



## AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

### Amendment - AR 231

#### **Background:**

An update to AR 283 (6) (e) was recently approved increasing the penalty for use of an electric or electronic apparatus capable of affecting the performance of a horse (AR 231 (2) (a)) from 2 years to 5 years. That change took effect on 1 May 2025.

Whilst the penalty set out in AR 283 (6) (e) was changed, the penalty set out in AR 231 (5) was not updated at the same time as AR 283 (6) (e).

AR 231 (5) states:

*(5) If a person breaches subrule 2(a), a disqualification for a period of not less than 2 years must be imposed, unless a finding is made that a special circumstance exists, in which case that penalty may be reduced.*

In order to align AR231 with the approved and in force AR 283 (6) (e), the penalty in AR 231 (5) will be adjusted to ensure consistency.

The amendment to the rule is set out below in red.

Amend AR 231 (5) to vary the "2 years" reference to "5 years".

**Date of effect: 1 November 2025**