



AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

AR.54 – Location of horses

Summary:

Racing Australia has determined to amend the rule in relation to stable returns to enable racing authorities and Stewards to more accurately understand the true location of a horse at a particular time.

This rule is extremely important as it allows Stewards to track horse movements so they can carry out the necessary stable inspections, drug testing and surveillance.

The amended rule is more in line with the NSW and Victoria local rules, and better captures horse movements from the time of entry until arriving on course to race. These amendments will assist in ensuring the integrity of racing, particularly given the increasing number of horses that travel across state borders to race.

1. Delete AR.54 and replace as follows:

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- (1) A stable return and any amendment thereto lodged with a Principal Racing Authority (or its agent) is part of any entry for a race at any race meeting.
- (2) A horse trained in Australia may not be entered for a race, official trial or jump-out unless a stable return for that horse is lodged with a Principal Racing Authority (or its agent):
 - (a) prior to the closing time for entries for the race, official trial or jump-out; or
 - (b) if entries for a race close more than 60 days before the advertised date for the running of the race, prior to the time for the first declaration of acceptances for the race.
- (3) If a horse trained outside Australia is entered for a race, official trial or jump-out, a stable return for that horse must be lodged with a Principal Racing Authority (or its agent) prior to the time for declaration of final acceptances for the race, official trial or jump-out.
- (4) The trainer of a horse must:
 - (a) disclose the location of a horse under his or her care upon request by Racing Australia (for retirement purposes only) and/or a Principal Racing Authority;
 - (b) lodge a stable return immediately upon a horse joining the trainer’s stable;
 - (c) lodge an amendment to a stable return immediately if:
 - (i) any particulars on the stable return have changed; or
 - (ii) a horse leaves or joins the trainer’s stable, or moves to another of the trainer’s premises (where the trainer’s stable is comprised of more than one premises), with the amendment to disclose the precise location of the horse.

- (5) For the purposes of subrule (4):
 - (a) if a trainer's stable is comprised of more than one premises, the trainer must disclose at which premises the horse is located;
 - (b) when a horse leaves a trainer's stable to spell or otherwise the trainer must disclose the location of the property at which the horse shall be located.
- (6) Where a horse has been entered for a race, from the time of entry to arrival on course prior to racing:
 - (a) except with the permission of the Stewards, the horse must be stabled only at the premises from which the horse's trainer is licensed to train;
 - (b) if the horse is travelling to participate in the race, the horse's trainer must inform the Stewards of the horse's proposed travel plans prior to the horse's departure from the trainer's stable and/or lodge a stable return disclosing the location of the horse (as required by the relevant Principal Racing Authority).
- (7) Any trainer who fails to lodge, in whole or in part, a stable return or any amendment thereof, or fails to provide details of the location or movements of a horse, in accordance with the provisions of this rule may be penalised and the entry of such horse for any race, official trial or jump-out may be rejected or cancelled.
- (8) The Manager (or his or her Authorised Agent) of an Eligible Horse or a Named Horse must, unless otherwise contained in a stable return lodged in accordance with this rule, disclose:
 - (a) the location of that horse upon request by Racing Australia and/or a Principal Racing Authority, including as required under any registration, ownership transfer or other form;
 - (b) any change in the previously notified location of that horse, to the satisfaction of a Principal Racing Authority, immediately.
- (9) Any person who fails to provide details in respect of the location of a horse in accordance with the provisions of this rule may be penalised.

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