

CONSULTATION NOTICE – RULES OF RACING

Code of Racing	Thoroughbred
Rule	AR 231(5)
Description	Mandatory penalty for use of electronic apparatus (amendment to resolve drafting inconsistency).
Authorised for Consultation	October 20, 2025
Consultation Closes	October 24, 2025
Submissions to	policies@racingqueensland.com.au

Racing Queensland (**RQ**) has received notice from Racing Australia (**RA**) that it has adopted an amendment to AR 231(5) of the Australian Rules of Racing – to resolve a drafting inconsistency arising from the amendment of AR 283(6) earlier this year.

Details of the rule amendment are provided in the following documentation issued by RA.

RA has advised that the proposed national effective date for this rule change is November 1, 2025.

Given this timeframe, and the minor nature of the amendment (being to resolve a drafting inconsistency), RQ has approved an abridged stakeholder consultation period, which will close on **October 24, 2025**.

Stakeholders are invited to provide feedback on the proposed amendment as per the details at the top of this document.



AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

Amendment - AR 231

Background:

An update to AR 283 (6) (e) was recently approved increasing the penalty for use of an electric or electronic apparatus capable of affecting the performance of a horse (AR 231 (2) (a)) from 2 years to 5 years. That change took effect on 1 May 2025.

Whilst the penalty set out in AR 283 (6) (e) was changed, the penalty set out in AR 231 (5) was not updated at the same time as AR 283 (6) (e).

AR 231 (5) states:

(5) If a person breaches subrule 2(a), a disqualification for a period of not less than 2 years must be imposed, unless a finding is made that a special circumstance exists, in which case that penalty may be reduced.

In order to align AR231 with the approved and in force AR 283 (6) (e), the penalty in AR 231 (5) will be adjusted to ensure consistency.

The amendment to the rule is set out below in red.

Amend AR 231 (5) to vary the “2 years” reference to “5 years”.

Date of effect: 1 November 2025