



Australian Racing Board

AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

A. New definition to AR.1

Addition to AR.1 as follows:

““Clear Day” means a 24 hour period from 12.01am to 12 midnight.”

Date of Effect: 1st September 2013

B. New Rule AR.59

Please insert the following:

“**AR.59.** (1) The trainer of a horse and/or the trainer’s authorised representative must ensure, including by reference to the horse’s Thoroughbred Identity Card, that where a horse is engaged to run in any race or official trial, the horse that:

- (a) is brought to the racecourse;
- (b) is presented to start in the relevant race or official trial; or
- (c) starts in the relevant race or official trial,

is the correct horse.

(2) A trainer and/or the trainer’s authorised representative who fails to comply with AR.59(1) commits an offence and may be penalised.”

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Note: As a consequence of the introduction of a new AR.59 please delete AR.59A(3) and AR.59A(4).

C. Amendment to AR.64G

Please delete rule and insert the following:

“AR.64G. (1) No person, without the permission of the Stewards, may stomach-tube, attempt to stomach-tube, cause to be stomach-tubed or be a party to the stomach-tubing of a horse which is engaged to be run in:

(a) a race: at any time on the day of the race prior to the start of that race or during the one Clear Day prior to the day of the race; or

(b) an official trial or jump-out: at any time on the day of official trial or jump-out prior to the start of that event or during the one Clear Day prior to the day of the official trial or jump-out.

For the purpose of this rule, “stomach-tubed” and variations of that term means any application to a horse of a naso-gastric tube.

(2) Any horse that has been stomach-tubed contrary to the provisions of AR.64G(1)(a) or (b) may be prohibited from starting in any relevant race, official trial or jump-out.

(3) Any horse that has been stomach-tubed contrary to the provisions of AR.64G(1)(a) may be disqualified from the relevant race in which it started.”

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D. Amendment to Rule 140

Please delete rule and insert the following:

“AR.140. (a) The trainer of a horse that is included in the final acceptors for a race must:

(i) ensure that such horse is fit and properly conditioned to race; and

(ii) report to the Stewards:

(a) by acceptance time, any occurrence, condition, or treatment that may affect or impact on the horse’s performance in the race where the occurrence takes place, condition is present or treatment is administered before acceptance time;

(b) as soon as is practicable, any occurrence, condition, or treatment that may affect or impact on the horse’s performance in the race where the occurrence takes place, condition is present or treatment is administered after acceptance time.

(b) The owner and/or trainer and/or rider shall report to the Stewards as soon as practicable anything which might have affected the running of their horse in a race.

- (c) If, after a horse which has raced has left the racecourse, the trainer of the horse becomes aware of any condition or injury which may have affected or impacted on the horse's performance in the relevant race, the trainer must report the condition or injury to the Stewards as soon as practicable and no later than acceptance time for its next race engagement.
- (d) Any loss or breakage of gear during a race, or any unusual happening in connection therewith, shall be reported by the owner and/or trainer and/or rider to the Stewards immediately after the race.
- (e) Any person who fails to comply with any provision of AR 140 commits an offence and may be penalised."

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E. Amendment to Rule 140A

Please delete rule and insert the following:

"AR.140A. (1) The trainer of a horse is at all times responsible for the proper saddling and application and fitting of all gear to a horse presented for a race, official trial, jump-out or track work.

(2) The trainer of a horse that is presented for a race, official trial, jump-out or track work and that has not been properly saddled or had all its gear fitted or correctly applied commits an offence and may be penalised.

(3) Notwithstanding AR.140A(1) or AR.140A(2), any person, other than the trainer of the horse, who fails to properly saddle or fit or correctly apply required gear to a horse presented for a race, official trial, jump-out or track work commits an offence and may be penalised."

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F. New Rule 178AA

Please insert new rule 178AA:

"AR.178AA. (1) A person must not administer an alkalinising agent, in any manner, to a horse which is engaged to run in any race, official trial or jump-out:

- (a) at any time on the day of the scheduled race, official trial or jump out and prior to the start of such event; and
- (b) at any time during the one Clear Day prior to 12.01am on the day of the scheduled race, official trial, or jump out.

- (2) Any person who:
- (a) administers an alkalinising agent;
 - (b) attempts to administer an alkalinising agent;
 - (c) causes an alkalinising agent to be administered; and/or
 - (d) is a party to the administration of, or an attempt to administer, an alkalinising agent,

contrary to AR.178AA(1) commits an offence and may be penalised.

(3) Where the Stewards are satisfied that a horse has, or is likely to have been, administered any alkalinising agent contrary to AR.178AA(1), the Stewards may prevent the horse from starting in any relevant race, official trial or jump-out.

(4) Where a horse has been administered any alkalinising agent contrary to AR.178AA(1), the horse may be disqualified from any relevant race in which the horse competed.

(5) For the purposes of AR.178AA, 'alkalinising agent':

- (a) means any substance that may elevate the plasma total carbon dioxide (TCO₂) of a horse when administered by any route;
- (b) includes but is not limited to substances that are bicarbonates, citrates, succinates, acetates, propionates, maleates, lactates and trometamol (THAM, Tris Buffer or Trometamine) and also include products marketed as urinary alkalinisers and hind gut buffers;
- (c) does not include substances:
 - (i) that are alkalinising agents which are contained in commercial feeds and/or balanced commercial electrolyte supplements which when fed and consumed according to the manufacturers' recommendations for normal daily use have a negligible effect on plasma TCO₂; and
 - (ii) in respect of which the Stewards have granted an express exemption from the operation of AR.178AA,

provided that any exemption from the definition of alkalinising agent granted under this rule does not constitute a defence to a charge laid against a person following the detection by an Official Racing Laboratory of a TCO₂ concentration in a horse in excess of the threshold prescribed by AR.178C(1)(a)."

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G. Amendment to Rule 178F(3)

Please delete Rule 178F(3) and replace with the following:

“(3) Where directed by the Stewards, a person, including a trainer or a trainer’s representative, must provide any record of treatment kept in accordance with AR.178F(1):

- (a) immediately following the issue of the Stewards’ direction; or
- (b) at any other time as required by the Stewards.”

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H. New Rule 196(6)

Please insert new rule as follows:

“(6)(a) Any person or body authorised by these Rules to suspend or disqualify any trainer may defer the commencement of the period of suspension or disqualification for no more than seven Clear Days following the day on which the suspension or disqualification was imposed, and upon such terms and conditions as seen fit.

(b) Notwithstanding that the commencement of a period of disqualification may be deferred pursuant to AR.196(6)(a), a trainer must not start a horse in any race from the time of the decision to disqualify that trainer until the expiration of the period of disqualification.”

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