



AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

AR 270A Breach of suspension restrictions

Summary:

When licensed or registered persons are suspended, they are subject to certain express restrictions under the Rules of Racing and may also be subject to other conditions imposed by the relevant PRA or Stewards.

In contrast to the rules regarding disqualifications (AR 263(4)) – which expressly provide that a breach of any restriction while disqualified results in an automatic recommencement of the disqualification and possible further penalty (subject to PRA discretion) – the rules regarding suspensions do not specify the consequence of a breach of any restriction while suspended.

The Racing Australia Chairmen of Stewards Committee is of the view that a new rule should be introduced for breaching suspension restrictions while suspended, which is consistent with the rule in respect of disqualified persons. This will add a further deterrent for suspended persons who may be inclined to contravene the conditions of their suspension.

Racing Australia has approved the addition of a new rule as set out below.

Insert new AR 270A as follows:

“AR 270A Penalty for breach of terms of suspension

- (1) Except with the consent of the PRA or the Stewards in whose territory a suspension was imposed, a suspended person must not during the period of the suspension contravene any of the Rules in respect of, or the terms or conditions of, the suspension.
- (2) Unless otherwise determined by the PRA or the Stewards in whose territory a suspension was imposed or adopted, if a person breaches subrule (1), the period of suspension imposed on that person must automatically restart from the most recent date of the breach, and the person may also be subject to further penalty.
- (3) The provisions of subrules (1) and (2) apply to any suspended person, regardless of when the suspension was imposed.”

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