

**Subject: AR.1A Definition of Class 5 race – for decision**

**1. Summary:**

At the Australian Classifications Committee (ACC) meeting in July the definition of “A Class Five Race” as it is currently shown in the Australian Rules of Racing was reviewed.

The intent of the rule and the wording as published are inconsistent in that a multiple winner of 2-year-old Listed races may run in a Class Five race but is ineligible for Class Six.

It has always been the intent of the definition and the practical application that a multiple 2-year-old Listed winner is an Open Class horse and ineligible to run in both Class Five and Class Six races.

The ACC resolved that the definition of a Class Five Race under AR.1A should be amended by adding the additional wording from the definition of a Class Six Race.

**Recommendation:**

The Board:

1. Amend AR.1A as follows:

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“A **CLASS FIVE RACE** is one restricted to horses which, at the time of starting, have not won more than five races on the flat provided that, in determining the eligibility of any horse, no account shall be taken of any wins in Class A, Class B or Trophy races other than a win as a Maiden horse.

Further provided that, notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, the winner of ~~either~~ of the following races shall be ineligible:

- (a) Any Group Race; ~~or~~
- (b) Any Listed Race or Restricted Listed Race in which horses older than 2yo could run; or
- (c) More than one Listed Race or Restricted Listed Race in which 2yos only could run.”

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**Date of Effect: 1 January 2017**