



AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

Amendment - AR 84

Background:

VAAG recommended that the new proposed guidelines as issued by the IFHA be adopted in the Australian Rules of Racing.

COSC consideration – AR 84

COSC considered the VAAG recommendation at their meeting of 23 April 2025 to amend AR84 as proposed, and there was unanimous support for the proposal. COSC noted, on the further recommendation of VAAG, that contextually the reference to “mare or filly” in AR84 should be replaced with “female horse”, particularly having regard for the definition of broodmare which means – “a female horse used to produce foals”.

Following PRA feedback the Racing Australia Board approved that AR84 be amended as detailed below in red.

AR 84 Pregnant horses

- (1) If a ~~mare or filly~~ female horse is pregnant:
 - (a) the female horse is ineligible for; and
 - (b) a person must not enter or start the female horse in, any race, official trial, jump-out or trackwork after day 120 ~~of its pregnancy from the date of the mare's female horse's last known cover~~.
- (2) A trainer must provide written notification to the Stewards as soon as practicable of:
 - (a) the pregnancy of a ~~mare or filly~~ female horse in that trainer's charge; and
 - (b) the date of the last ~~known cover service~~ of that ~~mare or filly~~ female horse.

- (3) A pregnant ~~mare~~ female horse:
 - (a) that is no longer confirmed pregnant prior to the normal term of gestation, or
 - (b) whose pregnancy goes to the normal term of gestation but does not result in a live foal, may return to training or racing upon examination by a veterinarian and acceptance of a satisfactory veterinary clearance.
- (4) A ~~mare~~-female horse that has delivered a live foal:
 - (a) is not permitted to be trained for a period of not less than 240 days from the date of the delivery of a live foal and upon acceptance of a satisfactory veterinary clearance; and
 - (b) is not permitted to start in any race, official trial or jump out for a period of not less than 12 months from the date of the delivery of a live foal and upon acceptance of a satisfactory veterinary clearance.

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