

AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF RACING

Amendment No 179 – Issued 17 April 2019

The Racing Victoria Board has approved the following amendments to the Victorian Local Rules of Racing.

AMENDMENT TO THE VICTORIAN LOCAL RULES OF RACING: LR 93(7)

JUMPS RACES EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

Local Rule of Racing LR 93(7) prescribed emergency procedures that were to be implemented in the event of an incident during a jumps race.

Racing Victoria's OHS Management System has evolved to include specific procedures to manage various racing related hazards, including the Racing Victoria Procedure – Following the Field (Jumps) which has been developed and implemented. This comprehensive procedure specifically addresses the hazards associated with incidents in jumps races and has superseded the sub-rule.

Accordingly, the Racing Victoria Board has determined LR 93(7) be deleted from the Rules of Racing.

Amendments effective from 26 March 2019

LR 93(7) BE DELETED AS FOLLOWS:

LR 93 Conduct of jumping races

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- (7) Emergency procedures: The following procedures must be adopted to warn riders that a fallen horse and/or rider is obstructing the landing side of a hurdle or steeplechase fence:
 - (a) A Steward, veterinary surgeon, doctor (where available) and at least four (4) barrier attendants ("Incident Response Team") are to follow the field around the circuit where the hurdles or fences are jumped more than once.
 - (b) The following equipment is to be carried with the Incident Response Team:
 - (i) two (2) warning markers;
 - (ii) ten (10) bright orange cones;
 - (iii) six (6) high visibility vests;
 - (iv) one (1) bright hand held lollipop disc or black and white chequered flag; and
 - (v) a supply of whistles.
 - (c) A specimen warning marker is to be displayed in the jockeys' room with a covering notice explaining the detailed procedures to be adopted.

- (d) The Steward will be responsible for communicating with the Chairman of Stewards and for providing instructions to members of the Incident Response Team in relation to the implementation of the warning procedures under LR 93(7).
- (e) The Steward must instruct the Incident Response Team that the hurdle or steeplechase where the obstruction has occurred is closed and decide whether to:
 - (i) position the cones so as to guide the riders and their horses safely around the hurdle or fence;
 - (ii) if there is insufficient room for the riders and their horses to safely proceed around the hurdle or fence, position the cones fully across the approach to the hurdle or fence and the width of the track to indicate to the riders that they must pull up and cease racing;
- (f) The Steward must ensure that a member of the Incident Response Team:
 - (i) as soon as possible after an obstruction occurs, places one of the warning makers in the top of the hurdle or fence exactly opposite to the central position of any obstacle on the landing side, whether it be an injured horse or rider or any essential equipment for treating or responding to the horse or rider;
 - (ii) prevents any unauthorised person from placing a warning marker or positioning the marker cones;
 - (iii) proceeds further down the track towards the previous jump, dressed in a high visibility vest and warn the oncoming jockeys of a hazard ahead by waving the bright hand held lollipop disc (or black and white chequered flag) and blowing prolonged loud blasts on a whistle; and
 - (iv) place a second warning marker on the hurdle or fence if the situation so requires.

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