



AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

Enforcement of corticosteroid rule

Summary:

With the introduction of AR.64M in August 2014 introducing an eight clear day stand down time for the intra articular administration of corticosteroids, there is a need to include a provision that any person administering, attempting to administer, causing to be administered or being party to an intra-articular administration of a horse, within eight clear days of a race, may be penalised.

Further, that when a horse has had such treatment, it may be withdrawn from such engagement or alternatively may be disqualified, from any race in which it competed.

Additionally, whilst a horse remains listed in the final acceptors for a race, it is an offence for such horse to be given an intra-articular administration of a corticosteroid.

1. Delete AR.64M and replace with the following:

“AR.64M. (1) 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, official trial or jump-out at any time during the 8 clear days (as defined in AR.1) following midnight on the day of the administration.

(2) Where a horse has been nominated and/or entered for a race, a person must not administer, cause to be administered, attempt to administer or be a party to an intra-articular administration of a corticosteroid preparation to the horse, whether the preparation is administered alone or in combination with other preparations, at any time within eight clear days (as defined in AR.1) of the race.

(3) A trainer must not enter or permit a horse to participate in any race, official trial and jump-out where the horse has been subjected to an intra-articular administration of a corticosteroid preparation, whether the preparation is administered alone or in combination with other preparations, during the eight clear days (as defined in AR.1) prior to the day of the race, official trial or jump-out.

(4) Where:

(a) a horse has been subjected to an intra-articular administration of a corticosteroid preparation, whether the preparation is administered alone or in combination with other preparations, at any time during the eight clear days (as defined in AR.1) prior to the day of a race, official trial or jump-out; or

(b) the Stewards reasonably suspect that there has been such an administration (as referred to in (a) above),

the Stewards may order the withdrawal of the horse from the relevant race, official trial or jump-out.

(5) Any person who breaches AR.64M(2), or trainer who breaches AR.64M(3), commits an offence and may be penalised.

***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 Wednesday in the following week (10th day of month)."*

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