

## **AUSTRALIAN HARNESS RACING RULES**

### **Rules Amendments - HRA approved 1 September 2019**

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#### **5. HORSES**

##### **Eligibility for registration**

- **Amend Rule 93 (2)**

**93.** (2) Save and except for embryo transfer or some other procedure approved by the Controlling Body a horse shall not be eligible for naming and/or registration and entry in the Australian Stud Book if it is the produce of genetic engineering procedures including but not limited to cloning, embryo freezing or oocyte collection.

#### **12. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES**

##### **Determination of prohibited substance**

- **Amend Rule 188A(1)(b)**

**188A.** (1) The following are prohibited substances:

- (b) Substances falling within, but not limited to, the following categories:-
  - acidifying agents
  - adrenergic blocking agents
  - adrenergic stimulants
  - agents affecting calcium and bone metabolism
  - alcohols
  - alkalinising agents
  - anabolic agents
  - anaesthetic agents
  - analgesics
  - antiangina agents
  - antianxiety agents
  - antiarrhythmic agents
  - anticholinergic agents
  - anticoagulants
  - anticonvulsants
  - antidepressants
  - antiemetics
  - antifibrinolytic agents
  - antihistamines
  - antihypertensive agents
  - anti-inflammatory agents
  - antinauseants

antineoplastic agents  
antipsychotic agents  
antipyretics  
antirheumatoid agents  
antispasmodic agents  
antithrombotic agents  
antitussive agents  
**bisphosphonates**  
blood coagulants  
bronchodilators  
bronchospasm relaxants  
buffering agents  
central nervous system stimulants  
cholinergic agents  
corticosteroids  
depressants  
diuretics  
erectile dysfunction agents  
fibrinolytic agents  
haematopoietic agents  
haemostatic agents  
hormones (including trophic hormones) and their synthetic counterparts  
hypnotics  
hypoglycaemic agents  
hypolipidaemic agents  
immunomodifiers  
masking agents  
muscle relaxants  
narcotic analgesics  
neuromuscular agents  
plasma volume expanders  
respiratory stimulants  
sedatives  
stimulants  
sympathomimetic amines  
tranquillisers  
vasodilators  
vasopressor agents  
vitamins administered by injection

### **Out of Competition Testing**

- **Amend sub-rule 190A(2)(s)**
- **Renumber existing sub-rule 190A(2)(s) to 190A(2)(t)**
- **Amend sub-rule 190A(2)(t)**

**190A** (2) For the purposes of sub-rule (1), the following substances are specified as prohibited substances:-

(s) unregistered bisphosphonates;

(t) metabolites, artifacts and isomers of any of the substances specified in paragraphs (a) to (s);

## **Bisphosphonates**

- **New heading**
- **New Rule 190AB**

**190AB.** (1) A horse must not at any time be administered an unregistered bisphosphonate.

(2) Any person who:-

- (a) Administers an unregistered bisphosphonate
- (b) Attempts to administer an unregistered bisphosphonate
- (c) Causes an unregistered bisphosphonate to be administered and/or
- (d) Is a party to the administration of or an attempt to administer any unregistered bisphosphonate

to a horse is guilty of an offence.

(3) Where the Stewards are satisfied that a horse has, or is likely to have been, administered an unregistered bisphosphonate contrary to this rule, the Stewards may prevent the horse from starting in any relevant race.

(4) When a sample taken from a horse aged less than four years has detected in it a bisphosphonate the horse is not permitted to start in any race for a minimum period of twelve months from the date of the collection of the sample in which the bisphosphonate was detected.

(5) When a sample taken from a horse aged four years or older has detected in it

- (a) A registered bisphosphonate the horse is not permitted to start in any race for a minimum period of thirty days from the date of the collection of the sample in which the bisphosphonate was detected.
- (b) An unregistered bisphosphonate the horse is not permitted to start in any race for a minimum period of twelve months from the date of the collection of the sample in which the bisphosphonate was detected.

(6) When a sample taken from a horse has detected in it a bisphosphonate in breach of sub-rules (1), (4) or (5) the trainer and any other person who is in charge of such horse at the relevant time shall be guilty of an offence

## **14. GENERAL OFFENCES**

### **Blood Doping**

- **New heading**
- **New Rule 254A**

**254A.** (1) Subject to sub-rule (2) a person shall not either directly or indirectly withdraw from a horse, manipulate and reinfuse into a horse homologous, heterologous or autologous blood products or blood cells.

- (2) A registered veterinary surgeon may for lifesaving purposes or through use of veterinary regenerative therapies for the treatment of musculoskeletal injury withdraw from a horse, manipulate and reinfuse into a horse homologous, heterologous or autologous blood products or blood cells.
- (3) A horse that is treated in accordance with sub-rule (2) shall not be permitted to start in any race for a period of eight clear days from the date of the treatment.
- (4) A person who fails to comply with sub-rules (1), (2) or (3) is guilty of an offence.

### **Summary of Amendments – HRA approved 1 September 2019**

#### **RULES AMENDED**

93(2), 188A(1)(b), 190A(2)(s)

#### **NEW RULES / SUB-RULES**

190AB(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), 254A(1), (2), (3), (4)

#### **NEW HEADINGS**

Bisphosphonates  
Blood Doping

#### **RULES REPEALED**

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#### **RULES RENUMBERED**

190A(2)(s) to 190A(2)(t)