

## AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF RACING

### Amendment No 164 – Issued 4 October 2016

Racing Australia has approved the following amendments to the Australian Rules of Racing.

#### AMENDMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING: AR 14B(f) & AR 14B(g)

##### SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

Racing Australia wishes to clarify the new Australian Rule of Racing relating to traceability.

AR 14B has been amended so that Stewards will only have access to studs and farms to test for anabolic androgenic steroids in young horses, prohibited substances in racehorses and to monitor the health and welfare of horses generally.

Owners and breeders filing Foal Ownership Declarations (to the extent that they are not already bound by the Australian Rules of Racing as a result of the lodgement of any other form, the making of any other declaration or the operation of any of the Rules), are bound by the Australian Rules of Racing which relate to welfare, traceability, banning of steroids and prohibited substances in racehorses.

#### Amendments effective from 1 October 2016

##### ***AR 14B(f) and 14B(g) BE DELETED AND REPLACED AS FOLLOWS:***

##### **AR 14B**

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~~(f) It is a condition precedent to any application or lodgement under this rule that the Manager, or his or her Authorised Agent, lodging the Foal Ownership Declaration or making application undertakes to be bound by these Rules and, upon action being taken in compliance with this rule (including a syndicate as applicable), the Eligible Horse and its owners thereby become subject to, and agree to be bound by, the Rules.~~

~~(g) It is a requirement of subrule (f) that any person lodging the Foal Ownership Declaration on behalf of other persons is to warrant in writing that they have the authority to give the undertaking specified in subrule (f) on behalf of those other persons.~~

##### **AR 14B**

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(f) It is a condition precedent to any application or lodgement under this rule that the Manager, or his or her Authorised Agent, lodging the Foal Ownership Declaration or making application undertakes to be bound by the Rules and, upon action being taken in compliance with this rule (including a syndicate as applicable), the Eligible Horse and its owners thereby become subject to, and agree to be bound by, the Rules for the following purposes only (as a consequence of, and relating to, the lodgement of the Foal Ownership Declaration):

- (i) The testing of a Named Horse which has not been retired from racing pursuant to AR 64JA for the presence of substances that are prohibited at any time by the Rules;
- (ii) The testing of an Unnamed Horse for the presence of anabolic androgenic steroids;
- (iii) The observation of other horses for health and welfare reasons only where there is a concern for their health and welfare based on reasonable grounds; and
- (iv) The Rules that relate to traceability (AR 54A, AR 64J, AR 64JA and any relevant Local Rules).

(g) Nothing in this Rule 14B affects, or releases a person from, any requirement to be bound by the Rules that arises other than by the lodgement of the Foal Ownership Declaration Form, including but not limited to any requirement to be bound by the Rules that arises as a result of the lodgement of any other form, the making of any other declaration or the operation of any of the Rules.

## AMENDMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING: AR 64N

### SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

There is no restriction on how close to race day a vaccine may be given to a horse.

Equine vaccines are known to produce transient local and systemic reactions following their administration, and a prohibition from starting within a specified period after their administration should be introduced.

As a vaccinated horse could present performance and integrity concerns, it is undesirable to have horses in competition inside a specified period before such vaccinations.

Consequently, Racing Australia has decided that a five clear day rule be introduced with an additional provision that vaccinations be included in the horse's treatment record. Prior permission of the Stewards could be sought for administering a dose of vaccine to a horse within the five clear day period only for the purpose of facilitating international travel, such vaccination being notified publicly.

### Amendments effective from 1 October 2016

#### **AR 64N BE DELETED AND REPLACED AS FOLLOWS:**

##### ~~AR 64N~~

~~(1) A trainer must not enter or permit a horse that has been vaccinated against, including but not limited to, equine herpesvirus 1 and 4, equine influenza, Hendra virus, strangles or tetanus, to participate in any race, official trial or jump-out during the seven clear days (as defined in AR 1) following midnight on the day the vaccination was administered.~~

~~(2) A trainer must ensure a record of any administration of a vaccine is included in the trainer's record of treatment for such horse in accordance with the requirements of AR 178(F)(1).~~

~~(3) Where a horse has been administered a vaccine, or the Stewards reasonably suspect that a horse has been administered a vaccine, during the seven clear days prior to the day of a race, official trial or jump-out, the Stewards may order the withdrawal of the horse from the relevant race, official trial or jump-out.~~

~~(4) Any trainer who breaches AR 64N(1) or AR 64N(2) may be penalised.~~

~~**Note:** For the purpose of AR 64N and by way of example, if a horse was subjected to a vaccine administration at any time on a Monday (1st day of month), that horse would be ineligible to race until the Tuesday in the following week (9th day of month).~~

##### AR 64N

(1) A trainer must not, without the express permission of the Principal Racing Authority (or the Stewards exercising powers delegated to them), enter or permit a horse that has been administered a dose of vaccine against, including but not limited to, equine herpesvirus 1 and 4, equine influenza, Hendra virus, strangles or tetanus, to participate in any race during the five clear days (as defined in AR 1) following midnight on the day the dose of vaccine was administered.

(2) A trainer must ensure a record of any administration of a dose of vaccine is included in the trainer's record of treatment for such horse in accordance with the requirements of AR 178(F)(1).

(3) Where a horse has been administered a dose of vaccine, or the Stewards reasonably suspect that a horse has been administered a dose of vaccine, during the five clear days prior to the day of a race, the Stewards may order the withdrawal of the horse from the relevant race.

(4) Any trainer who breaches AR 64N(1) or AR 64N(2) may be penalised.

**Note:** For the purpose of AR 64N and by way of example, if a horse was subjected to a vaccine administration at any time on a Monday (1st day of month), that horse would be ineligible to race until the following Sunday (7th day of month).

## AMENDMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING: AR 103

### SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

A number of handicap races have a 7kg spread: 54kg-61kg (previously 54-59kg).

However, Racing Australia believes that the Principal Racing Authorities in each jurisdiction should have the discretion to lower the topweight to 60kg with a minimum of 53kg to maintain the optimum spread of weights.

### Amendments effective from 1 October 2016

#### AR 103 BE DELETED AND REPLACED 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. [amended 1/8/08, amended 1/1/12]~~
- ~~(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). [amended 10/9/09, 1/1/12, 1/10/15, 1/03/16]~~
- ~~(3) The minimum weight allocated for handicap flat races must not be less than –
  - ~~(a) 50 kilograms for the Melbourne Cup and Caulfield Cup;~~
  - ~~(b) 52 kilograms for Group 1 handicap races other than the Melbourne Cup and Caulfield Cup;~~
  - ~~(c) 53 kilograms for Group 2 handicap flat races;~~
  - ~~(d) 54 kilograms for all other handicap flat races.~~~~

~~Provided that the Principal Racing Authority concerned may approve applications made by racing clubs for a minimum weight of 50 kilograms for Group 1 handicap races other than the Melbourne Cup and Caulfield Cup (paragraph (b) of this sub-rule) and also for 2-year-old and/or 3-year-old horses in open-age handicap races to be allocated lower minimum weights than those prescribed by paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of this sub-rule.~~

##### 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 subrule (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).
- (3) The minimum weight allocated for handicap flat races must not be less than –
  - (a) 50 kilograms for the Melbourne Cup and Caulfield Cup;
  - (b) 52 kilograms for Group 1 handicap races other than the Melbourne Cup and Caulfield Cup;
  - (c) 53 kilograms for Group 2 handicap flat races;
  - (d) 54 kilograms for all other handicap flat races (provided that a Principal Racing Authority may in its discretion approve a minimum of 53 kilograms for the purposes of this subrule).

Provided further that the Principal Racing Authority concerned may approve applications made by racing clubs for a minimum weight of 50 kilograms for Group 1 handicap races other than the Melbourne Cup and Caulfield Cup (paragraph (b) of this subrule) and also for 2-year-old and/or 3-year old horses in open-age handicap races to be allocated lower minimum weights than those prescribed by paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of this subrule.

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