

AUSTRALIAN HARNESS RACING RULES
Rules Amendments
HRA approved 11 June 2020

9. DRIVERS

Whips

• **Amend Rule 156(2)(a),(b)**

(2) (a) A driver shall only apply the whip in a wrist only flicking motion whilst holding a rein in each hand with the tip of the whip pointed forward in an action which does not engage the shoulder.

(b) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (a), "*wrist only flicking motion*" means:-

- (i) Ensuring no force is generated by the use of the elbow or shoulder when applying the whip.
- (ii) The forearm is not raised beyond forty-five degrees relative to the racing surface.
- (iii) Not applying the whip with overt force.

• **Add new Rule 156(4)(d)**

(4) For the purposes of sub-rule (3) a driver shall be deemed to have used the whip in an unapproved manner in the following circumstances which are not exclusive:-

(d) If the whip is used in a prodding or jabbing fashion.

• **Amend Rule 156A**

156A. The approved whip is a flexible whip of black or dark tan colour with a core of fibreglass with a handle base and shaft and a leather keeper to a maximum of 60 millimetres in length and 20 millimetres in width amounting to a maximum overall length of 1600 millimetres.

Note: 21/08/2020 – Amended Rule 156A parked until further notice – as per HRA Industry Notice

Summary of Amendments – HRA approved 11 June 2020

RULES AMENDED

156(2)(a),(b), 156A

NEW RULES / SUB-RULES

156(4) (d)

RULES REPEALED

--