

Racing and Wagering Western Australia

RACE DAY PROCEDURES 3.11

WITHDRAWAL OF HORSES DUE TO TRACK CONDITIONS

Stewards may approve an application by a trainer or owner to withdraw a horse from a race after final scratching time subject to the following conditions:

1. The track rating has been reclassified from Fast or Good to Slow or Heavy. The general principle applies that the rating needs to be downgraded by two classifications prior to a withdrawal being approved. This is not to say that permission will not be given if an application is made when a reclassification from Good to Dead, Dead to Slow or Slow to Heavy is made, but variables such as previous form and the state of the racing surface need to be considered.
2. Such application should be made to the Stewards as soon as practical following the notification of the track reclassification, prior to the commencement of betting on the race.
3. Provided that should the Stewards permit the withdrawal of a horse under this policy, the trainer must be notified that such horse will not be permitted to race on any track in the future which has the same track classification as at the time when permission was granted for its withdrawal.

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