



AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

AR.140(a) – Notification of conditions, treatments, etc

Summary:

Racing Australia believes the current rule requiring trainers to notify Stewards of conditions, treatments etc that may affect a horse's performance in a race by acceptance time or as soon as possible thereafter should be widened as follows:

- (a) Include notification obligations on a person in control of the horse, in addition to those imposed on the trainer. (Any person in control of the horse who has knowledge as to the horse's condition etc should be subject to the same obligations as the trainer.)
- (b) Include notification by nomination time where the condition is present, treatment is administered etc before nomination time. (Stewards should be made aware of this information by nomination time, in order to allow them to make any relevant enquiries and/or make the information public. Making the information public is particularly important in the context of betting markets which open prior to acceptances.)
- (c) Include notification of any surgery performed which may affect a horse's performance in a race. (A strict interpretation of the rule as currently drafted may not include surgery performed on a horse, which is likely to affect its performance in a race. Stewards and punters should be aware of this information.)

1. Amend AR.140(a) as follows:

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- (a) The trainer of a horse, or any person that is in control of a horse, that is nominated for a race must:
 - (i) ensure that the horse is fit and properly conditioned to race; and
 - (ii) report to the Stewards:
 - (a) by nomination time, any occurrence, condition, surgery or treatment that may affect or impact on the horse's performance in the race where the occurrence takes place, condition is present, surgery is performed or treatment is administered before nomination time;

- (b) as soon as is practicable after nomination time and before acceptance time, any occurrence, condition, surgery or treatment that may affect or impact on the horse's performance in the race where the occurrence takes place, condition is present, surgery is performed or treatment is administered after nomination time and before acceptance time;
- (c) if the horse is accepted for the race – as soon as is practicable, any occurrence, condition, surgery or treatment that may affect or impact on the horse's performance in the race where the occurrence takes place, condition is present, surgery is performed or treatment is administered after acceptance time.”

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