



**NATIONAL RULE AMENDMENTS
AHRC approved 26th October 2007**

DICTIONARY

- **Amend Definition (AHRC 2007/119 Dated 26 October 2007)**
“**Log Book**” means any book or register including an electronic format used for the purposes of recording the information required by Rule 190B.
- **Add Definition (AHRC 2007/119 Dated 26 October 2007)**
“**Reprimand**” includes caution and means an official censure or rebuke.

3. MEETINGS AND RACES

Review of Racing Performance

- **Add new Rules 63(5), (6) (AHRC 2007/119 Dated 26 October 2007)**
- 63. (5)** A trainer shall take all reasonable measures to ensure that the racing performance of a horse is consistent.
- (6)** A trainer who fails to comply with sub-rule (5) is guilty of an offence.

Disqualification

- **Add new Rule 66(h) (AHRC 2007/119 Dated 26 October 2007)**
- 66.** A horse may be disqualified from a race if the horse –
- (h)** gains an unfair advantage.

Claiming Races

- **Amend Rule 75(2)(a) (AHRC 2007/119 Dated 26 October 2007)**
- 75. (2)(a)** The amount of the claiming price plus the fees payable in respect of the transfer of registration must be paid by the claimant to the Controlling Body or Club conducting the race by either:
- (i) lodging a bank cheque marked "A/C Payee Only" or
 - (ii) establishing an appropriate credit arrangement".
- **Add new Rule 75(2)(II) (AHRC 2007/119 Dated 26 October 2007)**
- 75. (2)(II)** Where a horse is declared to race in a claiming race and is subsequently withdrawn on veterinary advice, the trainer shall at the time of its withdrawal produce a veterinary certificate stating precisely the reason for the withdrawal.

- **Amend Rule 75(2)(o) (AHRC 2007/119 Dated 26 October 2007)**

75. (2)(o) The Controlling Body or Club conducting a claiming race shall pay the price to the former owner as soon as possible after the transfer to the successful claimant has been registered by the Controlling Body.

4. LICENCES

Grant of Licences and Other Matters – Trainers Licence

- **Add new Rule 90A(2.9)(a), (b) (AHRC 2007/119 Dated 26 October 2007)**

90A. (2.9) (a) The holder of a trainer's licence shall ensure that all persons carrying out the activities of a stable hand are licenced as stable hands.

(b) A trainer who fails to comply with sub-paragraph (a) is guilty of an offence.

Offences

- **Amend Rule 91(3) (AHRC 2007/119 Dated 26 October 2007)**

91. (3) Notwithstanding sub-rule 1(b), unless otherwise determined by the Stewards a driver who is suspended is eligible to drive in a trial other than a time trial.

5. HORSES

Notification of Disease or Death

- **New Rule 104A(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9)
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New rule ratified by AHRC (AHRC 2007/119) Dated 26th October 2007**

as per Rules Amendments circulated 14th September 2007

7. STARTING

Barrier Positions

- **Renumber Rule 132 to 132(1) and amend (AHRC 2007/119 Dated 26 October 2007)**
- **Add new Rule 132 (2) (AHRC 2007/119 Dated 26 October 2007)**

132. (1) Subject to sub-rule (2), if at any time after publication of a barrier draw in any race an apparent error is found in the barrier position of a horse the draw shall remain unchanged.

(2) The barrier position of a horse in any race may be changed so long as it is practicable to do so.

12. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

Possession On Course

- **Add new Rule 192(1)(c) (AHRC 2007/119 Dated 26 October 2007)**

192. (1) No person, unless he has first obtained the permission of the stewards, shall have in his possession either on a racecourse or in any motor vehicle or trailer being used for the purpose of travelling to or from a racecourse any prohibited substance or a syringe, needle or other instrument which could be used –

(c) To administer any medication or substance to a horse.

Stomach Tubing, Atomisers and Other Devices

- **Renumber existing Rule 193(3) to 193(7) (AHRC 2007/119 Dated 26 October 2007)**
- **Add new Rules 193(3), (4), (5), (6) (AHRC 2007/119 Dated 26 October 2007)**

193. (1) A person shall not stomach tube a horse nominated for a race or event within 48 hours of the commencement of the race or event.

(2) A person shall not use an atomiser, face mask or other device for the administration of a prohibited substance to a horse nominated for a race or event within 48 hours of the commencement of the race or event.

(3) A person shall not administer or cause to be administered any medication to a horse on race day prior to such horse running in a race.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-rule (3), a person, with the permission of the Stewards may administer or cause to be administered any medication to a horse on race day prior to such horse running in a race.

(5) The Stewards may order the withdrawal from a race any horse that has received any medication in contravention of sub-rule (3).

(6) For the purposes of this Rule, medication means any treatment with drugs or other substances.

(7) A person who fails to comply with sub-rule (1) or sub-rule (2) is guilty of an offence.

Administering Substances

- **Add new Rule 196A(1), (2) (AHRC 2007/119 Dated 26 October 2007)**

196A. (1) A person shall not administer or cause to be administered to a horse any prohibited substance

(i) for the purpose of affecting the performance or behaviour of a horse in a race or of preventing its starting in a race; or

(ii) which is detected in any sample taken from such horse prior to or following the running of any race.

(2) A person who fails to comply with sub-rule (1) is guilty of an offence.

14. GENERAL OFFENCES

Assault and Interference

- **Amend Rule 231(1) (AHRC 2007/119 Dated 26 October 2007)**

231. (1) A person shall not threaten, harass, intimidate, abuse, assault or otherwise interfere improperly with anyone employed, engaged or participating in the harness racing industry or otherwise having a connection with it.

Corruption and Related Matters

- **Amend Rule 243 (AHRC 2007/119 Dated 26 October 2007)**

243. A person employed, engaged or participating in the harness racing industry shall not behave in a way which is prejudicial or detrimental to the industry.

15. PENALTIES

Penalties

- **Amend Rule 256(2)(j) (AHRC 2007/119 Dated 26 October 2007)**

256. (2) (j) a reprimand or caution.

RULES AMENDED

75(2)(a), 75(2)(o), 91(3), 132(1), 231(1), 243, 256(2)(j)

NEW RULES / SUB-RULES

63(5), (6), 66(h), 75(2)(II), 90A(2.9)(a), (b), 132(2), 192(1)(c), 193(3), (4), (5), (6), 196A(1), (2)

RULES REPEALED

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RULES RENUMBERED

132, 193(3)

DICTIONARY DEFINITIONS

amend definition of "Log Book"

add definition of "Reprimand"