

AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF RACING

Amendment No 191 – Issued 29 June 2020

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 57(1)(a)

BRINGING HORSES TO THE SADDLING PADDOCK

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

In order to reduce the amount of time that racing participants were on metropolitan courses, and therefore their potential to contract or spread COVID-19, in March 2020 the RV Board reduced the time before a race that horses must arrive at the course for Metropolitan Race Meetings.

Local Rule 57 previously provided that horses <u>must</u> be brought to the saddling paddock for metropolitan race meetings not less than <u>two hours</u> before the starting time of their race. However, in light of the COVID-19 situation, the RV Board determined that for metropolitan meetings, this time be temporarily reduced to one hour before the starting time of their race.

The RV Board noted that the amendment would be reconsidered once restrictions were lifted and now consider it appropriate that LR 57 revert to its original wording with effect from 1 July 2020. The Australian Trainers Association also accept that it is an appropriate time to revert to having horses engaged at Metropolitan Race Meetings arrive on course at least two hours before the starting time of their race.

Amendments effective from 1 July 2020

LR 57(1)(a) BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

LR 57 Bringing horses to the saddling paddock

- (1) Time of entry: Further to the provisions of AR 165 and subject to LR 57(3), all horses intended to be run in any race must be brought into the saddling paddock:
 - (a) at a Metropolitan Race Meeting: within the Metropolitan Area: not less than <u>one hour</u> two hours before the time appointed for the starting of the race.

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