



AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF RACING

Amendment No 146 – Issued 31 December 2014

The Australian Racing Board has approved the following **three** amendments to the Australian Rules of Racing, effective from 1 January 2015.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

The following amendments to the Australian Rules of Racing concern the collection and subsequent analysis of samples from horses for anabolic androgenic steroids at horse sales.

AMENDMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING: AR 7

Amendment effective from 1 January 2015

AR 7(iii) (u) AND (v) BE ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

AR 7 A Principal Racing Authority shall:

(iii) in furtherance and not in limitation of all powers conferred on it or implied by these Rules, have power, in its discretion:
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[\(u\) If in the opinion of a Principal Racing Authority a thoroughbred horse selling agent or organisation has in place satisfactory arrangements \(including as between a buyer and seller of a horse\) for taking samples from horses at horse sales for the purpose of testing for anabolic androgenic steroids, to officially approve as a "Principal Racing Authority approved vet" \(which approval can be withdrawn at the discretion of a Principal Racing Authority\) a veterinary surgeon employed, engaged or authorised by a selling agent, to take a sample from a horse for that purpose.](#)

[\(v\) To declare either before or after a sample is taken by a PRA approved vet pursuant to AR 7\(u\) that the sample is to be treated as a sample for the purpose of these Rules.](#)

AMENDMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING: AR 15(D)(1)

Amendment effective from 1 January 2015

AR 15(D)(1) BE DELETED AND REPLACED AS FOLLOWS:

AR 15D

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- ~~(1) This rule applies to all horses:~~
- ~~(a) born on or after 1st May 2014; and~~
- ~~(b) which are eligible to be registered under these Rules but have not yet been registered under these Rules.~~

AR 15D

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- (1) This rule applies to all horses which are eligible to be registered under these Rules but have not yet been registered under these Rules.

AMENDMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING: AR 178D (1) AND (6)

Amendment effective from 1 January 2015

AR 178D (1) AND (6) BE DELETED AND REPLACED AS FOLLOWS:

AR 178D

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~~(1) Samples taken from horses in pursuance of the powers conferred on the stewards by AR 8(j) shall be analysed by only an Official Racing Laboratory.~~

~~(6) In the event of the Official Racing Laboratory to which a sample was referred pursuant to AR 178D(5) detecting the same prohibited substance, or metabolites, isomers or artefacts of the same prohibited substance, in the referred reserve portion of the control sample and not in the referred portion of the control, the certified findings of both Official Racing laboratories shall be prima facie evidence that a prohibited substance has been detected in that sample for the purposes of these rules.~~

AR 178D

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(1) Samples taken from horses in pursuance of the powers of a Principal Racing Authority pursuant to AR 7(u) or AR 7(v) or conferred on the stewards by AR 8(j) and/or AR 178H shall be analysed only by an Official Racing Laboratory.

(6) In the event of the Official Racing Laboratory to which a sample was referred pursuant to AR 178D(5) detecting the same prohibited substance, or metabolites, isomers or artefacts of the same prohibited substance, in the referred reserve portion of the sample and not in the referred portion of control, the certified findings of both Official Racing laboratories shall be prima facie evidence that a prohibited substance has been detected in that sample for the purpose of these rules.

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