



## AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

### AR 219 Making protests

#### Summary:

Protests for interference per AR 130(1) may be made on behalf of horses finishing up to one place after the last place for which prizemoney is awarded.

This can result in the Stewards having to deal with largely inconsequential matters (e.g. 9<sup>th</sup> vs 10<sup>th</sup>), as well as creating significant delays in authorising betting payouts.

Accordingly, Racing Australia has approved that such protests be restricted to horses finishing up to 5<sup>th</sup> place, with discretion for the Stewards to consider protests in respect of any lower placed horses.

Discretion for the Stewards to hear protests for lower placings provides flexibility, and may be particularly relevant for bigger races where prizemoney is significant below 5<sup>th</sup> place.

#### 1. Amend AR 219 as follows:

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- (1) Except for protests to be made prior to a rider weighing-in (under subrule (3)), unless the Stewards order otherwise every protest:
  - (a) must be made to the Stewards in writing; and
  - (b) be signed by either the nominator or the nominator's authorised agent, trainer or rider.
- (2) A protest may be made by a Steward or the Starter in their official capacity. In the case of such a protest in relation to a matter referred to in subrule (3), it must be made before correct weight is declared.
- (3) Any protest by the persons authorised under subrule (1)(b) against a horse/s on the ground of:
  - (a) an interference in the running of a race as provided for in AR 130(1);
  - (b) a horse/s not having run the proper course;
  - (c) the race having been run over a wrong course;
  - (d) the use of a whip as provided for in AR 132; or
  - (e) any other matter occurring in a race,must be made to the Steward at scale before the riders of all placed horses are weighed-in or at any other time allowed by the Stewards prior to the signaling of correct weight.

(4) A protest made under subrule (3)(a) is only permitted to be made on behalf of a horse that has been placed first, second, third, fourth or fifth by the Judge, provided that the Stewards, in their discretion, may allow a protest made under subrule (3)(a) to be made on behalf of a horse that has been placed below fifth by the Judge.

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