

CONSULTATION NOTICE – RULES OF RACING

Code of Racing	Thoroughbred
Rule	AR 287
Description	Failure to lodge Mare Return and/or Foal Ownership Declaration
Authorised for Consultation	July 13, 2026
Consultation Closes	July 24, 2026
Submissions to	policies@racingqueensland.com.au

Racing Queensland (**RQ**) advises that Racing Australia has approved an amendment to AR 287 of the Australian Rule of Racing, with an intended date of effect of August 1, 2026.

AR 287 currently provides that an unnamed horse cannot be registered for racing unless a Mare Return and Foal Ownership Declaration have been lodged in accordance with AR 285 and AR 286 respectively. The amendment clarifies that this restriction applies to all forms of racing, trials, jump-outs and training.

Racing Australia has approved the insertion of new AR 287(4), marked up below.

AR 287 Failure to lodge Mare Return and/or Foal Ownership Declaration

- (1) Except where Racing Australia, in its sole and absolute discretion, permits otherwise, an unnamed horse cannot be registered for racing under these Australian Rules unless a Mare Return and a Foal Ownership Declaration have been lodged in accordance with AR 285 and AR 286 respectively.
- (2) The discretion in subrule (1) may be exercised by Racing Australia in respect of matters occurring at any time, including prior to the commencement of that subrule.
- (3) Where a Mare Return and/or a Foal Ownership Declaration have not been lodged in accordance with AR 285 and AR 286 respectively, an owner of the horse must disclose that fact to any potential buyers prior to any sale of the horse.
- (4) For the avoidance of doubt, and further to the provisions of AR 294(5), where a Mare Return and/or Foal Ownership Declaration has not been lodged in accordance with AR 285 and AR 286 respectively, an unnamed horse is ineligible to:
 - (a) race;
 - (b) engage in any trial or jump-out;
 - (c) engage in trackwork; and
 - (d) be trained by a licensed person.

Stakeholders and interested parties are invited to provide feedback on the rule change as per the details at the top of this document.