



AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

Whip Rules

Summary:

The Racing Australia Board has determined that a stewards' discretion will be incorporated into AR.137A(5) so that stewards enforcing the rule have regard to the circumstances of the race including distance and context of the race, such as a staying race or a rider endeavouring to encourage his mount to improve.

1. Amend AR.137A(5) as follows:

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“(5) Subject to the other requirements of this rule:

(a) In a race, official trial or jump-out prior to the 100 metre mark;

(i) The whip shall not be used in consecutive strides.

(ii) The whip shall not be used on more than 5 occasions save and except where there have only been minor infractions and the totality of the whip use over the whole race is less than permitted under AR.137A(5)(a) and (b) and also having regard to the circumstances of the race including distance and context of the race, such as a staying race or a rider endeavouring to encourage his mount to improve.

(iii) The rider may at his discretion use the whip with a slapping motion down the shoulder, with the whip hand remaining on the reins.

(b) In the final 100 metres of a race, official trial or jump-out a rider may use his whip at his discretion.”

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Date of Effect: 1 January 2017 except for Western Australia where the date of effect is 1 February 2017