

**NATIONAL RULES BOOK
Amendments - HRA approved 8 October 2012**

DICTIONARY

Add Definitions HRA Approved 8 October 2012

“**Australian Racing Board**” means the Australian Racing Board Limited constituted in accordance with AR208 Australian Rules of Racing.

“**Registered training establishment**” means a property approved by a Controlling Body to be used for the purposes of conducting harness racing activities.

Amend Definition – add sub-rule (iii) HRA Approved 8 October 2012

“**Drug of Abuse**” means:

- (iii) For the purposes of determining whether a substance is a drug of abuse, any declaration by the Australian Racing Board shall prevail over any document published by Standards Australia.

2. STEWARDS

Powers

- **Add new sub-rule 15(1)af (HRA approved 8 October 2012)**

15. (1) (af) to direct a driver to drive in a designated number of trials and to their satisfaction prior to driving in a race other than an official trial.

3. MEETING AND RACES

Appointed times

- **Repeal existing Rule 43(1), (2), (3) (HRA approved 8 October 2012)**
- **Add new Rule 43(1), (2) HRA approved 8 October 2012)**

43. (1) A driver engaged to drive a horse in a race shall report his attendance at the racecourse to the Stewards or the person authorised by the Stewards no later than 30 minutes prior to the official start time of the race or at such other time as prescribed by the Controlling Body.

(2) A driver who fails to comply with sub-rule (1) is guilty of an offence.

4. LICENCES

Grant of licences and other matters – Trainers Licence

- **Amend Rule 90A(2.7)(b) (HRA approved 8 October 2012)**

90A (2.7) (b) Grade B, is licensed to train a horse which the person owns or partly owns or which is owned by the person's spouse, other domestic partner, parent, sibling or child, or any horse approved by the Controlling Body upon the written application of the person.

5. HORSES

- **Add new sub-heading**
- **Add new sub-rule 119C (HRA approved 8 October 2012)**

Location of Horse

119C.(1) A trainer shall not, without having made written application and obtained the consent of the Stewards, stable any horse trained by him in any location other than the address notified on the current stable return of the horse.

(2) A trainer who fails to comply with sub-rule (1) is guilty of an offence and in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed, the nomination of the horse concerned may not be accepted or if after acceptance, be rejected and the horse withdrawn from or disqualified from the race.

7. STARTING

Outside draw

- **Amend Rule 134A(1) (HRA approved 8 October 2012)**

134A. (1) Where a horse is required to requalify pursuant to sub rules (1) or (4) of Rule 134 the Stewards may issue a notice in terms of form R134-A and give it to the trainer or authorised agent.

Starter's orders

- **Amend Rule 135(5) (HRA approved 8 October 2012)**

135. (5) A driver, trainer, or other person who fails to have his or her horse in the relevant place by the times mentioned in sub rule (1) or sub rule (2) or fails to drive to the correct barrier position on the blow of the starter's whistle or as otherwise signalled, is guilty of an offence.

8. REQUIRED RACING STANDARD

Race to win or for best position

- **Add new sub-rules 149(4), (5), (6), (7) (HRA approved 8 October 2012)**

149. (4) A trainer shall not give a direction or instruction to a driver of a horse trained by him if that direction or instruction is unreasonable or is likely to prevent the driver from giving the horse full opportunity to win or obtain the best possible placing in the field.

(5) A trainer who fails to comply with sub-rule (4) is guilty of an offence.

(6) If a driver receives a direction or instruction that infringes sub-rule (4) he shall prior to the race notify the Stewards.

(7) A driver who fails to comply with sub-rule (6) is guilty of an offence.

9. DRIVERS

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

- **Add new sub-rule 163(4) (HRA approved 8 October 2012)**
- **Renumber existing sub-rules 163(4) to 163(5), 163(5) to 163(6) (HRA approved 8 October 2012)**

163. (4) A driver shall trail the immediately preceding horse as close as is reasonably practicable in all of the circumstances.

(5) A driver who, in the opinion of the Stewards, fails to comply with any provision of this rule is guilty of an offence.

(6) For the purposes of sub rule (1) "crossing" occurs when a driver changing the position of the driver's horse, compels another runner to shorten stride or the driver of that other horse to pull it out of its stride.

14. GENERAL OFFENCES

Alcohol and related matters

- **Add new sub-rule 252A(b) (HRA approved 8 October 2012)**
- **Renumber existing sub-rule 252A(b) to 252A(c) (HRA approved 8 October 2012)**

(b) A urine sample provided by a person to whom those rules apply shall only be declared free of any banned substance if the sample contains a creatinine concentration of 200mg/L or greater. In the event that the urine sample does not contain this concentration, the person shall be required to deliver a further urine sample or samples as directed by the Stewards.

(c) the following substances and/or their metabolites, artifacts and isomers are declared as banned substances when their presence is detected by a breath analysing instrument at a concentration in excess of the applicable threshold level:

alcohol at a concentration in excess of 0.02%

21. GENERAL MATTERS

Singular and plural form

- **Add new sub-rule 313(3) (HRA approved 8 October 2012)**

(3) Words or expressions importing the masculine gender shall be deemed and taken to include the female gender unless the contrary is expressly provided for.

Summary of Amendments – HRA approved 8 October 2012

RULES AMENDED

90A(2.7)(b), 134A(1), 135(5)

NEW RULES / SUB-RULES

15(1)(af), 43(1), (2), 119C, 149(4), (5), (6), (7), 163(4), 252A(b), 313(3)

RULES REPEALED

43(1), (2), (3)

RULES RENUMBERED

163(4), (5), 252A(c)

ADD DICTIONARY DEFINITIONS

“Australian Racing Board”

“Registered training establishment”

AMEND DICTIONARY DEFINITIONS

“Drug of Abuse”