



NEW RULES OF THOROUGHBRED RACING THAT APPLY AS OF 1 MARCH 2019

In accordance with section 45 (1) (a) of the Racing and Wagering Western Australia Act 2003, the Board of Racing and Wagering WA gives notice of the making of the RWAA Rules of Thoroughbred Racing 1 March 2019.

Rewrite of National (Australian) Rules applicable 1 March 2019

Racing Australia (RA) has completed a review and rewrite of the national rules of Thoroughbred racing which have been adopted by the RA Board.

The rewrite of the Australian Rules of Racing underwent an extensive review process which involved legal advice provided by RA and a lengthy consultation with Principal Racing Authorities (PRA), Stewards throughout Australia and RWAA's RA Directors.

As part of the review process it was decided that the numbering of the new Local Rules be determined by inserting the local rules amongst the new Australian Rules that they relate to, similar to how the current rules appear. The opportunity was also taken to review the Local Rules of racing which relate to Integrity a summary of the amendments of which appears below.

The Australian and the Local Rules will thereafter become the RWAA Rules of Thoroughbred Racing 1 March 2019 and be introduced on **1 March 2019**.

The significant majority of National Rule amendments are logical, non-controversial changes which seek to improve the rules' structure, numbering and readability (including via language modernisation). The intent of the rules largely remains as applied previously.

Although the adoption of the new rule book does not represent any significant changes in relation to prescribed requirements for those bound to the rules (i.e. Jockey's, Trainers etc.), it is a requirement of being licensed to ensure that persons are aware of those rules that relate to them and the activities they undertake in racing.

The RWAA Rules of Thoroughbred Racing 1 March 2019 will be accessible via the Integrity section of the RWAA website.

Below are listed the **Local Rule amendments** and a brief covering explanation for amendment.

Amend definition/dictionary of "Australian Rules of Racing" to read;

Australian Rules of Racing means the Rules made by Racing Australia herein printed and include all modifications thereof and all new Australian Rules of Racing as therein provided.

Replace the words "the Australian Racing Board" with "Racing Australia"

Delete definition/dictionary of "Official" and "Owner"

These rules are not required as covered within the New Australian Rules.

Amend definition/dictionary of "Training" to read;

Training includes the preparation, education and exercising of a horse to race, or trial, but not the mere process of keeping a horse in good health.

Adds the words "or trial" to include horses competing in trials within the dictionary.

Amend current Local Rule 7 and re-number it as Local Rule 12

Replace the wording "AR& AR7A" with "the Australian Rules".

Delete current Local Rule 7A

Not required any further.

Add new Local Rule 13.

The current Local Rule 80H sets out criteria that persons who apply for a trainers licence which is not approved/granted may not re-apply for a period of six months thereafter and in the event that the second application is not granted within 12 months of the initial application they cannot re-apply for a further period of 12 months. The new rule is taken from the RWWA Rules of Greyhound Racing which includes all applications for licence, not just trainers, and this distinction is also now included within the Local Thoroughbred Rules. The previous Local Rule 80H is to be deleted as the new Local Rule 13 which applies to all applications for licence now supersedes it.

Delete current Local Rule 56

This rule is no longer required.

Delete Local Rule 60

Clearances are now provided by the PRA.

Amend current Local Rule 80A and re-number it to Local Rule 97A.

This amendment is to make licensing requirements consistent with those published on the RWWA website and current licensing practice.

Delete Local Rule 80H

Now superseded by the new Local Rule 13.

Delete Local Rule 81C

This rule is no longer in use and in practice Jockeys are not compelled to attend tracks to ride track work.

Delete Local Rule 81F

A rule is not required to publish list of Jockeys in the Racing Calendar.

Delete Local Rule 81I

This rule is now covered within other rules.

Delete Local Rule 38

Now covered within the Australian Rules.

Delete Local Rule 40

Clubs no longer issue fines which are recognised by RWWA.

Amend current Local Rule 114A(2) and re-number it to Local Rule 181A(2)

Replaces the word "inflict" with "impose".

Delete Local Rule 119

Rule is no longer required.

Delete current Local Rule 140B(a) (i) (ii) (iii) and (b) and re-number current Local Rule 140B(c) to Local Rule 206

Rules regarding blinkers are not required as these are covered within the National List of Gear. Retain rule in regards to blinkers on Two year olds.

Delete Local Rule 140C

Race gear is covered within the National List of Gear

Delete Local Rule 140D.

Race gear is covered within the National List of Gear

Amend current Local Rule 175(1) and re-number it to Local Rule 250(1).

Amendment to references to rule numbers within the rule and to also refer to the Prohibited List A which appears in the Australian Rules.

New version to take effect 1 March 2019

The following notice issued by Racing Australia provides further information on the rewrite of the Australian Rules.



AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

New version to take effect 1 March 2019

The first major rewrite of the rules governing Australia's Thoroughbred racing industry will take effect from 1 March.

Racing Australia Chair, Frances Nelson QC, said the rewrite was a modernisation and reordering of the Australian Rules of Racing, but did not change the substance or effect of existing rules.

"Racing Australia's purpose in commissioning this rewrite was to make it easier for racing participants to navigate and comply with the Australian Rules of Racing," Ms Nelson said.

The introduction of the new version will not affect decisions made or procedures commenced under the existing Rules. Matters like Stewards' decisions, investigations underway, penalties imposed, liabilities incurred, licences granted or being processed, will continue to apply under the new, rewritten Rules.

The new version represents a significant change to the language, structure and numbering of the existing Australian Rules of Racing. To assist with transition, a new Schedule has been included with comparative tables cross-referencing the existing and new version of all rules.

For the first time, a Table of Contents is also included to help users in locating relevant rules. The Rules are also divided into 13 parts, which contain various divisions, to further assist navigation and identification of relevant rules.

In addition, in the new version, each individual rule has been named to provide a brief description of the rule's subject matter. For example, the existing AR 137 is referred to in the rewritten Rules as "AR 131 Riding offences".

The rewritten Rules also contain the following 5 schedules:

Schedule 1 - Prohibited Substances Lists (currently AR 177B, AR 178B & AR 178C)

Schedule 2 - Trainer & Owner Reform (TOR) Rules (currently Schedule 1)

Schedule 3 - Syndicate Rules (currently AR 69 - AR 69P & Syndicate Regs (a) - (k))

Schedule 4 - List of Restricted Races (currently AR 1A)

Schedule 5 - Table of Comparative Provisions

The rewrite was undertaken in consultation with Principal Racing Authorities and the Chairmen of Stewards' Committee. The draft new version has been with PRAs and Stewards since December to ensure smooth transition on 1 March.

A copy of the rewritten Rules-which do not take effect until 1 March-is available on the Racing Australia website: www.racingaustralia.horse

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