

**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 ~~either~~ a leather keeper to a maximum of 60 millimetres in length and 20 millimetres in width ~~or a non-rigid tip~~ amounting to a maximum overall length of 1600 millimetres.

**Summary of Amendments – HRA approved 11 June 2020**

**RULES AMENDED**

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

**NEW RULES / SUB-RULES**

156(4) (d)

**RULES REPEALED**

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