

Over 2000m to 2400m	3y	3.5	3.5	3	3	3	3	2.5	2.5	2.5	2	2	2
	4y	2	1.5	1	1	0.5	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	5y	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Over 2400m to 3000m	3y	4	4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3	3	3	3
	4y	2.5	1.5	1	1	0.5	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	5y	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Over 3000m	3y	---	---	---	---	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
	4y	3	2	1.5	1.5	1	0.5	0.5	---	---	---	---	---
	5y	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

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Estranediol threshold

Prohibited List A & B thresholds (previously AR.178C(1))

Summary:

Under the Rules, the threshold for estranediol in male horses is expressed as the ratio of estranediol: estrenediol at ≤ 1 .

However, under Article 6A of the International Agreement on Breeding, Racing and Wagering (IABRW), the threshold is expressed as an absolute threshold of 45 micrograms per litre in urine, provided that at the screening stage the ratio of estranediol: estrenediol is > 1 .

For consistency with the IABRW, VAC has recommended that the way in which the threshold is expressed in the Rules is amended. COSC supports VAC's recommendation.

Draft rule:

SCHEDULE 1 – PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES LISTS

PART 1 – SUBSTANCES PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES

Division 3 – Prohibited List A thresholds (anabolic androgenic steroids)

The prohibited substances set out below in this Division 3 when present at or below their respective threshold are exempt from Prohibited List A.

1. ~~In male horses other than geldings, 5 α -estrane-3 β , 17 α -diol in urine (including both the free substance and that liberated from its conjugates) at a mass concentration equal to or less than that of 5(10) estrene-3 β , 17 α -diol in urine (including both the free substance and that liberated from its conjugates).~~In male horses other than geldings, free and glucuroconjugated 5 α -estrane-3 β , 17 α -diol at a mass concentration of 45 micrograms per litre in urine when, at the screening stage, the free and glucuroconjugated 5 α -estrane-3 β , 17 α -diol exceeds the free and glucuroconjugated 5,10 estrene-3 β , 17 α -diol in the urine.
2. Testosterone:
 - (a) in geldings: free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its conjugates at a mass concentration of 20 micrograms per litre in urine;
 - (b) in fillies and mares: free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its conjugates at a mass concentration of 55 micrograms per litre in urine;
 - (c) in geldings: free testosterone at a mass concentration of 100 picograms per millilitre in plasma;
 - (d) in fillies and mares that have been notified as pregnant under AR 84(2): free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its conjugates at any concentration in urine.
3. Boldenone in male horses other than geldings (including both free boldenone and boldenone liberated from its conjugates) at a mass concentration of 15 micrograms per litre in urine.

PART 2 – SUBSTANCES PROHIBITED ON RACE DAYS, CERTAIN TRIALS ETC

Division 3 – Prohibited List B thresholds

The prohibited substances set out below in this Division 3 when present at or below their respective threshold are exempt from Prohibited List B.

1. Alkalinising agents, when evidenced by total carbon dioxide (TCO₂) at a concentration of 36.0 millimoles per litre in plasma.
2. Arsenic at a mass concentration of 0.30 milligrams per litre in urine.
3. Dimethyl sulphoxide at a mass concentration of 15 milligrams per litre in urine or 1.0 milligrams per litre in plasma.
4. ~~In male horses other than geldings, 5 α -estrane-3 β ,17 α -diol in urine (including both the free substance and that liberated from its conjugates) at a mass concentration equal to or less than that of 5(10)-estrone-3 β ,17 α -diol in urine (including both the free substance and that liberated from its conjugates).~~In male horses other than geldings, free and glucuroconjugated 5 α -estrane-3 β ,17 α -diol at a mass concentration of 45 micrograms per litre in urine when, at the screening stage, the free and glucuroconjugated 5 α -estrane-3 β ,17 α -diol exceeds the free and glucuroconjugated 5,10-estrone-3 β ,17 α -diol in the urine.
5. Salicylic acid at a mass concentration of 750 milligrams per litre in urine or 6.5 milligrams per litre in plasma.
6. Hydrocortisone at a mass concentration of 1.00 milligrams per litre in urine;
7. Testosterone:
 - (a) in geldings: free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its conjugates at a mass concentration of 20 micrograms per litre in urine;
 - (b) in fillies and mares: free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its conjugates at a mass concentration of 55 micrograms per litre in urine;
 - (c) in geldings: free testosterone at a mass concentration of 100 picograms per millilitre in plasma;
 - (d) in fillies and mares that have been notified as pregnant under AR 84(2): free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its conjugates at any concentration in urine.
8. 3-Methoxytyramine (including both free 3-methoxytyramine and 3-methoxytyramine liberated from its conjugates) at a mass concentration of 4.0 milligrams per litre in urine.
9. Boldenone in male horses other than geldings (including both free boldenone and boldenone liberated from its conjugates) at a mass concentration of 15 micrograms per litre in urine.
10. Theobromine at a mass concentration of 2.00 milligrams per litre in urine.
11. Cobalt at a mass concentration of 100 micrograms per litre in urine or 25 micrograms per litre in plasma.

Testosterone threshold – fillies and mares
Prohibited List A & B thresholds (previously AR.178C(1))

Summary:

Article 6A of the International Agreement on Breeding Racing and Wagering now contains a plasma testosterone threshold for fillies and mares (unless in foal): 100 picograms free testosterone per millilitre in plasma from fillies and mares.

VAC recommends the new international threshold is adopted in the Rules. COSC supports this position.

Draft rule:

SCHEDULE 1 – PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES LISTS

PART 1 – SUBSTANCES PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES

Division 3 – Prohibited List A thresholds (anabolic androgenic steroids)

The prohibited substances set out below in this Division 3 when present at or below their respective threshold are exempt from Prohibited List A.

1. In male horses other than geldings, 5 α -estrane-3 β , 17 α -diol in urine (including both the free substance and that liberated from its conjugates) at a mass concentration equal to or less than that of 5(10) estrene-3 β , 17 α -diol in urine (including both the free substance and that liberated from its conjugates).
2. Testosterone:
 - (a) in geldings: free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its conjugates at a mass concentration of 20 micrograms per litre in urine;
 - (b) in fillies and mares: free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its conjugates at a mass concentration of 55 micrograms per litre in urine;
 - (c) in geldings, **fillies and mares**: free testosterone at a mass concentration of 100 picograms per millilitre in plasma;
 - (d) in fillies and mares that have been notified as pregnant under AR 84(2): free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its conjugates at any concentration in urine, **or free testosterone at any concentration in plasma.**
3. Boldenone in male horses other than geldings (including both free boldenone and boldenone liberated from its conjugates) at a mass concentration of 15 micrograms per litre in urine.

PART 2 – SUBSTANCES PROHIBITED ON RACE DAYS, CERTAIN TRIALS ETC

Division 3 – Prohibited List B thresholds

The prohibited substances set out below in this Division 3 when present at or below their respective threshold are exempt from Prohibited List B.

1. Alkalinising agents, when evidenced by total carbon dioxide (TCO₂) at a concentration of 36.0 millimoles per litre in plasma.
2. Arsenic at a mass concentration of 0.30 milligrams per litre in urine.
3. Dimethyl sulphoxide at a mass concentration of 15 milligrams per litre in urine or 1.0 milligrams per litre in plasma.
4. In male horses other than geldings, 5 α -estrane-3 β , 17 α -diol in urine (including both the free substance and that liberated from its conjugates) at a mass concentration equal to or less than that of 5(10) estrene-3 β , 17 α -diol in urine (including both the free substance and that liberated from its conjugates).

5. Salicylic acid at a mass concentration of 750 milligrams per litre in urine or 6.5 milligrams per litre in plasma.
6. Hydrocortisone at a mass concentration of 1.00 milligrams per litre in urine;
7. Testosterone:
 - (a) in geldings: free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its conjugates at a mass concentration of 20 micrograms per litre in urine;
 - (b) in fillies and mares: free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its conjugates at a mass concentration of 55 micrograms per litre in urine;
 - (c) in geldings, **fillies and mares**: free testosterone at a mass concentration of 100 picograms per millilitre in plasma;
 - (d) in fillies and mares that have been notified as pregnant under AR 84(2): free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its conjugates at any concentration in urine, **or free testosterone at any concentration in plasma**.
8. 3-Methoxytyramine (including both free 3-methoxytyramine and 3-methoxytyramine liberated from its conjugates) at a mass concentration of 4.0 milligrams per litre in urine.
9. Boldenone in male horses other than geldings (including both free boldenone and boldenone liberated from its conjugates) at a mass concentration of 15 micrograms per litre in urine.
10. Theobromine at a mass concentration of 2.00 milligrams per litre in urine.
11. Cobalt at a mass concentration of 100 micrograms per litre in urine or 25 micrograms per litre in plasma.

Prednisolone threshold

Prohibited List B thresholds (previously AR.178C(1))

Summary:

VAC has advised there is now evidence that prednisolone is an endogenous substance in horses.

In light of this, Article 6A of the International Agreement on Breeding, Racing and Wagering now includes a prednisolone threshold of 0.01 microgram free prednisolone per millilitre in urine.

VAC recommends that this threshold is also included in the Rules. COSC supports this position.

Draft rule:

SCHEDULE 1 - PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES LISTS

PART 2 - SUBSTANCES PROHIBITED ON RACE DAYS, CERTAIN TRIALS ETC

Division 3 - Prohibited List B thresholds

The prohibited substances set out below in this Division 3 when present at or below their respective threshold are exempt from Prohibited List B.

1. Alkalinising agents, when evidenced by total carbon dioxide (TCO₂) at a concentration of 36.0 millimoles per litre in plasma.
2. Arsenic at a mass concentration of 0.30 milligrams per litre in urine.
3. Dimethyl sulphoxide at a mass concentration of 15 milligrams per litre in urine or 1.0 milligrams per litre in plasma.
4. In male horses other than geldings, 5 α -estrane-3 β , 17 α -diol in urine (including both the free substance and that liberated from its conjugates) at a mass concentration equal to or less than that of 5(10) estrane-3 β , 17 α -diol in urine (including both the free substance and that liberated from its conjugates).
5. Salicylic acid at a mass concentration of 750 milligrams per litre in urine or 6.5 milligrams per litre in plasma.
6. Hydrocortisone at a mass concentration of 1.00 milligrams per litre in urine;
7. Testosterone:
 - (a) in geldings: free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its conjugates at a mass concentration of 20 micrograms per litre in urine;
 - (b) in fillies and mares: free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its conjugates at a mass concentration of 55 micrograms per litre in urine;
 - (c) in geldings: free testosterone at a mass concentration of 100 picograms per millilitre in plasma;
 - (d) in fillies and mares that have been notified as pregnant under AR 84(2): free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its conjugates at any concentration in urine.
8. 3-Methoxytyramine (including both free 3-methoxytyramine and 3-methoxytyramine liberated from its conjugates) at a mass concentration of 4.0 milligrams per litre in urine.
9. Boldenone in male horses other than geldings (including both free boldenone and boldenone liberated from its conjugates) at a mass concentration of 15 micrograms per litre in urine.
10. Theobromine at a mass concentration of 2.00 milligrams per litre in urine.

11. Cobalt at a mass concentration of 100 micrograms per litre in urine or 25 micrograms per litre in plasma.

~~11.12.~~ Prednisolone (free prednisolone) at a mass concentration of 10 micrograms per litre in urine.

Rider's weight – neck strap
AR 184 (previously AR.118)

Summary:

To accord with the current practice of including the neck strap in the rider's weight, COSC recommends that the Rules be amended to reflect this practice.

Draft rule:

AR 184 Method of weighing-out and weighing-in

When calculating a rider's weight in weighing-out and weighing-in:

- (a) no account is to be taken of fractions of 0.5kg; and
- (b) the following items must be included by the rider in the weight:
 - (i) all items of clothing worn by the rider except for the rider's helmet, goggles, other face protection and gloves;
 - (ii) the saddle, lead bag and associated packing (excluding the saddle cloth) and neck strap; and
 - (iii) any other gear attached or to be attached to the saddle.

Protests for interference
AR 219 (previously AR.165)

Summary:

Protests for interference per AR 130(1) (currently AR.136(1)) may be made on behalf of horses finishing up to one place after the last place for which prizemoney is awarded.

This can result in the Stewards having to deal with largely inconsequential matters (e.g. 9th vs 10th), as well as creating significant delays in authorising betting payouts.

Accordingly, COSC recommends that such protests be restricted to horses finishing up to 5th place, with discretion for the Stewards to consider protests in respect of any lower placed horses.

Discretion for the Stewards to hear protests for lower placings provides flexibility, and may be particularly relevant for bigger races where prizemoney is significant below 5th place.

Draft rule:

AR 219 Making protests

- (1) Except for protests to be made prior to a rider weighing-in (under subrule (3)), unless the Stewards order otherwise every protest:
 - (a) must be made to the Stewards in writing; and
 - (b) be signed by either the nominator or the nominator's authorised agent, trainer or rider.
- (2) A protest may be made by a Steward or the Starter in their official capacity. In the case of such a protest in relation to a matter referred to in subrule (3), it must be made before correct weight is declared.
- (3) Any protest by the persons authorised under subrule (1)(b) against a horse/s on the ground of:
 - (a) an interference in the running of a race as provided for in AR 130(1);
 - (b) a horse/s not having run the proper course;
 - (c) the race having been run over a wrong course;
 - (d) the use of a whip as provided for in AR 132; or
 - (e) any other matter occurring in a race,must be made to the Steward at scale before the riders of all placed horses are weighed-in or at any other time allowed by the Stewards prior to the signaling of correct weight.
- (4) A protest made under subrule (3)(a) is only permitted to be made on behalf of a horse that has been placed ~~by the Judge in accordance with AR 214(3) first, second, third, fourth or fifth~~ by the Judge, provided that the Stewards, in their discretion, may allow a protest made under subrule (3)(a) to be made on behalf of a horse that has been placed below fifth by the Judge.

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Confiscation of riders' equipment

AR 121 (previously AR.86, AR.86A & AR.86B)

Summary:

Under the Rules, Stewards have specific powers to confiscate riders' safety gear and equipment such as helmets, safety vests and whips that do not meet the required standards or are not in a suitable condition.

In circumstances where the Rules provide that only clothes, footwear, apparel and equipment approved by Stewards are allowed to be worn or used by riders, COSC recommends the rule be expanded to give Stewards powers to confiscate such items that have not been approved.

The primary aims of such an amendment are to improve rider safety (by restricting use of potentially dangerous clothing and footwear) and to improve equine welfare (by restricting use of potentially harmful equipment).

Draft rule:

AR 121 Clothes, footwear and equipment

(1) Riders must wear clothes which are clean and appropriate for riding.

~~(2)~~ Only clothes, footwear, apparel and equipment approved by Racing Australia, a PRA, or the Stewards may be worn by a rider in a race, official trial, jump-out or trackwork.

~~(2)~~(3) The Stewards may confiscate any clothes, footwear, apparel and equipment worn or used by a rider that has not been approved in accordance with subrule (2).

Approaching or requesting a person to breach the Rules

AR 227(b) (previously AR.175(l))

Summary:

Under the Rules, it is an offence for a person to attempt to commit, aid, abet, counsel, procure, connive at, conspire with another person to commit, or be a party to another person who commits, a breach of the Rules.

Further, where a person is approached or requested to engage in corrupt, improper etc conduct, or conduct detrimental to the interests of racing, that person has an obligation under the Rules to report such approach or request to the Stewards (see AR 230, currently AR 175AA).

COSC is of the view there should be a specific offence where a person approaches or requests a person to commit a breach of the Rules. This will help improve integrity measures by creating an offence where a person takes steps with the intent of having an offence committed by another person, despite the other person potentially refusing or having no intention to carry it out.

Draft rule:

AR 227 Breaches of the Rules

Without limiting any other powers, a PRA or the Stewards may penalise any person who:

- (a) commits any breach of the Rules, or engages in conduct or negligence which has led or could have led to a breach of the Rules;
- (b) attempts to commit, aids, abets, counsels, procures, connives at, approaches or requests another person to commit, conspires with another person to commit, or is a party to another person who commits, a breach of the Rules.