

**Racing and Wagering Western Australia**  
**Official Thoroughbred Policy**  
**RIDERS 1.8**

## **JOCKEY AND APPRENTICE RIDING WEIGHTS**

### **JOCKEYS**

1. Jockeys are expected to ride at the handicapped weight at all race meetings, however where a Jockey is unable to make the handicapped weight he or she may be permitted to ride up to 1kg overweight upon application to the Stewards if no other suitable senior rider is available to ride at that weight. Such application must be made to the Stewards at least two hours prior to the closing of final riders and consent must have been obtained from the Owner/s and Trainer. Any overweight approval shall then be published on CRIS and released via Twitter.
2. In feature races where the allotted weight of the horse is lower than the standard minimum weight, the Stewards may, at their discretion and on the approval by both the Owner(s) and Trainer, permit Jockeys to ride up to 1 kg overweight. Such application must be made prior to the closing of final riders to allow sufficient time for the overweight declaration to be published on CRIS and released via Twitter.
3. A horse granted permission to be ridden overweight will be re-rated by the RWWA Handicapping Department from the weight carried and not its original allocated weight.
4. Any application from a Jockey for overweight during the course of a race meeting will not be approved if another suitable senior rider or a non-claiming apprentice is available.

### **APPRENTICES**

1. Apprentices are required to declare a Minimum Riding Weight (MRW) which must be advised to the Stewards by the time listed for final rider declarations for that meeting. The MRW list will be maintained by the Licensing and Registrations Department. In the event that an apprentice cannot claim his/her full allowance, the MRW will be printed in the race book and advised to all media publications.
2. Any apprentice wishing to alter their MRW must seek approval through the Stewards or Training Manager prior to the closing of final riders for the race meeting at which the altered MRW is to apply.
3. At all race meetings apprentices must claim their full allowance down to their MRW. Failure to meet this requirement may lead to another Apprentice being substituted who is able to utilise their claim down to their MRW.
4. Apprentices will not be permitted to ride overweight except where there is no other suitable rider available.

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