

NATIONAL RULES BOOK Amendments - HRA approved 10 October 2011

DICTIONARY

Amend Definitions – HRA Approved 10 October 2011

“**Connections**” includes the persons who are the owners or lessees of a horse or who otherwise have a legal interest in it, a trainer, a manager of a syndicate, a joint ownership manager, a stud master, and the authorised agents of such persons.

“**Drug of Abuse**” means:

- (i) A drug within the scope of that expression as used in the document published by Standards Australia entitled Recommended practice for the collection, detection and quantitation of drugs of abuse in urine numbered AS4308-1995 and any subsequent amendment or replacement of that document.
- (ii) Any substance declared by the Australian Racing Board as a banned substance for the purposes of Rules 81B, 81BB and 81C of the Australian Rules of Racing.”

5. HORSES

Syndicates and Groups

- **Amend Rule 115(5) (HRA Approved 10 October 2011)**

115. (5) The Controlling Body may at any time cancel the appointment of a manager appointed under this rule.

7. STARTING

Starters

- **Renumber existing Rule 128(3) to 128(4) (HRA approved 10 October 2011)**
- **Add new Rule 128(3) (HRA approved 10 October 2011)**
- **Amend Rule 129 (HRA approved 10 October 2011)**

128. (3) For the purposes of sub-rule (2), a horse is deemed to be participating in the score up when it is facing the mobile barrier and the mobile barrier starts to move.

(4) If a horse causes two false starts through its own intractability, it is automatically withdrawn and declared a late scratching.

129. The Stewards shall, after consulting with the starter, determine any question concerning whether a horse has been started for a race.

9. DRIVERS

Horse Breaking Gait

- **Amend Rule 155(1) and (2) (HRA approved 10 October 2011)**

155. (1) If a horse breaks gait during a race and the stewards are of the opinion that the horse thereby gained ground or maintained its ground or caused interference to or obtained an advantage to the detriment of another runner, the stewards may disqualify the horse from the race or place it in a lower position.

(2) If the Stewards form the opinion referred to in sub-rule (1) and are further of the opinion that the driver could or should have taken steps to prevent any of the specified events occurring and failed to do so, the driver is guilty of an offence.

Whips

- **Amend Rule 156(4)(c) (HRA approved 10 October 2011)**

156. (4) For the purposes of sub-rule (3)(b) a driver shall be deemed to have used a whip excessively in the following circumstances which are not exclusive:-

(c) if the reins are lengthened so as to result in loose reining regardless of whether the whip is being used at the same time;

Offences – relating to dress

- **Amend rule 159A(7) (HRA approved 10 October 2011)**

159A. (7) A person shall at all times when driving or riding a horse wear a body protector which has been approved by Harness Racing Australia.

Offences - relating to matters at the start and during the race

- **Amend Rule 162(1)(r) (HRA approved 10 October 2011)**
- **Add new Rule 162(1)(rr) (HRA approved 10 October 2011)**
- **Amend Rule 162(1)(v) (HRA approved 10 October 2011)**
- **Add new Rule 162(1)(vv) (HRA approved 10 October 2011)**

162. (1) A driver shall not –

(r) without reasonable explanation fail to take all necessary steps to activate gear, appliances or devices which require activation.

(rr) fail to immediately report to the stewards if during a race any of his horses' gear is broken, lost, damaged, tampered or interfered with or has malfunctioned.

(v) whip the driver's horse with the reins;

(vv) lengthen the reins so as to result in loose reining;

12. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

Determination of prohibited substance

- **Amend Rule 188A(1)(a), (b) (HRA approved 10 October 2011)**

188A. (1) The following are prohibited substances:

(a) Substances capable at any time of causing either directly or indirectly an action or effect, or both an action and effect, within one or more of the following mammalian body systems:-

- the nervous system
- the cardiovascular system
- the respiratory system
- the digestive system
- the musculo-skeletal system
- the endocrine system
- the urinary system
- the reproductive system
- the blood system
- the immune system

(b) Substances falling within, but not limited to, the following categories:-

- acidifying agents
- adrenergic blocking agents
- adrenergic stimulants
- agents affecting calcium and bone metabolism
- alcohols
- alkalinising agents
- anabolic agents
- anaesthetic agents
- analgesics
- antiangina agents
- antianxiety agents
- antiarrhythmic agents
- anticholinergic agents
- anticoagulants
- anticonvulsants
- antidepressants
- antiemetics
- antifibrinolytic agents
- antihistamines
- antihypertensive agents
- anti-inflammatory agents
- antinauseants
- antineoplastic agents
- antipsychotic agents
- antipyretics
- antirheumatoid agents
- antispasmodic agents
- antithrombotic agents
- antitussive agents
- blood coagulants
- bronchodilators
- bronchospasm relaxants
- buffering agents
- central nervous system stimulants

cholinergic agents
corticosteroids
depressants
diuretics
erectile dysfunction agents
fibrinolytic agents
haematopoietic agents
haemostatic agents
hormones (including trophic hormones) and their synthetic counterparts
hypnotics
hypoglycaemic agents
hypolipidaemic agents
immunomodifiers
masking agents
muscle relaxants
narcotic analgesics
neuromuscular agents
plasma volume expanders
respiratory stimulants
sedatives
stimulants
sympathomimetic amines
tranquillisers
vasodilators
vasopressor agents
vitamins administered by injection

- **Amend Rule 188A(3) (HRA approved 10 October 2011)**

188A. (3) The following are not prohibited substances:

- antimicrobials (antibiotics) and other antiinfective agents but not including procaine penicillin
- antiparasitics approved and registered for use in horses
- ranitidine
- omeprazole
- ambroxol
- bromhexine
- dembexine
- registered vaccines against infectious agents
- orally administered glucosamine
- orally administered chondroitin sulphate
- altrenogest when administered to fillies and mares

Log Books

- **Amend Rule 190B(1)(b) (HRA approved 10 October 2011)**
- **Amend Rule 190B(2) (HRA approved 10 October 2011)**
- **Amend Rule 190B(3) (HRA approved 10 October 2011)**
- **Add new Rule 190B(4) (HRA approved 10 October 2011)**

190B. (1) A trainer shall at all times keep and maintain a log book:-

(b) recording all details of treatment administered to any horse in his or her care and including as a minimum requirement:

- (i) the name of the horse;
- (ii) the date of administration of the treatment;
- (iii) the name of the treatment (brand name of active constituent);
- (iv) the route of administration;
- (v) the amount given;
- (vi) the name and signature of the person or persons administering and/or authorising treatment.

190B. (2) For the purposes of this rule treatment includes:

- (i) all Controlled Drugs (Schedule 8) administered by a veterinarian
- (ii) all Prescription Animal Remedies (Schedule 4)
- (iii) all Prescription Only Medicines (Schedule 4) prescribed and/or dispensed by a veterinarian for off label use
- (iv) all injectable veterinary medicines (intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous, intra-articular) not already included above
- (v) all Pharmacist only (Schedule 3) and Pharmacy Only (Schedule 2) medicines
- (vi) all veterinary and other medicines containing other scheduled and unscheduled prohibited substances
- (vii) all alkalinising agents
- (viii) all herbal preparations

190B. (3) A trainer shall upon request produce such log book or register for inspection by the Stewards.

190B. (4) A trainer who fails to comply with the provisions of sub-rule (1) or (3) is guilty of an offence.

Holding of Drugs

- **Amend Rule 194 (HRA approved 10 October 2011)**

194. A person who has in his possession or on his premises or under his control any substance or preparation that has not been registered, labelled, prescribed, dispensed or obtained in compliance with relevant State and Commonwealth legislation is guilty of an offence.

14. GENERAL OFFENCES

Horses

- **Add new Rules 213A and 213B (HRA approved 10 October 2011)**

213A. A person other than a registered veterinarian, shall not use or have in his possession or control any electric or electronic apparatus or device capable of administering an electric shock to a horse.

213B. A horse that has been subjected to any form of shock wave therapy shall be ineligible to race or take part in any trial in the seven days following such treatment.

17. EQUIPMENT AND COLOURS

Offences

- **Amend Rule 273(6)(a) (HRA approved 10 October 2011)**

273. (6) A person shall not present to start or start in a race a horse that is:-

- (a) not wearing the correct number;

Summary of Amendments – HRA approved 10 October 2011

RULES AMENDED

115(5), 128(3), 129, 156(4), 155(1), 155(2), 159A(7), 162(1)(r), 162(1)(v), 188A(1)(a), 188A(1)(b), 188A(3), 190B(1), 190B(2), 190B(3), 194, 273(6)(a)

NEW RULES / SUB-RULES

128(4), 162(1)(rr), 162(1)(vv), 190B(4), 213A, 213B.

RULES REPEALED

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RULES RENUMBERED

128(3)

NEW DICTIONARY DEFINITIONS

Connections

Drug of Abuse