

AUSTRALIAN HARNESS RACING RULES Rules Amendments - HRA approved 21 October 2016

3. MEETINGS AND RACES

Stable Returns

- **Amend Rule 25(1), (2)**

25. (1) (a) A stable return containing true and correct particulars must be lodged with the Controlling Body by the connections of a horse within the time and in the manner and form determined by the Controlling Body and the connections shall ensure that all particulars on the stable return are true and correct.

(b) Unless otherwise determined by the Controlling Body, a stable return shall be made on Form R25-A.

(2) In the event of a change to any of the particulars entered on the stable return, a fresh stable return containing the current particulars shall immediately be lodged with the Controlling Body.

- **Repeal Rule 25A(1), (2), (3)**

25A. (1) *(Rule 25A(1) repealed - HRA approved 21.10.2016)*

(2) *(Rule 25A(2) repealed - HRA approved 21.10.2016)*

(3) *(Rule 25A(3) repealed - HRA approved 21.10.2016)*

Inspection

- **Add new Rule 45(5), (6)**

45. (5) A person shall ensure that the correct horse is presented to start in a race.

(6) A person who fails to comply with this rule is guilty of an offence.

Judging

- **Amend Rule 49(4)**

49. (4) A horse shall be a finisher if at the time it passes the winning post, its driver is:-

(a) holding the reins or any part thereof, or

(b) touching any part of the sulky, or

(c) in, on or within the confines of the sulky.

4. LICENCES

Offences

- **Amend Rule 91(1)**

91. (1) A person shall not carry on an activity regulated by licence -
- (a) if that person is not the holder of a current licence;
 - (b) if the person's licence is suspended; or
 - (c) except in accordance with the terms and conditions of the licence.

5. HORSES

Bleeding attacks

- **Amend Rule 101(3), (4)**

101. (3) If the Stewards are satisfied that a horse has suffered a bleeding attack which has originated from the respiratory system the Stewards shall bar the horse from racing:-

- (a) after the first bleeding attack for three (3) months;
- (b) after the second bleeding attack for life.

(4) A horse which has been barred under Sub-rule (3) (a) shall not resume racing until:-

- (a) it has trialled to the satisfaction of the Stewards.
- (b) a veterinary surgeon has certified in writing that the horse is fit to resume

racing.

- **Amend Rule 101B**

101B. (1) Any time a horse suffers bleeding from one nostril the trainer shall immediately and in any event within twenty four (24) hours notify the Stewards.

(2) If the Stewards determine that a horse has bled from one nostril the horse shall not be eligible to race until it has trialled to the satisfaction of the Stewards.

7. STARTING

Starters

- **Renumber existing Rule 128(4) to 141(4)**
- **Amend Rule 128(1), (2), (3), (4)**

128. (1) Subject to the following provisions of this Rule, all horses drawn up behind the mobile barrier or standing start barrier are starters in the race regardless of their positions.

(2) Subject to Rule 15(2) the Stewards may declare a horse a non-starter and a late scratching if in their opinion the horse has failed to participate in the start and its driver has made every effort to ensure that it participated in the start.

(3) For the purposes of Sub-rule (2), a horse is deemed to have participated in a mobile start when it is facing the mobile barrier and the mobile barrier starts to move.

(4) For the purposes of Sub-rule (2), a horse is deemed to have participated in a standing start when it has faced the standing start barrier when directed to do so by the starter.

Starter's Orders

- **Amend Rule 135(1)**

135. (1) Unless otherwise determined by the Controlling Body or Stewards, horses competing in a race shall parade in the area designated by the Stewards not less than twelve minutes before the appointed time of the race.

False Start

- **Add new Rule 141(4)**

141. (4) If a horse causes two (2) false starts through its own intractability, it is automatically withdrawn and declared a late scratching.

9. DRIVERS

Pregnant Driver

- **Amend Rule 153(2)**
- **Repeal existing 153(3)**
- **Renumber existing 153(4) to 153(3) and amend**

153. (2) A pregnant driver shall not drive after the first trimester of her pregnancy.

(3) A driver who fails to comply with any provision of this Rule is guilty of an offence.

Offences - relating to dress

- **Amend Rule 159A(8)**

159A. (8) A driver shall not be in possession of a modified body protector or a body protector which has not been approved by Harness Racing Australia.

12. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

Unregistered substances

- **Amend Rule 194**

194. A person who procures or attempts to procure or has in his possession or on his premises or under his control any substance or preparation that is not registered in accordance with either State or Commonwealth Legislation is guilty of an offence.

14. GENERAL OFFENCES

Corruption and related matters

- **Amend Rule 240**

240. A person shall not, whether alone or in an association with others, do, permit or suffer anything before, during or after a race which in the opinion of the Stewards or Controlling Body:-

- (a) may cause someone to be:-
 - (i) unlawfully advantaged, or
 - (ii) unlawfully disadvantaged, or
 - (iii) penalised.
- (b) is corrupt.
- (c) is improper.

Possession

- **new section heading**
- **Add new Rule 255A**

255A. (1) For the purpose of the Rules:-

- (a) A person shall be deemed to have in their possession any animal or item of property which is found in or on their registered training establishment, artificial breeding station, stud, stable, motor vehicle, float or their place of residence.
 - (b) A person shall ensure that they do not have in their possession any animal or item of property which may give rise to a breach of the Rules.
- (2) It is not a defence to a charge under this Rule (or any other Rule) that the person:-
- (a) Did not have any knowledge of the existence or presence of the animal or item of property which is the subject of the charge.
 - (b) Had an honest and reasonable mistake of fact as to the existence or presence of the animal or item of property which is the subject of the charge.
- (3) A person who fails to comply with sub-rule (1) is guilty of an offence.

17. EQUIPMENT & COLOURS

Hopples

- **Repeal Rule 270**

270. *(Rule 270 repealed - HRA approved 21.10.2016)*

Offences

- **Repeal Rule 273(7)**

273. (7) *(Rule 273(7) renumbered as 45(5) - HRA approved 21.10.2016)*

Summary of Amendments – HRA approved 21 October 2016

RULES AMENDED

25(1), (2), 49(4), 91(1), 101(3), (4), 101B, 128(1), (2), (3), (4), 135(1), 153(2), (3), 159A(8), 194, 240

ADD NEW RULES

45(5), (6), 141(4), 255A,

RENUMBER RULES

128(4) to 141(4)

153(4) to 153(3)

273(7) to 45(5)

RULES REPEALED

153(3), 25A(1), (2), (3), 270