



RACING AND WAGERING WESTERN AUSTRALIA

AMENDMENTS TO RWWA RULES OF THOROUGHBRED RACING

In accordance with Section 45 (1) (a) 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 Thoroughbred Racing be amended as detailed below.

AMENDMENT TO LOCAL RULES

The current RWWA local rules and policies dictate that horses are only allowed to compete twice in one day, at certain race meetings including Landor and picnic meetings.

Some of the horses competing at these meetings were retired racehorses and despite the amateur status of them the distances raced were also not insignificant, which brought into question the propriety of allowing horses to compete in two races of 600-1000m in length. The contemporary racing environment surrounding the welfare of racing, and ex-racing animals, no longer supports practices of this kind.

The RWWA Animal Welfare Committee and the RWWA Integrity Department agreed to make adjustments to the local rules of racing and relevant supporting policies to limit horses to only compete in one race on any one day.

The Integrity Department will subsequently liaise with the committees of picnic race clubs to assist them to adopt this principle and thus meet contemporary community animal welfare standards.

The wording, within Local Rule 57 (1) - *except for at a meeting conducted by a Club where Stewards have granted permission for horses to run more than once on the same day as published in the Racing Calendar from time to time*, has therefore now been removed.

The rule, following amendment as from 28 March 2023 will now read;

LR 57 LIMIT ON ACCEPTANCES

- (1) *Subject to LR57(2), a horse must not be declared an acceptor for more than one race to be conducted on any day.*
- (2) *An emergency acceptor in any race may be declared an acceptor in another race at the same race meeting.*
- (3) *If a horse is declared an acceptor for races in breach of LR57(1):*
 - (a) *The horse must be eliminated from a race or races in accordance with the balloting conditions published in the Racing Calendar from time to time.*
 - (b) *The Nominator or trainer of such horse is liable for:*
 - (i) *the scratching fee for any race from which the horse is eliminated; and*
 - (ii) *such penalty as the Stewards may impose.*