



Australian Racing Board

AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

A. Amendment to AR.178D

Please delete AR.178D and replace with the following:

“AR.178D (1) Samples taken from horses in pursuance of the powers conferred on the stewards by AR.8(j) shall be analysed by only an Official Racing Laboratory.

- (2) Upon the detection by an Official Racing Laboratory of a prohibited substance in a sample taken from a horse such laboratory shall –
 - (a) notify its finding to the stewards, who shall thereupon notify the trainer of the horse of such finding; and
 - (b) nominate another Official Racing Laboratory and refer to it the reserve portion of the same sample and, except in the case of a blood sample, the control of the same sample, together with advice as to the identity of the prohibited substance detected.
- (3) In the event of the other Official Racing Laboratory detecting the same prohibited substance, or metabolites, isomers or artefacts of the same prohibited substance, in the referred reserve portion of the sample and not in the referred portion of control the certified findings of both official racing laboratories shall be prima facie evidence that a prohibited substance has been detected in that sample for the purposes of these rules.
- (4) Where an Official Racing Laboratory is unable, for any reason, to analyse a sample to detect and/or certify as to the presence of a prohibited substance in that sample, that Official Racing Laboratory or the Stewards may refer the sample, or any portion of the sample, to another Official Racing Laboratory for analysis.
- (5) If the Official Racing Laboratory to which a sample or portion of a sample was referred in accordance with AR 178D(4) detects a prohibited substance in that sample or portion of that sample, that Official Racing Laboratory shall -
 - (a) notify its finding to the stewards, who shall thereupon notify the trainer of the horse of such finding; and
 - (b) nominate another Official Racing Laboratory and refer to it a reserve portion of the same sample and, except in the case of a blood sample, the

control of the same sample, together with advice as to the identity of the prohibited substance detected.

- (6) In the event of the Official Racing Laboratory to which a sample was referred pursuant to AR 178D(5) detecting the same prohibited substance, or metabolites, isomers or artefacts of the same prohibited substance, in the referred reserve portion of the control sample and not in the referred portion of control the certified findings of both Official Racing laboratories shall be prima facie evidence that a prohibited substance has been detected in that sample for the purposes of these rules.”

Date of Effect: 1st February 2014

B. Amendment to AR.182

Please delete AR.182 and replace with the following:

“AR.182 (1) Except with the consent of the Principal Racing Authority that imposed the disqualification, and upon such conditions that they may in their discretion impose, a person disqualified pursuant to these Rules must not, during the period of that disqualification:

- (a) enter upon any racecourse or training track owned, operated or controlled by a Club or Principal Racing Authority or any land used in connection with such properties;
 - (b) enter upon any training premises, complex or establishment of any Club, Principal Racing Authority or licensed person;
 - (c) be an office holder, official, member or employee of any Club or Principal Racing Authority;
 - (d) be employed by, or otherwise engaged to provide any service in any capacity to, any thoroughbred racing stable;
 - (e) ride any racehorse in any race, official trial, jump-out or test;
 - (f) enter or nominate any horse for a race or official trial whether acting as agent or principal or in any other capacity;
 - (g) subscribe to any sweepstakes;
 - (h) race or have trained any horse whether as owner, lessee or in any other capacity;
 - (i) share in the winnings of any horse;
 - (j) participate in any way in the preparation for racing or training of any racehorse;
 - (k) associate with a person, or persons, connected with the thoroughbred racing industry in Australia or elsewhere in respect of any matter related to thoroughbred racing in Australia; and/or
 - (l) participate in any manner in the thoroughbred racing industry.
- (2) Except with the consent of the Principal Racing Authority that imposed the disqualification, no person who in the opinion of the Principal Racing Authority or the Stewards is a close associate of a disqualified person shall be permitted to train or race any horse. [subrule (2) amended 1.10.00]

- (3) A disqualified person who breaches any of the provisions of AR 182(1) is guilty of an offence and may be penalised.
- (4) Unless otherwise determined by the Principal Racing Authority that imposed or adopted the penalty, the period of disqualification of any person who contravenes any of the provisions of AR.182(1), shall automatically recommence as from the most recent date of such contravention, and the person may also be subject to further penalty.
- (5) The provisions of subrule (4) shall apply to any person to whom AR 182 applies, regardless of when such penalty that gives rise to the application of the rule was imposed.”

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C. New Rule AR.64

Please insert new Rule AR.64 as follows:

“AR.64 (1) Without limiting any power contained in these Rules, the Stewards may prevent or suspend a horse from participating in track work, or from starting in any jump-out, official trial or race, for any period and upon any conditions that the Stewards consider appropriate if, in the Stewards’ opinion:

- (a) the horse has a galloping action or races in a manner which is likely to pose a safety risk to either itself, any other horse, or to any person;
- (b) the horse has barrier manners which are considered to be unruly or intractable and/or which may pose a safety risk to itself or any other horse in a race or to any person.

(2) Where the Stewards suspend or prevent a horse from starting in any jump-out, official trial or race for a temporary period in accordance with AR 64DA(1), the Stewards may also order that the horse not be permitted to be nominated or entered for any official trial or race (as applicable) until the horse has:

- (a) participated to the satisfaction of the Stewards in any test, jump-out or official trial (or series of tests, jump-outs or official trials); and/or

passed any veterinary examination or any other examination considered appropriate.

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D. Amendments to AR.175(f) & AR.175(g)

Please delete the following sub-paragraphs and replace with the following:

“175(f) Any person who refuses or fails to attend or give evidence at any investigation, inquiry or appeal when directed or requested by the Principal Racing Authority or Stewards, or other person authorised by the Principal Racing Authority, to do so.”

“175(g) Any person who gives at any interview, investigation, inquiry, hearing and/or appeal any evidence which is false or misleading in any particular.”

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E. Amendment to AR.111A

Please insert the following sub-paragraph:

AR.111A

“(5) The handicapper may amend the allotted weight of a horse in a handicap race to carry an additional weight if, after weights are declared for that handicap race, that horse wins a race.”

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F. New Rule AR.8E

Please insert new Rule AR.8E as follows:

“AR.8E (1) The Principal Racing Authority may from time to time appoint one or more persons to undertake investigations at the direction of the Principal Racing Authority and such investigators shall have and may exercise all the powers, duties and authorities conferred on Stewards by AR.8(b),(c), (jj), (k)(ii), AR.8B and AR.8C.

(2) Any licensed person, owner or any other person engaged in or associated with racing who, whilst the investigators are exercising such powers, duties and authorities, refuses to obey any reasonable direction of investigators or obstructs, hinders or delays investigators in exercising such powers or carrying out their duties, or incites any other person or person to obstruct, hinder or delay investigators from exercising such powers or carrying out their duties, may be penalised.”

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G. New Rule AR.64M

Please insert new Rule AR.64M as follows:

“AR.64M A horse that has been subjected to an intra-articular administration of a corticosteroid preparation, whether the preparation is administered alone or in combination with other preparations, is ineligible to participate in any race or official trial at any time during the 10 Clear Days (as defined in AR.1) following midnight on the day of the administration.

Note: For the purpose of AR.64M and by way of example, if a horse was subjected to an intra-articular administration at any time on a Monday (1st day of month), that horse would be ineligible to race until the Friday in the following week (12th day of month).”

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H. Amendment to AR.64J & New Rule AR.64JA

Please delete AR.64J and replace with the following:

“AR.64J

- (1) Upon the death of a horse which had not been retired, the trainer or his authorised agent, must report the occurrence to the relevant Principal Racing Authority or its agent as soon as practicable.
- (2) In the event of the deceased horse being included in a current stable return the trainer must as soon as practicable lodge an amended stable return in relation to the death.
- (3) Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of sub-rules (1) or (2) commits a breach of these Rules unless he proves to the satisfaction of the Principal Racing Authority that he was not aware, and could not reasonably have been aware, of the death of the horse.”

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Please insert new Rule AR.64JA as follows:

“AR.64JA

- (1) Where a horse has been retired from racing, the Manager (as defined in AR.1) of the horse at time of its retirement must, within one month of the horse’s retirement, notify the Registrar by lodging the relevant form prescribed the Registrar.
- (2) Where a form has been lodged in accordance with AR 64JA(1), the retired horse will cease to be registered and is ineligible to race unless it is re-registered.

- (3) Where a horse ceases to be registered under this Rule, the horse may not be re-registered except with the express permission of the Stewards.

Any person who fails to comply with AR.64JA(1) commits a breach of these Rules and may be penalised.”

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I. Amendment to AR.103(3)(a)

Please delete AR.103(3) and replace with the following:

“(3) The minimum weight allocated for handicap flat races must not be less than –

- (a) 50 kilograms for the Melbourne Cup, Caulfield Cup and Doncaster Mile;
- (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.”

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