



## AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF RACING

### Amendment No 139 – Issued 21 July 2014

The Australian Racing Board has approved the following **three** amendments to the Australian Rules of Racing, effective from 1 August 2014.

#### AMENDMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING: AR 64M

##### SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

The ARB has introduced a new Rule to establish an 8 Clear Day stand down time for intra-articular corticosteroids covering official trials and races.

Although corticosteroids are a perfectly legitimate therapeutic medication, there is the potential for increased risk of breakdown injury in horses injected with corticosteroids into their joints close to racing and other competition. The welfare and safety of both horse and rider are increasingly called into account as there is emerging data linking the injudicious use of intra-articular corticosteroids to breakdowns.

For the purpose of AR 64M and by way of example, if a horse was subjected to an intra-articular administration at any time on a Monday (1<sup>st</sup> day of month), that horse would be ineligible to race until the Wednesday in the following week (10<sup>th</sup> day of month)."

#### Amendment effective from 1 August 2014

##### **AR 64M BE ADDED AS FOLLOWS:**

[AR 64M. A horse that has been subjected to an intra-articular administration of a corticosteroid preparation, whether the preparation is administered alone or in combination with other preparations, is ineligible to participate in any race, official trial or jumpout at any time during the 8 Clear Days \(as defined in AR 1\) following midnight on the day of the administration.](#)

## AMENDMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING: AR 195A

### SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

The ARB on 11 June 2014 approved amendments to AR 195A so as to put beyond doubt that disqualified persons are bound by the Rules of Racing during their period of disqualification.

### Amendment effective from 1 August 2014

#### **AR 195A BE DELETED AND REPLACED AS FOLLOWS:**

~~AR 195A—Upon any licensed person being disqualified his licence shall cease and determine and he must make application to the Principal Racing Authority to be relicensed. [amended 1/11/99; replaced 1/10/02; amended 30/4/03]~~

#### AR 195A

(1) Subject to AR 195A(2), if a licensed person is disqualified his or her licence immediately ceases and determines and he or she must make application to the Principal Racing Authority to be relicensed.

(2) A disqualified person is and remains bound by, and subject to, the Rules for the period of his or her disqualification.

## AMENDMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING: AR 87B(2)

### SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

The ARB has recently introduced a requirement that safety vests also be an Approved vest in addition to meeting either the European Standard EN 13158 or the ARB Standard 1.1998.

In deciding whether to grant 'Approved' status to a safety vest, the ARB will apply a public interest test.

As a result of satisfying both requirements, the USG Flexi Race vest has now been added to the Approved list and can be worn by riders from 1 August 2014.

### Amendment effective from 1 August 2014

#### **AR 87B(2) BE DELETED AND REPLACED AS FOLLOWS:**

##### ~~AR 87B~~

~~(2) Notwithstanding compliance with subrule (1), no safety vest may be worn in a race, official trial or jumpout unless it is an Approved safety vest. Such Approved Level 1 safety vests are: Hows Racesafe, Ozvest, Racelite Pro and Vipa.~~

##### AR 87B

(2) Notwithstanding compliance with subrule (1), no safety vest may be worn in a race, official trial or jumpout unless it is an Approved safety vest. Such Approved Level 1 safety vests are: Hows Racesafe, Ozvest, Racelite Pro, Vipa and USG Flexi Race.

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