



AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

AR.141A(1) – Horses arriving on course

Summary:

Racing Australia recommends that the requirement that horses are presented for racing wearing appropriate plates and tips is amended to bring forward that requirement to the time that horses arrive on course.

Racing Australia reports increasing instances of horses not being appropriately shod at the relevant time, which results in unnecessary delays prior to the start of races. The revised rule would allow Stewards to check each horse's plates and tips when they are being unloaded from floats when arriving on course, and for any issues to be rectified at that time, rather than just prior to a race.

The proposed amendment contains a discretion for the Stewards to permit a trainer to bring his/her horse onto the course without its racing plates and tips.

1. Amend AR.141A(1) as follows:

“AR.141A.

- (1) (a) No horse shall be permitted to start in any race unless it is fully shod with plates or tips that conform to the requirements of AR.141B, provided that in exceptional circumstances the Stewards may permit a horse to run barefooted or partly shod.
- (b) The trainer is at all times responsible for ensuring that horses with race engagements comply with AR.141B from the time when they arrive on course, except where the Stewards permit otherwise.”

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