

**NATIONAL RULES BOOK
AUSTRALIAN HANDICAPPING RULES
AUSTRALIAN TROTTING STUD BOOK REGULATIONS
Amendments - HRA approved 25th August 2008**

NATIONAL RULES BOOK

4. LICENCES

Stablehands Licence

- **Amend Rule 90A (3.4)(a) (HRA Executive approved, 25th August 2008)**

90A. (3.4) The holder of a stablehand's licence is licensed, under the supervision or instructions of a licensed trainer, to -

(a) Carry out track work on registered tracks and to drive at any meeting to prepare a horse to race at that meeting other than during the horse's immediate pre-race preliminary;

11. INQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATIONS

Action pending outcome

- **Amend Rule 183A (HRA Executive approved, 25th August 2008)**

183A. Upon receipt of a certificate in accordance with Rule 191(1) which establishes prima facie evidence of the presence of a prohibited substance, the Stewards may determine that the horse which is the subject of the certificate shall not be nominated for or compete in any race until the outcome of an inquiry or investigation by the Stewards into the presence of the prohibited substance.

12. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

Stomach tubing, atomisers and other devices

- **Amend Rule 193(1), (2) (HRA Executive approved, 25th August 2008)**

193. (1) A person shall not attempt to stomach tube or stomach tube a horse nominated for a race or event within 48 hours of the commencement of the race or event.

(2) A person shall not attempt to use or use an atomiser, face mask or other device for the administration of a prohibited substance to a horse nominated for a race or event within 48 hours of the commencement of the race or event.

14. GENERAL OFFENCES

Children's Access to Stabling Areas On-Course

- **Add new Sub-Heading**
- **Add new Rule 254A (HRA Executive approved, 25th August 2008)**

254A. An unlicensed person who has not attained the age of 14 years may only enter the stabling area at race meetings or official trials where that person is separated from the horse stalls by a barrier preventing direct access to the horse stalls.

AUSTRALIAN HANDICAPPING RULES

1. DEFINITIONS

1.4 Class

The designated classification of any horse within the Handicapping Scales.

1.8 Country Race

A race with specified total stakemoney up to but not exceeding the metropolitan threshold amount that is set by a State's Controlling Body for application within the State for the 12 months period commencing 1 September each year and which is not a Graduation race. *(HRA approved 28 August 2008)*

Note: See AHR 1.16 for the metropolitan threshold amounts set by the respective State Controlling Bodies for the 2008/09 racing season.

1.16 Metropolitan Race

A race with specified total stakemoney in excess of the metropolitan threshold amount that is set by a State's Controlling Body for application within the State for the 12 months period commencing 1 September each year. *(HRA approved 28 August 2008)*

Note: The metropolitan threshold amounts set by the respective State Controlling Bodies for the 2008/09 racing season are:

New South Wales	-	\$12,000
Queensland	-	\$10,000
South Australia	-	\$15,000
Tasmania	-	\$15,000
Victoria	-	\$15,000
Western Australia	-	\$15,000

2. HANDICAPPING PENALTIES – GENERAL

2.2 Metropolitan Age Penalty Races

The winner of any 2YO or 3YO race with stakemoney in excess of the metropolitan threshold amount that is set by a State Controlling Body for application within the State for the 12 months period commencing 1 September each year shall in addition to the penalties provided by Rule 4.2 or 5.2 incur one Metropolitan Age Penalty except that a Metropolitan Age Penalty shall not be incurred by the winner of any 2YO or 3YO Sires Stake race with stakemoney not exceeding \$50,000. *(HRA approved 28 August 2008)*

Note: See AHR 1.16 for the metropolitan threshold amounts set by the respective State Controlling Bodies for the 2008/09 racing season.

12. 4YO AND OLDER TROTTERS

12.3 The winner of a 4YO race with stakemoney in excess of the metropolitan threshold amount that is set by a State Controlling Body for application within the State for the 12 months period commencing 1 September each year (except a Sires Stake race with stakemoney not exceeding \$50,000) shall also incur one Metropolitan Penalty. *(HRA approved 28 August 2008)*

Note: See AHR 1.16 for the metropolitan threshold amounts set by the respective State Controlling Bodies for the 2008/09 racing season.

18. CLASSIFICATION OF HORSES THAT HAVE WON OUTSIDE OF AUSTRALIA

- 18.5** Any horse cleared into Australia after midnight on 31 August 2008, by a Controlling Body in another country, shall be classified in respect of any race won in any other country, in accordance with these Rules as at 1 September 2008, irrespective of the date of such win.

Note: For the purposes of Australian registration an imported standardbred's classification will be determined by the importing State Controlling Body on the basis of assessing race(s) stakemoney in the winning country/jurisdiction. However, this may differ in total from the final clearance/export certificate where the stakemoney has been subject to currency exchange (i.e., USTA and HRNZ)

21 CONCESSION DRIVER

- 21.1** A Concession Driver, may with the approval of the Controlling Body, claim a concession (subject to the exceptions hereinafter set out) in each of the first five years from the date of first being granted a Grade B licence.

The first year shall be deemed to commence on the date the licence is granted and end on 31 August next thereafter and each succeeding year shall end on 31 August.

Note: Provisions of Rule 21.1 of the Australian Handicapping Rules apply to all licensed drivers irrespective of whether the driver was first granted a licence prior to 1 February 2000.

Concession wins for the year ended 31 August 2000 be calculated from 1 February 2000 and not 1 September 1999.

AUSTRALIAN STUD BOOK REGULATIONS

Amend definition of “Breeder” (HRA approved 25 August 2008)

“Breeder”:

- (a) In the case of a foal which is the result of an embryo transfer, the registered owner or lessee of the donor mare at the time the embryo is flushed from such donor mare and impregnated into a recipient mare.
- (b) In all other cases, the registered owner or lessee of the dam at the time of foaling.

Summary of Amendments – HRA approved 25 August 2008

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RULES AMENDED

90A(3.4)(a), 183A, 193(1), (2)

NEW RULES / SUB-RULES

254A

RULES REPEALED

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RULES RENUMBERED

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AUSTRALIAN HANDICAPPING RULES

RULES AMENDED

1.4, 1.8, 1.16, 2.2, 12.3, 18.5, 21.1

AUSTRALIAN TROTTING STUD BOOK REGULATIONS

Amend definition of “Breeder”