

# Racing and Wagering Western Australia

## RACE DAY PROCEDURES 3.23

### LOSS OF PLATE PRIOR TO RACING

#### 1. Glue-on Plates/Synthetic Hoof Repair Material

- Horses losing Glue-on plates or plates that have been secured to the foot by the use of Synthetic Hoof Repair Material, either at the barrier or just prior to the race, will not be permitted to race bare. These horses have a foot condition which requires a therapeutic shoe. Racing "bare" is likely to be detrimental to their race performance and welfare;
- Any horse losing Glue-on plates or plates that have been secured to the foot by the use of Synthetic Hoof Repair Material, where the on course farrier is physically able to secure a replacement normal shoe to the foot in a timely manner, may be permitted to be inspected by the Official Veterinarian to ascertain soundness to start. In this case the horse will only be permitted to start if the Official Veterinarian finds the horse to be sound once the replacement shoe has been secured.

#### 2. All other racing plates

The on course farrier should make every endeavour to secure/replace the lost plate/s where possible.

In circumstances where a plate has become cast in the preliminary and cannot be located the options should be discussed with the on course farrier. i.e. race with 3 plates or remove another plate to race bare in front or behind.

In the case where a therapeutic plate (bar plate, heart bar, pads, shock shods, egg bar etc.) has been lost or cannot be reattached, the Official Veterinarian should ascertain whether the horse is sound to start without that plate. In these circumstances input should be sought from the trainer, who is in the best position to advise why the horse is using therapeutic plates. If the trainer cannot be contacted by mobile phone, an announcement via the course broadcast may be required to have the trainer summoned to a designated area to discuss the matter with the steward in charge.

In the event that the trainer cannot be contacted, the steward in charge should order the horse to be declared a late scratching.

#### 3. Standard racing plates

For horses with standard race plates and normal feet, one race without a plate should not affect a horses' race performance or foot condition.

To enable this policy to operate efficiently in the limited time that is available when horses are behind the barriers prior to the start, a list of all trainers mobile numbers should be kept in the main stewards tower together with the gear list for reference of all runners at the meeting shod with non standard plates.