

Racing and Wagering Western Australia
Official Thoroughbred Policy
RIDERS 1.7

REPLACEMENT OF DECLARED RIDERS

The replacement of riders is undertaken on a Jockey for Jockey and Apprentice for Apprentice basis. Non - claiming and 1.5kg claiming apprentices are determined as being interchangeable.

Stewards endeavour to substitute riders on an equivalent experience and ability basis. It must be taken into consideration that off-course investors may be unaware of late changes and as pre-post betting now occurs on most events, parity in substitutions is of importance.

Although the policy mentioned is the guideline for changes of declared riders, in the case of non – claiming races, the Stewards may allow for any to be substituted at their discretion – Jockey or Apprentice, with each case being treated on its merits.

In the event of an alternative senior rider or apprentice not being available, Stewards may apply their discretion and permit an apprentice to replace a senior rider or vice versa, however each case is to be treated on its merits with consideration being given to the impact that any substitution may have on betting. This is particularly evident in the event of a late change having to be made on an event where totalisator betting has already commenced and significant novelty type betting has previously opened such as quadrella and quartet betting. In such circumstances, difficulties can arise if a senior rider is replaced by an inexperienced apprentice or vice versa as investors may be disadvantaged after having already placed an investment on the particular race.

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