

Deadline for lodging protests – AR.165(1)

Summary:

Whilst the protest rule AR.165(1) determines that the deadline for the lodging of a protest is “at scale before the riders of all placed horses are weighed in,” it is now custom and practice for jockeys (and/or connections) to seek to view the Stewards videos before making a decision whether to lodge a protest.

The protest rule requires updating, as today seldom are protests lodged by the deadline set out in AR.165(1).

The protest rule AR.165(1) will be amended with a broad discretion of the Stewards to allow the lodgement of a protest to be at any time up to the signalling of correct weight.

Rule:

Amend AR.165(1) as follows:

“AR.165

(1) Any objection by the persons authorised by AR.161 against a horse or horses, on the ground of:

- (a) an interference as provided for in AR.136(1); or
- (b) his not having run the proper course; or
- (c) the race having been run over a wrong course; or
- (d) grounds as provided for in AR.137A;
- (e) any other matter occurring in the race;

shall be made to the Steward at scale before the riders of all placed horses are weighed-in or at any other time allowed by the Stewards prior to the signalling of correct weight.”

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