

AMENDMENTS TO RWWA 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 RWWA Rules of Thoroughbred Racing 1 March 2019 be amended as follows;

Amendment of National (Australian) Rules applicable 1 June 2019

Racing Australia (RA) has advised of amendments to the Australian Rules which are applicable from 1 June 2019 as follows;

Prohibited List A & B thresholds – Testosterone

Article 6A of the International Agreement on Breeding Racing and Wagering (IABRW) now contains a plasma testosterone threshold for fillies and mares (unless in foal): 100 picograms free testosterone per millilitre in plasma from fillies and mares.

Racing Australia has approved the inclusion of the international threshold in the Rules.

Prohibited List A & B thresholds – Estradiol

Racing Australia has approved an amendment to the way in which the threshold is expressed in the Rules.

Prohibited List B thresholds – Prednisolone

There is now evidence that prednisolone is an endogenous substance in horses. In light of this, Article 6A of the International Agreement on Breeding, Racing and Wagering (IABRW) now includes a prednisolone threshold.

Racing Australia has approved the inclusion of this threshold in the Rules.

AR 2 Dictionary definition of “Official Racing Laboratory”

Add - *Laboratory of Racing Chemistry, Tochigi, Japan (reserve portion/B sample analysis)* to the list of Official Racing Laboratories.

Add AR 121 (3) Clothes, footwear and equipment

Under the Rules of Racing, Stewards have specific powers to confiscate riders' safety gear and equipment such as helmets, safety vests and whips that do not meet the required standards or are not in a suitable condition.

In circumstances where the Rules provide that only clothes, footwear, apparel and equipment approved by Stewards are allowed to be worn or used by riders, this provides an expansion of the rule to give Stewards powers to confiscate such items that have not been approved.

The primary aims of such an amendment are to improve rider safety (by restricting use of potentially dangerous clothing and footwear) and to improve equine welfare (by restricting use of potentially harmful equipment).

Amend AR 184 (b) (ii)

To accord with the current practice of including the neck strap in the rider's weight.

Amend AR 219 (4)

Protests for interference per AR 130(1) may be made on behalf of horses finishing up to one place after the last place for which prizemoney is awarded.

This can result in the Stewards having to deal with largely inconsequential matters (e.g. 9th vs 10th), as well as creating significant delays in authorising betting payouts.

Accordingly, Racing Australia has approved that such protests be restricted to horses finishing up to 5th place, with discretion for the Stewards to consider protests in respect of any lower placed horses.

Discretion for the Stewards to hear protests for lower placings provides flexibility, and may be particularly relevant for bigger races where prizemoney is significant below 5th place.

Amend AR 227 (b)

Under the Rules of Racing it is an offence for a person to attempt to commit, aid, abet, counsel, procure, connive at, conspire with another person to commit, or be a party to another person who commits, a breach of the Rules.

Further, where a person is approached or requested to engage in corrupt, improper etc conduct, or conduct detrimental to the interests of racing, that person has an obligation under the Rules to report such approach or request to the Stewards (see AR 230).

Amendment introduces a specific offence where a person approaches or requests a person to commit a breach of the Rules. This will help improve integrity measures by creating an offence where a person takes steps with the intent of having an offence committed by another person, despite the other person potentially refusing or having no intention to carry it out.