



RACING AND WAGERING WESTERN AUSTRALIA

NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO RWWA RULES OF HARNESS RACING

In accordance with Section 45 (1) (b) 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 Harness Racing be amended with effect from 29 July 2022 as follows;

Repeal the definition of “Approved Instrument” in Schedule 1 Dictionary and Repeal Rule 191A

Rationale

These rules referred to the instrument that is used for the testing of blood samples for TCO₂ levels. Harness Rule 189A specifies that “Any sample taken from a horse shall only be analysed by a laboratory approved by the Controlling Body”. As such the NATA accredited racing laboratories are approved by the Controlling Bodies to carry out all types of required sample analysis and there is no need for the rules to further specify the type of analyser that must be used for the testing of samples.

Amend Rule 176(6)(b)

- 176.** (6) *Where a protest has been lodged in accordance with this rule and:-*
- (b) *The grounds of the protest do not include a claim of interference, the Stewards shall dismiss the protest unless they are of the opinion that the horse lodging the protest would have finished ahead of the horse against which the protest has been lodged in which case they shall place the second mentioned horse after the first mentioned horse.*

Rationale

Changes have been made to this rule to give clearer guidance in relation to the allotment of placings in the event of a successful protest.