



AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

AR 69 Scratching of horses for Group or Listed races

Summary:

The purpose of the rule is that if a horse has been nominated for a Group, Listed, or Restricted Listed race, and that race is within 30 days' time, then if the horse is to be scratched, it must be done immediately. This is because betting activity increases significantly the closer you get to the race and punters need to be assured that a horse will only be scratched if something happens in the future.

As currently drafted, the rule could be interpreted to only catch horses that are scheduled to race within 30 days of the nomination. This would mean that if a horse is nominated in August for a race in November, then the rule does not apply, i.e. because the nomination is not within 30 days of the race.

Racing Australia has amended the rule to clarify the wording and achieve its intended purpose.

Amend AR 69 as follows:

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If a person:

- (a) nominates a horse for a Group Race, a Listed Race or a Restricted Listed Race; and
- (b) decides within 30 days of that race that the horse will not start in the race,

the person must immediately scratch the horse from that race.

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