

## CONSULTATION NOTICE - RULES OF RACING

<b>Code of Racing</b>	Thoroughbred
<b>Rule</b>	Local Rule 129
<b>Description</b>	Limit on the frequency of starts a horse may have in set period of time
<b>Authorised for Consultation</b>	September 26, 2023
<b>Consultation Closes</b>	October 23, 2023
<b>Submissions to</b>	<a href="mailto:policies@racingqueensland.com.au">policies@racingqueensland.com.au</a>

Racing Queensland (**RQ**) previously published for consultation a proposal to make and adopt amendments to the Local Rules (Thoroughbred Racing) to limit the frequency that a horse may start in races, in the interests of animal welfare.

The proposed amendments expanded on existing Local Rule 129, which provides that a horse cannot compete in more than one race on any one day. The proposed amendments would also have restricted the frequency of starts that a horse may have within any 30-day period.

Following further consideration of the proposal, and in consultation with the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission, RQ proposes a further amendment to the rule. In addition to the restrictions previously proposed, in effect, a horse will not be able to start in a race on consecutive days without the permission of the Stewards.

Details of the proposed rule amendments are as follows:

### LR.129 Limit on the Frequency of Starts~~aces~~

- (1) ~~A~~ horse ~~shall not~~~~may~~ compete in more than one race on any one day.
- (2) Except with the permission of the Stewards, a horse shall not compete:
  - (a) in a race on consecutive days; or
  - (b) in a race on more than five occasions during any 30-day period.
- (3) Notwithstanding sub-rules (1) and (2) of this rule, the Stewards may decline to receive, or at any time after having received, reject any nomination or entry when the frequency of starts of the horse is, in the opinion of the Stewards, considered detrimental to the welfare of such horse.

Stakeholders are invited to provide feedback as per the details at the top of the document.