



AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

Amendment - AR 101A

Background:

At their meeting in May 2024 COSC considered a submission received from RNSW to consider an equivalent Australian Rule of Racing to mirror RNSW LR 78, and to expand the provisions to require a trainer to report any incident or occurrence that might create integrity/welfare issues.

It was noted that AR 105 currently only requires a trainer to report any occurrence that might affect a horse's performance. The RNSW, Local Rule – LR 78 states;

- (1) A trainer is at all times responsible for the administration and conduct of his or her stable.
- (2) A trainer is at all times responsible for the care, control, and supervision of the horses in his or her stable.
- (3) If a trainer is to absent from his or her stables, for a period of longer than 48 hours, he or she must, with the Stewards' permission and approval, deputise a licensed or registered person to be in charge of such stables during his or her absence.
- (4) Such deputation does not relieve the trainer in any way from his or her responsibilities for the care, control, and supervision of his or her horses and the conduct of his or her stables.
- (5) The person to whom responsibility is delegated does not have the authority to further delegate this responsibility.

At their meeting in August 2024 COSC considered advice which recommended that the current RNSW LR 78 can be adopted nationally as AR 101A and COSC was unanimous in its support for the adoption of a national rule of racing in the terms suggested at the August 2024 meeting.

Consultation with and by the PRA's was undertaken between August 2024 and January 2025. The PRA's have confirmed their support for this amendment.

The proposed addition to the rules is set out below in red.

Add a new Rule AR 101A as follows:

AR 101A – Trainer responsible for administration of stable

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Date of effect: 1 May 2025