



## AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

### AR 115 Prohibition on jockeys betting

#### Summary:

Prior to the rewrite of the Rules of Racing in March 2019, AR 115 was covered by AR 83.

An inadvertent result of the new drafting is that:

- the prohibition on jockeys betting on races does not expressly refer to thoroughbred races (although Stewards interpret the rule as only applying to thoroughbred races);
- the prohibition on betting on contingencies related to races does not necessarily include races in which the jockey is not riding.

Racing Australia has approved amendments to AR 115(1) to address this and ensure the rule is better aligned with the terms of the previous AR 83.

It is considered that these amendments are necessary as Australian jockeys ought not be able to bet on any thoroughbred race regardless of its location. A jockey's ability to bet on international races poses a potential integrity issue in Australia and is also prejudicial to the image and interests of racing.

To improve integrity, Racing Australia has also approved that the betting prohibitions which apply in respect of races in which jockeys are riding (and attract a mandatory minimum 2-year disqualification) include facilitating a bet.

#### Amend AR 115 as follows:

##### AR 115 Jockey and apprentice jockey misconduct

(1) A jockey or apprentice jockey must not:

- (a) engage in misconduct;
- (b) other than from his or her nominator, accept or agree to accept any money, gift, or other consideration in connection with a horse in a race without the consent of the Stewards and his or her nominator;
- (c) bet, or have any interest in a bet, or facilitate a bet, on any thoroughbred race or contingency relating to thoroughbred racing in any jurisdiction anywhere in the world;
- (d) be present in the betting ring during a race meeting;
- (e) bet, or have any interest in a bet, or facilitate a bet, on any thoroughbred race or contingency relating to thoroughbred racing involving a race in which he or she is riding in any jurisdiction anywhere in the world.

(2) For the purposes of this rule, "bet" includes a lay bet.

- (3) If a jockey or apprentice jockey breaches subrule (1)(e), a disqualification of not less than 2 years must be imposed unless there is a finding that a special circumstance exists or the relevant race occurred outside Australia, in which case that penalty may be reduced.

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