



AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

AR 121 Clothes, footwear and equipment

Summary:

Under the Rules of Racing, Stewards have specific powers to confiscate riders' safety gear and equipment such as helmets, safety vests and whips that do not meet the required standards or are not in a suitable condition.

In circumstances where the Rules provide that only clothes, footwear, apparel and equipment approved by Stewards are allowed to be worn or used by riders, Racing Australia has approved an expansion of the rule to give Stewards powers to confiscate such items that have not been approved.

The primary aims of such an amendment are to improve rider safety (by restricting use of potentially dangerous clothing and footwear) and to improve equine welfare (by restricting use of potentially harmful equipment).

1. Amend AR 121 as follows:

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- (1) Riders must wear clothes which are clean and appropriate for riding.
- (2) Only clothes, footwear, apparel and equipment approved by Racing Australia, a PRA, or the Stewards may be worn or used by a rider in a race, official trial, jump-out or trackwork.
- (3) The Stewards may confiscate any clothes, footwear, apparel and equipment worn or used by a rider that has not been approved in accordance with subrule (2).

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