



**Racing
Victoria**

AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF RACING

Amendment No 209 – Issued 23 November 2022

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

AMENDMENTS TO THE VICTORIAN LOCAL RULES OF RACING: LR 57

BRINGING HORSES TO THE SADDLING Paddock

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

The Australian Trainers Association made a submission to Racing Victoria for consideration to be given to amending the times horses are required to be presented prior to their race, particularly at night meetings. They cited staffing issues as being critical to their submission and asked that consideration be given to utilising alternative control measures to address any integrity concerns that may be held.

Therefore, the arrival times for Metropolitan night meetings (and a minor change to the arrival times for specific major race meetings) have been amended.

Accordingly, the Racing Victoria Board has approved amendments to Local Rule of Racing 57 effective from 1 December 2022.

LR 57 BE DELETED AND REPLACED 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 two hours before the time appointed for the starting of the race.~~
 - ~~(b) at a Country Race Meeting: outside the Metropolitan Area: not less than one hour before for the time appointed for the starting of the race, except as provided for by LR 57(c).~~
 - ~~(c) at a Country Race Meeting: outside the Metropolitan Area: for all horses intended to run in a jumps race, not less than 90 minutes before the time appointed for the starting of the race.~~
- ~~(2) No removal without approval: A horse which has been brought into the saddling paddock must not be removed from the saddling paddock without the permission of the Stewards.~~
- ~~(3) The Stewards may by notice from time to time:~~
- ~~(a) at Metropolitan Race Meetings designated by the Stewards, require all horses in Race 3 onwards to be brought into the saddling paddock not less than 3 hours before the scheduled start time of their race; and~~
 - ~~(b) at Country Race Meetings designated by the Stewards, require all horses in Race 1 onwards to be brought into the saddling paddock not less than 2 hours before the scheduled start time of their race.~~
- ~~(4) For the purposes of LR 57, "saddling paddock" includes the racecourse.~~

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- (a) at a Metropolitan Race Meeting: not less than two hours before the time appointed for the starting of the race.
 - (b) at a Metropolitan Night Meeting: not less than 90 minutes before the time appointed for the starting of the race.
 - (c) at a Country Race Meeting: not less than one hour before for the time appointed for the starting of the race, except as provided for by LR 57(d).
 - (d) at a Country Race Meeting: for all horses intended to run in a jumps race, not less than 90 minutes before the time appointed for the starting of the race.
- (2) No removal without approval: A horse which has been brought into the saddling paddock must not be removed from the saddling paddock without the permission of the Stewards.
- (3) The Stewards may by notice from time to time:
- (a) at Metropolitan Race Meetings designated by the Stewards, require all horses in Group races or other nominated races to be brought into the saddling paddock not less than 3 hours before the scheduled start time of their race; and
 - (b) at Country Race Meetings designated by the Stewards, require all horses in nominated races to be brought into the saddling paddock not less than 2 hours before the scheduled start time of their race.
- (4) For the purposes of LR 57, "saddling paddock" includes the racecourse.

Amendment effective from 1 December 2022

JUMP OUTS

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

For many years, official trials have been recorded with vision and results made available to the public via the Racing.com website. More recently, jump-outs have also been recorded due to increasing demand from owners, trainers, media, punters and form analysts alike. The jump-outs are now available to view on Club websites and via Racing.com. With the scheduling of more jump-outs, the integrity demands upon running jump-outs have increased in volume, including ensuring all runners are correctly identified and run in their allocated jump-out.

Clubs require assistance to bear the responsibility of managing jump-outs, and there are growing demands for the administration of the jump-out fields to be consistent across Victoria.

Accordingly, the Racing Victoria Board has approved the introduction of:

- (i) new and amended Local Rules to address the increased volume of integrity demands at jump-outs; and
- (ii) Club Jump-out Guidelines to ensure consistency in how the jump-outs are being administered by Clubs across the State.

This approach, as set out below, will greatly assist the Stewards in undertaking their role at jump-outs in an orderly manner and with reference to the Rules of Racing.

CLUB JUMP-OUT GUIDELINES

1. *Entries to close no later than 2.00 pm two (2) days prior to relevant jump-outs.*
2. *Final fields to be published by the relevant Club no later than 12:00 midday one (1) day prior to the relevant jump-outs.*
3. *Trainers seeking an 'approval to race' for a horse, or a reinstatement to race from the Stewards, must (i) notify the Club and/or the Stewards prior to the relevant jump-out, and (ii) have the Thoroughbred Identity Card present with the horse on the day of the jump-outs unless otherwise approved by the Stewards.*
4. *Trainers must declare with the Club the name of the rider and racing colours to be worn for each of their horses prior to the relevant jump out.*
5. *A horse that is already entered to participate in a jump-out may be placed in another jump-out upon request by a trainer/authorised representative following the close of entries. Requests to do so can be made directly to the nominated club representative, up to and no later than, one (1) hour prior to the starting time of the first jump-out. The Club, at their absolute discretion, may then allow the horse to be placed in another jump-out. For all other requests, the express approval of the Stewards is required for any amendments.*
6. *Any withdrawals must be notified to the Club as soon as reasonably practicable upon a decision not to run being made by the trainer /authorised representative.*

Accordingly, the Racing Victoria Board has also approved the following amendments to the Local Rules of Racing effective from 1 December 2022.

LR 25A BE ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

LR 25A Declaration concerning identity of horses entered

- (1) Any person entering a horse for any race or official trial may be called upon by the Stewards to declare by statutory declaration the truth of all particulars contained in the entry.
- (2) If a person fails to make a declaration required pursuant to paragraph (a) or if it is proved to the satisfaction of the Stewards that the declaration when made is in any respect untrue, then:
 - (a) the Stewards may declare that the entry of such horse is invalid;
 - (b) such person may be penalised by the Stewards; and
 - (c) all the fees in respect of such entry remain payable.

LR 65 BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

LR 65 Official trials in Victoria

- (1) **Advertisement:** Racing Victoria shall advertise official trials in "Inside Racing".
- (2) **Registration and stable returns:** All nominated horses must be registered and stable returns for them lodged before closing of entries.
- (3) **Nomination must be in registered names:** Horses must be nominated in their registered names. No horse may be substituted for one originally nominated.
- (4) **Barrier draw:** to be conducted by lot.
- (5) **Late arrival at official trial:** Horses not on time for the official trial in which they are drawn will not be permitted to take part in any subsequent official trial on that day.
- (6) **Shoes:** Horses may run in working shoes, otherwise they must be tipped or plated. If horses run in tips or plates, owners will be liable for farrier fees.
- (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 rider riding for approval to ride as a Picnic jockey may be permitted to ride in each official trial.
 - (b) **Trainer must nominate rider:** Trainers must notify their rider at the Scales Office at least a half hour before the official trial in which their horse is engaged.
 - (c) **Riders' attire:** All riders must wear skull caps, jodhpurs, racing colours and riding boots, as well as other attire required by the Australian Rules.
- (8) **Trainer:** A horse must not be entered or permitted to run in any official trial unless it is trained by a person holding a current licence to train horses issued in accordance with LR 24A.
- (9) All horses presented to start in an official trial must be arriving directly from a licensed premises (including the premises of a licensed pre-trainer).
- ~~(9)~~(10) **Number in hurdles and steeplechases:** The number of starters in official hurdle trials or steeplechase schools will be restricted to eight runners.
- ~~(10)~~(11) **Condition of track for official hurdle and steeplechase trials:** An official hurdle or steeplechase trial must not be conducted on a track that, at the time of the trial, is rated better than a Soft 5 or equivalent.
- ~~(11)~~(12) **Riders may wear shoulder pads:** All riders may wear shoulder pads attached to their safety vest in official jumps trials.
- ~~(12)~~(13) An official trial is deemed, for the purpose s 17(3)(a) of Schedule 1 of the Workplace Injury Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2013 (Vic), to be a horse race conducted as part of a race meeting under the Rules of Racing of Racing Victoria.

LR 65A BE ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

LR 65A Jump Outs

- (1) A horse must be entered to participate in and/or scratched from a jump-out in accordance with the Club Jump-out Guidelines published by Racing Victoria concerning jump-outs conducted by Clubs in Victoria.
- (2) The trainer of a horse and/or the trainer's authorised representative must ensure, including by reference to the horse's Thoroughbred Identification Card, that if a horse is engaged to run in any jump out, the correct horse:
 - (a) is brought to the racecourse;
 - (b) is presented to start in the relevant jump out;
 - (c) starts in the relevant jump out.
- (3) At time of entry, all horses must have a stable return lodged with Racing Australia.
- (4) At time of entry, all horses must be branded and have an identification chip registered on the Racing Australia SNS/Stable Assist data base.
- (5) All riders must be licensed or registered by Racing Victoria.
- (6) A horse must not be entered or run in a jump-out unless it is trained by a person holding a current licence to train horses issued in accordance with LR 24A.
- (7) All horses presented to start in a jump-out must be arriving directly from a licenced premises (including the premises of a licenced pre-trainer).

LR 84 BE DELETED AS FOLLOWS:

~~LR 84 Identity of horses entered~~

- ~~(1) **Persons to be satisfied as to identity:** A person entering a horse for any race or official trial or running such horse in any race or official trial must:
 - ~~(a) **identity:** satisfy themselves, and when directed to do so the Stewards, as to the identity of the horse; and~~
 - ~~(b) **description:** describe the horse in accordance with the particulars shown in the Document of Description when entering the horse.~~~~
- ~~(2) **Stewards may require statutory declaration:**
 - ~~(a) Any person entering a horse for any race or official trial may be called upon by the Stewards to declare by statutory declaration the truth of all particulars contained in the entry.~~
 - ~~(b) If a person fails to make a declaration required pursuant to paragraph (a) or if it is proved to the satisfaction of the Stewards that the declaration when made is in any respect untrue, then:
 - ~~(i) the Stewards may declare that the entry of such horse is invalid;~~
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 - ~~(iii) all the fee in respect of such entry remains payable.~~~~~~

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