



## AMENDMENTS TO RWAA RULES OF RACING

In accordance with Section 45 (1) (a) of the *Racing and Wagering Western Australia Act 2003*, notice is hereby given that the Board of Racing and Wagering WA has resolved that the RWAA Rules of Thoroughbred Racing 2004 be amended.

### **Amendment to Local Rules applicable 4 December 2018**

#### **Amend LR.81B(2)**

Local Rule 81B (2) was created to prevent Apprentice Jockeys from riding a 2yo or unraced horse in a race or trial until such time as they had ridden in 50 races. The rule has been rigidly applied to ensure that all apprentice riders develop sufficient skills before riding such horses given their level of experience.

The enforcement of the rule has sometimes led to horses having to be withdrawn from a race meeting due to no suitable rider being available after the originally nominated rider becomes ill, injured or is unable to attend, despite an apprentice with less than 50 rides actually being present. This predominately arises at the smaller country meetings where there are a lack of senior jockeys and the apprentice riders present are generally those who are at the start of their careers. The effect of having to withdraw a horse in such circumstances is very severe to the trainer and connections as long distances are generally travelled to attend the race meeting.

The rule was established when apprentices were only required to have 20 trials prior to seeking permission to ride in races. Consequently, most were all very inexperienced overall. It is now common for Apprentices to ride many more than 20 trials with most achieving around double this number before being given permission to ride in races. Due to this higher level of experience apprentices are now far better equipped and prepared for race riding than previously.

This rule has been amended to allow the Stewards to permit an apprentice who has not ridden in 50 races to ride an unraced horse with the exception of a 2yo when no other rider is available on the condition that its suitability is assessed prior to any such permission being granted. The decision would involve reviewing its trial and general history and require the Stewards to view the replays of its trial performances and also determine if any embargoes have been placed on it in the past related to its barrier or racing manner requiring only a senior rider to be engaged.

#### **Deletion of LR.80E(1)**

On the 1 August 2018 the below National Rule was introduced;

**AR.56AA.** (1) *A person can only train a horse at a registered racecourse, training track or training facility if the person has been issued with a licence or permit to train from the Principal Racing Authority where the horse is being trained.*

*(2) Any person who breaches, or is party to a breach of, subrule (1) may be penalised.*

The introduction of National rule AR.56AA resulted in the Local Rule 80E(1) being obsolete. LR80E(1) has therefore now been deleted.

The deletion of LR80E(1) will result in LR80E(3) being amended to mention sub-rule (1) rather than (sub-rule (2), LR80E(2) having to re-numbered as LR80E(1) and LR80E(3) having to be re-numbered as LR80E(2).