



Australian Racing Board

AMENDMENT TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

Summary:

Pursuant to AR.196(4), the current rules allow the operation of a penalty to be suspended for a period not exceeding 12 months. The suspension of the operation of a penalty for a period can act as a significant deterrent to the disciplined person breaching the rules during that period.

Stewards support an extension of the period of time for which a penalty may be suspended from 12 months to two years. It is considered that the ability to suspend the operation of a penalty for a longer period will give racing authorities more flexible and broader power to impose such sentences with more deterrent effect.

The ARB Board considers it appropriate and desirable to introduce this reform and to give racing authorities scope to impose penalties with sufficient deterrent effect. Many conduct breaches are due to volatility of personalities and a longer period of suspension of penalty (which may be viewed in a similar way to a bond) will provide a greater deterrent to re-offending.

The Board therefore decided that AR.196(4) be amended to extend the period for which the operation of a penalty may be suspended from 12 months to two years.

Amendment to Rule 196(4)

Please delete AR.196(4) and insert the following:

“(4) Any person or body authorised by the Rules to penalise any person may in respect of any penalty imposed on a person in relation to the conduct of a person, other than a period of disqualification or a warning off, suspend the operation of that penalty either wholly or in part for a period not exceeding two years upon such terms and conditions as they see fit.”

Date of Effect: 1 February 2015