



AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

AR.175D – Prohibition on betting with non-approved wagering operators

Summary:

Racing Australia recommends the introduction of a rule to prohibit industry participants from betting with non-approved (likely offshore) wagering operators that are not subject to racefields regulations.

Betting with non-approved wagering operators is a significant integrity risk for the industry. PRAs and Stewards have no visibility as to who is betting with such wagering operators as they have no powers to require the production of customers' betting records. This necessarily limits their ability to inquire into and investigate a range of integrity matters.

Further, given that non-approved wagering operators are not subject to racefields regulations and their associated fees, the industry suffers a financial detriment each time a bet on Australian thoroughbred races is placed with such a wagering operator.

1. Add AR.175D as follows:

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- (1) A person bound by these Rules must not:
 - (a) place a bet on Australian thoroughbred racing with a Non-Approved Wagering Operator; or
 - (b) have a bet placed on his or her behalf, or otherwise have an interest in a bet placed, on Australian thoroughbred racing with a Non-Approved Wagering Operator.
- (2) Where the Stewards reasonably suspect that a person bound by these Rules has, or may have, placed a bet on Australian thoroughbred racing with a Non-Approved Wagering Operator:
 - (a) the Stewards may direct the person to produce, and the person must produce, all relevant documents and devices, including but not limited to, the person's computer, mobile telephone, and betting records; and
 - (b) the Stewards may direct the person to provide, and the person must provide, the Stewards with access to the account (or accounts) with the Non-Approved Wagering Operator used by or on behalf of the person, including any username, password or other security information.

- (3) A person who fails to comply with any provision of this rule may be penalised.
- (4) For the purpose of this rule:
 - (a) a “Non-Approved Wagering Operator” means any wagering operator, including a totalizator operator, bookmaker, corporate bookmaker, betting exchange or other wagering service provider, that does not hold a current licence, approval or authority to use or publish the thoroughbred racefields of a State or Territory in accordance with the relevant State or Territory legislation and/or regulations; and
 - (b) a “bet” includes a lay bet.”

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