



AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

AR 120A Riding instructions

Summary:

Racing Australia is aware of the increasing prevalence of persons other than trainers and connections – such as riders’ agents and form analysts – providing tactical riding instructions to jockeys.

Racing Australia is of the view this is inappropriate and may create integrity (and perception) issues, as well as potentially confusing jockeys who receive conflicting riding instructions.

Accordingly, Racing Australia has approved the introduction of a new rule to deal with the provision and receipt of riding instructions.

Introduce AR 120A as follows:

AR 120A Riding instructions

- (1) A rider must not receive, directly or indirectly, instructions concerning the running or riding of a horse in a race in which the rider is declared to ride from anyone other than the trainer (or authorised agent) or an owner of the horse.
- (2) A person must not provide, or offer to provide, to a rider, directly or indirectly, instructions concerning the running or riding of a horse in a race in which the rider is declared to ride, unless that person is the trainer (or authorised agent) or an owner of the horse.
- (3) For the purposes of this rule:
 - (a) “instructions” includes, but is not limited to, riding and/or tactical race instructions or directions, regardless of whether such instructions and/or directions are:
 - (i) provided verbally, in writing, or otherwise;
 - (ii) contained on a speed map; and
 - (b) “instructions” does not include a speed map in respect of a race indicating only the likely pace in the race and/or the likely settling positions of runners in the race.

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