



## AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

### AR 51 & AR 78 Retirement of 13 year old horses

#### Summary:

Racing Australia has approved amendments to AR 51 and AR 78 to improve traceability of horses retired upon turning 13 years of age.

Under the revised rule, within 1 month of a horse turning 13 (upon which it is immediately ineligible to race, trial or be trained), the manager or his or her authorised agent must notify Racing Australia of the horse's retirement.

This change seeks to ensure that racing authorities are receiving accurate and timely information from the horse's last registered trainer or owner as to its retirement plans, including its location and the details of the person responsible for its care.

AR 78(5) has also been amended to make disqualification mandatory where a horse aged over 12 years participates in a race without the requisite permission of the Stewards.

#### Amend AR 51 as follows:

##### AR 51 Manager to notify Racing Australia of the retirement of a horse

- (1) Within 1 month of a decision to retire a named horse, or not commence racing an eligible horse, the manager of the horse or his or her authorised agent must notify Racing Australia of that, by lodging the relevant form (including a Stable Return or relevant retirement form) prescribed by Racing Australia.
- (2) Once a form has been lodged in accordance with subrule (1), the horse will be ineligible to race or be trained unless it is reinstated to race or be trained.
- (3) If a horse ceases to be eligible to race or be trained under subrule (1), a person must not reinstate the horse to race or be trained without the express permission of a PRA or the Stewards.
- (4) Within 1 month of a horse turning 13 years of age (upon which it is immediately ineligible to race, trial or be trained), the manager of the horse or his or her authorised agent must notify Racing Australia of the horse's retirement by lodging the relevant form (including a Stable Return or relevant retirement form) prescribed by Racing Australia.

#### Amend AR 78 as follows:

##### AR 78 12+ year old horses

- (1) Subject to subrule (2), if a horse is aged 12 years or more:
  - (a) the horse is ineligible for; and
  - (b) a person must not enter or start the horse in, any race.

- (2) The Stewards may give their express permission for a horse aged 12 years to start in a race/s during its 12 year old racing season, if:
  - (a) the trainer provides to the Stewards a veterinary report in respect of the horse's condition and suitability to race, and any other information, examination or report as required by the Stewards; and
  - (b) the Stewards are satisfied that the horse is suitable to race.
- (3) Any permission granted by the Stewards under subrule (2) expires at the conclusion of the horse's 12 year old racing season, or earlier as provided by the Stewards.
- (4) Upon a horse turning 13 years of age, it is immediately ineligible to race, trial or be trained.
- (5) If a horse aged 12 years participates in any race without the permission of the Stewards in accordance with this rule, or if a horse over 12 years participates in a race, the horse must be disqualified from the relevant race.

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