

## Amendments to the Local Rules (Thoroughbred Racing)

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### 1. Proposed amendments to the definition of “Provincial” in Local Rule 1

#### 1.1. Background

Racing Queensland has undertaken a review of its apprentice jockey claim categories and as a result of the review is proposing to change the claim categories in the definition of “Provincial” to enhance the development of apprentice jockeys’ race riding skills and to realign the claim structure to reflect the best practices implemented in New South Wales.

The current claim structure frequently results in apprentices expending their provincial allowances too soon at regional provincial meetings (e.g. at venues such as Mackay Turf Club and Cairns Jockey Club). This results in the apprentices having a negligible claim when competing against more experienced riders at top tiered provincial meetings (e.g. at venues such as Sunshine Coast Turf Club).

#### 1.2. Proposed amendments

**“Provincial or Provincial Area”** means a Race Meeting conducted on the following racecourses:

- (a) Gold Coast - except meetings designated Metropolitan; ~~Magic Millions meeting and Prime Minister’s Cup meeting~~;
- (b) Ipswich - except meetings designated Metropolitan; ~~Ipswich Cup meeting~~;
- (c) Sunshine Coast – except meetings designated Metropolitan; ~~Mackay~~;
- (d) Toowoomba – except meetings designated Metropolitan; ~~Rockhampton~~;
- (e) Rockhampton; ~~Sunshine Coast – except Caloundra City Cup meeting~~;
- (f) Townsville; ~~Toowoomba~~;
- (g) Mackay Cup meeting; ~~Townsville~~;
- (h) Cairns Cup meeting; ~~and any other Race Meeting, other than Metropolitan, on which a full TAB service and off course television coverage applies, or was to apply.~~
- (i) Cairns Amateur Cup Raceday.

### 2. Proposed amendments to Local Rule 56

#### 2.1. Background

Rule 92 of the Australian Rules of Racing states that the terms “Metropolitan Area”, “Provincial Area” and “Country Area” are defined in the Local Rules of each PRA.

Local Rule 56(3) provides definitions of “Metropolitan Area”, “Provincial Area” and “Country Area” however, those definitions are inconsistent with the definitions of “Metropolitan”, “Provincial” and “Country” in Local Rule 1 and also refer to prizemoney levels that are likely to change in the future. It is also not necessary to include the prizemoney levels in the definitions.

Racing Queensland is proposing to delete Local Rule 56(3) and amend the respective definitions in Local Rule 1 accordingly.

#### 2.2. Proposed amendments

##### **LR.56. Weight allowance**

- (1) In accordance with AR. 92, an Apprentice may claim a weight allowance in a race unless the program stipulates that an apprentice may not claim.
- (2) For the purpose of calculating an allowance under AR.92:
  - (a) for a race at a Metropolitan Race Meeting, only wins at a Metropolitan Race Meeting shall be taken into account;
  - (b) for a race at a Provincial Race Meeting, only wins at Metropolitan and Provincial Race Meetings shall be taken into account; or
  - (c) for a race at a Country Race Meeting, all wins shall be taken into account.
- ~~(3) For the purposes of determining the claim to which an apprentice is entitled in accordance with AR.92 and its subsections.~~

~~Metropolitan Area means, unless otherwise defined by the Principal Racing Authority, the following race meetings:  
(a) all race meetings with advertised prizemoney of no less than \$20,000 per race for all races programmed.  
Provincial Area means, unless otherwise determined by the Principal Racing Authority, the following meetings:  
(a) all race meetings at the Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast, Ipswich, Toowoomba, Rockhampton and Townsville with advertised prizemoney of less than \$20,000 per race.  
Country Area means, unless otherwise determined by the Principal Racing Authority, any race meeting not defined as Metropolitan or Provincial.~~

### 3. Proposed amendments to the definition of “Country” in Local Rule 1

#### 3.1. Background

Racing Queensland is proposing minor amendments to the definition of “Country” as a result of the deletion of Local Rule 56(3).

#### 3.2. Proposed amendments

*“**Country or Country Area**” means a Race Meeting not defined as Metropolitan or Provincial.*

### 4. Proposed amendments to the definition of “Metropolitan” in Local Rule 1

#### 4.1. Background

Racing Queensland is proposing minor amendments to the definition of “Metropolitan” as a result of the deletion of Local Rule 56(3).

#### 4.2. Proposed amendments

*“**Metropolitan or Metropolitan Area**” means, unless otherwise determined by the Principal Racing Authority, the following Race Meetings:  
(a) all Race Meetings at Doomben and Eagle Farm;  
(b) the Magic Millions and Prime Minister’s Cup Race Meeting at the Gold Coast;  
(c) the Ipswich Cup Meeting at Ipswich; and  
(d) the Caloundra ~~City~~ Cup Meeting at the Sunshine Coast; and  
(e) any other meeting declared by the Principal Racing Authority to be a Metropolitan Race Meeting.*

### 5. Proposed amendments to Local Rule 8

#### 5.1. Background

Racing Queensland understands that the QRIC is preparing to make changes to the licences for apprentice jockeys and jockeys. Racing Queensland is proposing to amend local rule 8 to align with the QRIC’s new licensing structure.

#### 5.2. Proposed amendments

*Licences, permits and registrations that may be issued by the Principal Racing Authority include:*

- (a) No 1 Trainer;*
- (b) No 2 Trainer;*
- (c) Open Trainer;*
- (d) Owner-Trainer - permitting the holder to train only a horse owned or leased solely or in partnership with a member of the person’s own family. For the purpose of this Rule “family” shall mean: parents, spouse - including a de facto, children, brothers and sisters over 18 years;*
- (e) QCRS Trainer –permitting the holder to train a horse to compete at a Queensland Community Racing Scheme (QCRS Race Meetings);*

- (f) Metropolitan Jockey - permitting the holder to ride at any Race Meeting;
- (g) ~~Non~~-Metropolitan Apprentice TAB Jockey - permitting the holder to ride at any Race Meeting ~~other than a Metropolitan Race Meeting~~;
- (h) Provincial Jockey ~~Metropolitan Apprentice~~ - permitting the holder to ride at any Race Meeting ~~other than a Metropolitan Race Meeting~~;
- (i) Provincial Apprentice Jockey ~~TAB Non-Metropolitan Apprentice~~ - permitting the holder to ride at any Race Meeting other than a Metropolitan Race Meeting;
- (j) Country Jockey ~~Non TAB Apprentice~~ – permitting the holder to ride at any Race Meeting other than a Metropolitan or Provincial TAB Race Meeting;
- (k) Country Apprentice – permitting the holder to ride at any Race Meeting other than a Metropolitan or Provincial Race Meeting;
- (l) Trainee Apprentice - permitting the holder, to ride in an official Trial but not in a race;
- (~~m~~) Rider's Agent - permitting the holder to act as Agent of the Rider for the purpose of securing an engagement to ride in a Race at a Race Meeting;
- (~~n~~) Approved Rider - permitting the holder to ride at a Race Meeting at which a person other than a person Licensed as a Jockey may also ride;
- (~~o~~) Stable Foreperson - permitting the holder to act on behalf of the Trainer;
- (~~p~~) Trackwork Rider - permitting the holder to ride trackwork;
- (~~q~~) Stable Hand - permitting the holder to do be employed and assist with the training, maintenance, care and control, and assist with the pre-race preparation of and post race procedures affecting a horse;
- (~~r~~) Bookmaker - permitting the holder to carry on bookmaking at a Race Meeting;
- (~~s~~) Bookmaker's Clerk - permitting the holder to be employed by a Bookmaker at a Race Meeting;
- (~~t~~) Racing Employee Contractor - permitting the holder to directly employ Trackwork Riders and/or Stable Hands; and
- (~~u~~) Dual Trainer/Jockey - permitting the holder to operate as a Trainer and Rider.