



## AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

### AR 186

#### **Ban practice of imbedded lead / weight in race riding boots and other equipment worn by rider**

##### **Summary**

Racing NSW recently experienced an incident whereby a horse was disqualified due to the rider weighing in light. It was found to be caused by the apprentice rider using riding boots with lead embedded and which weighed collectively around 1.5kg.

Racing NSW asked COSC to discuss and consider the matter and requested COSC to consider banning the practice of having riding boots with imbedded lead under the provisions of AR186.

It was noted that AR186 already specifies, by extension, that lead cannot be placed/secured in riding boots by virtue of the fact that subrule (2) requires that all lead or other weight must be carried in the saddle or lead bag pouches.

Notwithstanding the above, COSC is of the view that the rule should be clarified to specifically prohibit lead or other weight being imbedded, placed or carried in a rider's riding boots, and for that matter any other gear used by a rider.

The creation and addition of subrule 3 to AR186 was supported by COSC.

- (3) Further to, and without affecting the provisions of subrules (1) and (2) of this rule, no lead or other weight used by a rider when weighing out will be permitted to be;
- (i) imbedded or carried in a rider's race riding boots,
  - (ii) placed or carried in any other part of a rider's equipment and/or gear,
  - (iii) carried by a rider in any manner other than in the manner allowed under subrules (1) & (2) of this rule.

Racing Australia has introduced AR 186 (3) to give effect to this.

#### **1. Amend AR 186 as follows:**

##### **AR186 Securing lead or other weights**

- (1) Every rider must secure any lead or other weight in the rider's lead bag or saddle pouch when weighing-out.
- (2) All lead or other weight must be carried in the saddle or lead bag pouches and must be securely fastened.

- (3) Further to, and without affecting the provisions of subrules (1) and (2) of this rule, no lead or other weight used by a rider when weighing out will be permitted to be;
- (i) imbedded or carried in a rider's race riding boots,
  - (ii) placed or carried in any other part of a rider's equipment and/or gear,
  - (iii) carried by a rider in any manner other than in the manner allowed under subrules (1) & (2) of this rule.

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