kg allowance;
- (b) in no event may any horse carry less than 57kg;
- (c) any such rider may claim the same allowance during a day of racing to which he was entitled at the beginning of that day;
- (d) The time for determining the allowance that a jumps jockey can claim for a race meeting is the point at which acceptances for the race meeting officially close;
- (e) no account may be taken of wins at point-to-point meetings when assessing eligibility to claim.

...

Amendments effective from 9 May 2022

PLATES AND SHOES

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

The Racing Victoria Board has approved amendments to the Local Rules relating to horse plates and shoes for consistency with the Australian Rules and National Equipment Register. These amendments also remove unnecessary repetition with the Local Rules, and reflect current plate requirements, and list all types of therapeutic shoes:

LR 85 BE DELETED AND REPLACED AS FOLLOWS:

LR 85 Shoes

- ~~(1) **Plates with inserts:** Racing plates with approved steel inserts will be allowed to be used in races in Victoria.~~
- ~~(2) **Shock shod shoes:** Shock shod shoes may be used on horses in Victoria subject to the following conditions:
 - ~~(a) **Application to use:** An application for use must be made in writing by the trainer before 9.30am on the day preceding a race.~~
 - ~~(b) **Permission to discontinue use:** Permission to discontinue the use of these shoes must be obtained from the Stewards.~~~~
- ~~(3) **Racing plates with clips:** Racing plates with clips are permitted to be used on horses in Victoria subject to the following conditions:
 - ~~(a) Clips must be of a size and shape acceptable to and approved by the Farrier's Supervisor.~~
 - ~~(b) Clips should have blunt and rounded edges and not exceed 6 mm in height and 20mm in length.~~
 - ~~(c) Plates or tips may be rolled to prevent shifting.~~~~
- ~~(4) **Glue on shoes:** Conditions for use for mustad race glue shoes in Victoria:
 - ~~(a) **Application to use:** An application for use must be made in writing to the Stewards by the trainer before declarations for the race in which it is first intended to run the horse in the shoes.~~
 - ~~(b) **Earliest time of fitting:** The shoes must be fitted no more than 48 hours before the race unless otherwise approved by the Stewards.~~
 - ~~(c) **Farrier to fit shoes:** Except for horses from interstate or overseas which have been fitted with these shoes prior to arriving in Victoria the fitting of the shoes on all horses must be performed by a farrier registered with Racing Victoria.~~
 - ~~(d) **Inspection:** The trainer must ensure that the horse shod with these shoes is inspected as soon as possible after arrival on the course on the day of the race by a farrier registered with Racing Victoria.~~
 - ~~(e) **Shoe cast or damaged:** If a shoe is cast or so damaged that it cannot be secured and needs to be removed, the Stewards must order the withdrawal of the horse from the race.~~
 - ~~(f) **Permission to discontinue use:** Trainers wishing to discontinue the use of the shoes must obtain permission from the Stewards before declarations for the race in which it is intended that the shoes will not be used.~~~~

LR 85 PLATES AND SHOES

(1) Approval and discontinuation of use of therapeutic plates and shoes:

- (a) Unless otherwise approved by Stewards, permission to use therapeutic plates or shoes in a race must be obtained from the Stewards prior to acceptance time for the race.
- (b) Unless otherwise approved by Stewards, permission to discontinue use of the therapeutic plates or shoes in a race must be obtained from the Stewards prior to acceptance time for the race.
- (c) For the purpose of this rule, therapeutic plates include:
 - (i) glue-on (including Sigafoo and mustad), bar plates, concussion plates, tips and partial plates, and bonded-on plates;
 - (ii) any other therapeutic plate listed in the National Equipment Register;
 - (iii) synthetic hoof repair material;
 - (iv) hoof pads; and
 - (v) hoof cast material.
- (d) If a therapeutic plate is damaged or cast prior to the start of a race, the Stewards may order the withdrawal of the horse from the race.

(2) Glue on shoes: Additional conditions for use for mustad race-glue shoes in Victoria:

- (a) **Earliest time of fitting:** The shoes must be fitted no more than 48 hours before the race unless otherwise approved by the Stewards.
- (b) **Farrier to fit shoes:** Except for horses from interstate or overseas which have been fitted with these shoes prior to arriving in Victoria the fitting of the shoes on all horses must be performed by a farrier registered with Racing Victoria.
- (c) **Inspection:** The trainer must ensure that the horse shod with these shoes is inspected as soon as possible after arrival on the course on the day of the race by a farrier registered with Racing Victoria.
- (d) **Shoe cast or damaged:** If a shoe is cast or so damaged that it cannot be secured and needs to be removed, the Stewards must order the withdrawal of the horse from the race.

Amendment effective from 9 May 2022

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>