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 be amended as follows;

Amendment of National (Australian) Rules applicable 1 August 2019

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

Amend AR 170

AR 170 provides allowances for horses bred in the northern hemisphere when they compete in weight-for-age (WFA) races in Australia.

A comparative review of AR 170 and European WFA scales revealed allowances provided to northern hemisphere 3-year-olds under AR 170 are more generous than the allowances these horses would receive from older horses under the European WFA scales across various distances if they were run on the same day and over the same distance in their country of origin.

Accordingly, Racing Australia has decided to amend the allowances under AR 170 in respect of WFA races run (i) over 2000m to 2400m, (ii) over 2400m to 3000m, and (iii) over 3000m.

There has not been any change to the allowances for WFA races up to 2000m.

Amendments to Local Rules applicable 1 August 2019

Amend Local rule 55(3)

Amend rule to match current practice

(3) The draw for barrier positions for the runners shall be carried out;

(a) by random computer algorithm in the office of the club or Principal Racing Authority at the place where the club or Principal Racing Authority normally transacts its public business: or

(b) by such random method approved by the Stewards which is to be conducted by at least two persons nominated for that purpose by either the club conducting the race or the Principal Racing Authority. Such random draw is to be conducted in a public place, in a manner that permits public scrutiny of the draw.

Delete Local Rule 159

There are no races that are now conducted in heats.

Amendments to Local Rules applicable 20 September 2019

Currently the apprentice claim is based on winners in the following classification of race meetings:

- Metropolitan
- Provincial (Inner Provincial venues of Bunbury, Pinjarra, Northam & York)
- Other (Outer Provincial venues of Kalgoorlie, Geraldton, Albany, Mt Barker, Broome, Esperance, Narrogin and all the country meetings such as Carnarvon, Port Hedland, Leinster, Mt Magnet etc.)
This structure can lead to WA apprentices outriding their claim in the category of Other too soon, leaving them without a claim at the outer provincial venues such as Kalgoorlie.

Amendments have been structured to alleviate this situation.

**Amend Local Rule definition of Provincial Area in AR 2 Dictionary to remove the reference to York-Beverley Turf Club;**

*Provincial Area means race meetings conducted by the Bunbury Turf Club, Northam Race Club, Pinjarra Race Club, York-Beverley Turf Club.*

**Add local rule definitions of Country Area A and Country Area B in AR 2 Dictionary**

*Country Area A means race meetings conducted by Albany Racing Club, Coolgardie Racing Club, Geraldton Turf Club, Kalgoorlie Boulder Racing Club, Narrogin Race and Pace, Mt Barker Turf Club, Toodyay Race Club, York Racing.*

*Country Area B means race meetings not defined as Metropolitan, Provincial or Country Area A.*

**Delete sub-rule LR 143 (b), amend sub-rule LR 143 (c) and re-number it to (b) then re-number LR 143 to LR 143A;**

**LR 143-143A**

(a) Apprentices shall not claim a weight allowance in races run at Standard Weight For Age.

(b) Apprentices shall not claim their allowance in any open class race run outside the metropolitan area where the total prize money of the race is $20,000.00 or more, unless specified otherwise in the race programme advertised in the Racing Calendar.

(c) In all other races, unless otherwise specified in the conditions advertised for the race in the Racing Calendar, or specified in LR 143, any Apprentice entitled to ride under the Rules, may claim the weight allowance specified under the provisions of AR 143.

**Add a new LR143 as described below;**

**LR 143**

(1) For races run in Western Australia in Country Area A the permitted weight allowances for an apprentice jockey are:

(a) 3kg until the apprentice jockey has ridden 20 winners on the flat in a metropolitan area, a provincial area and/or country area A;

(b) 2kg until the apprentice jockey has ridden 50 winners on the flat in a metropolitan, a provincial area and/or country area A;

(c) 1.5kg until the apprentice jockey has ridden 80 winners on the flat in a metropolitan area, a provincial area and/or country area A.

(2) For races run in Western Australia in Country Area B the permitted weight allowances for an apprentice jockey are:

(a) 3kg until the apprentice jockey has ridden 20 winners on the flat;

(b) 2kg until the apprentice jockey has ridden 50 winners on the flat;

(c) 1.5kg until the apprentice jockey has ridden 80 winners on the flat.

For the purposes of this rule, Country Area A and Country Area B means race meetings as defined as such in the Local Rule definitions contained in AR 2 Dictionary.

Any apprentice race wins prior to the effective date of this rule will not be re-classified and will be subject to the rules applicable at the time of such win/s.