



AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

AR.135 – Advantaging another runner

Summary:

Racing Australia recommends the addition of a new rule which requires riders to ride their horses in a manner that:

- (a) only benefits their horse's own best interests; and
- (b) does not advantage any other horses or riders.

While the current running and handling rules require that horses be run on their merits and that riders take all reasonable and permissible measures to obtain the best place in a race, Racing Australia is of the view that the proposed rule would further strengthen this suite of rules from an integrity perspective. In addition to seeking to prevent any corrupt conduct affecting the running of a race, such a rule would also limit the use of pacemakers and team/stable riding practices.

The proposed drafting is in accordance with the International Agreement on Breeding, Racing & Wagering model rule, save for the exception in respect of horse and rider safety. Such an exception is necessary to ensure that the rule does not create any perverse outcomes, such as a jockey riding in a manner that is in his horse's best interests but is unsafe to others.

1. Amend AR.135 as follows:

“**AR.135.** (a) Every horse shall be run on its merits.

- (b) The rider of every horse shall take all reasonable and permissible measures throughout the race to ensure that his horse is given full opportunity to win or to obtain the best possible place in the field.
- (c) Except where the safety of any horse or rider in a race requires otherwise, every horse must be ridden in such a manner to benefit only its own best interests and not to the advantage of other horses or riders.
- (d) Any person who in the opinion of the Stewards has breached, or was a party to breaching, any portion of this Rule may be penalised, and the horse concerned may be disqualified.
- (e) Any person who:
 - (i) in the opinion of the Stewards, has breached, or was a party to breaching, subrule 135(a); and

(ii) has a lay bet or an interest in a lay bet on the subject horse and/or has a bet or an interest in a bet on another horse in the subject race,

must be penalised in accordance with AR.196(5).”

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