

AUSTRALIAN HARNESS RACING RULES Rules Amendments - HRA approved 31 AUGUST 2022

DICTIONARY

Add definition:

“**Offence Provision**” means a provision of these Rules and the Australian Trotting Stud Book Regulations which is either described as an Offence Provision or provides in it, or with reference to it, that failure to comply or contravention of it makes a person guilty of an offence.

“**Registered**” or “**Registration**” in relation to a horse or other person or thing means registered or registration under the Stud Book Regulations or the Rules in force as at the time of registration.

“**Registration Certificate**” means a registration certificate issued either by the Controlling Body or Harness Racing Australia.

“**Rules**” or “**these Rules**” means the Australian Harness Racing Rules and, as the context requires, the Stud Book Regulations.

“**Stud Book Regulations**” or “**SBR**” means regulations made from time to time by Harness Racing Australia entitled ‘Australian Trotting Stud Book Regulations’ or some adaptation thereof.

Amend definition:

“**Keeper of the Stud Book**” is the person appointed by Harness Racing Australia to keep records of sires, mares and foalings and to publish annual editions of the Australian Trotting Stud Book in accordance with the Australian Trotting Stud Book Regulations.

“**Recognised harness racing authority**” means Harness Racing Australia and any organisation accepted by the Controlling Body as controlling the harness racing industry in a State or Territory of Australia or in part of or the whole of a country.

Notes:

(2) Offence provisions are found throughout the rules and are not confined to those in Part 14 or under the bold type heading “Offences.

3. MEETING AND RACES

Nominations and acceptances

- **Amend Rule 23(5)**

23. (5) A horse cannot be nominated if it is not registered under these rules or the Stud Book Regulations or if a current stable return has not been lodged.

5. HORSES

Eligibility for registration and naming

[See Stud Book Regulations 3 and 4](#)

- **Repeal Rule 93(1)(a), (b), (c), (d)(i), (ii), (2), (3), (4), (5)**

93. (1) A horse shall not be eligible for registration unless:

- (a) It is the progeny of a Standardbred sire and a Standardbred dam and its registration conforms with these rules.
- (b) It is microchipped in accordance with HRA's Microchipping Regulations, freezebranded or otherwise identified by a method approved by HRA.
- (c) It has been parentage verified by D.N.A. genotyping at a laboratory approved by HRA.
- (d) It is progeny that conforms to the following genetic principles:
 - (i) Chestnut colouration is recessive to all other colours and therefore any progeny that is not chestnut from a chestnut to chestnut mating is not eligible for registration;
 - (ii) Grey colouration is usually dominant in relation to all the basic colours and therefore any progeny that is grey is not eligible for registration unless at least one of its parents is also grey.

Notwithstanding sub-clauses (i) and (ii) such progeny will be eligible for registration in the event that blood typing and / or D.N.A. genotyping establishes to the satisfaction of HRA that the horse in dispute is the progeny of the said sire and dam.

(2) Save and except for embryo transfer or some other procedure approved by the Controlling Body a horse shall not be eligible for naming and/or registration and entry in the Stud Book if it is the produce of genetic engineering procedures including but not limited to cloning, embryo freezing or oocyte collection.

(3) The progeny of a mare inseminated by transported semen shall not be eligible for naming and/or registration and entry in the Stud Book unless all steps taken to bring that progeny into being have been in accordance with these rules.

(4) The Controlling Body shall not register a horse foaled outside its jurisdiction unless the horse is eligible for registration in an Australian State or Territory.

(5) A person seeking registration shall pay to the Controlling Body such fees relating to identification as it may determine

- **Repeal Rule 94(1)(a), (b), (3), (4), (5)(a)(i) to (xiii), (b)(i), (ii), (c), (d), (e), (6)(a), (b), (c), (d)**

94. (1) A horse shall not be eligible for naming unless:

- (a) the horse has been registered in accordance with Rule 93.
- (b) the name is submitted through the Controlling Body.

(3) Each State Controlling Body shall have incorporated on its standard name application form an acknowledgement and acceptance by the owner of the horse of complete legal liability should a name be submitted and name be allocated which infringes any trademark or copyright.

(4) A Controlling Body may delete a name or names before the list of names is submitted to the Registrar.

(5) (a) The Registrar shall allocate the first available name on the list of names submitted by a Controlling Body after having first eliminated the following:

- (i) Any existing names of trotting or pacing horses appearing on the Australian name register or the name of any past renowned racetrack performer as identified in the Protected Name Lists – Renowned Winners and Oaks / Derby Winners or as a winner of a race specified in the Harness Racing Australia Racing Chronicles.
- (ii) Any name having political, religious, sacred or commercial significance or that is otherwise inappropriate.
- (iii) Any name of indecent, undignified or irreverent character in English or any other language.
- (iv) Any name having single initials or numerals, either as a whole name or used as a part of a name with the exception of the letter "A" or "I" (overseas horses excepted).
- (v) Any name likely to cause confusion by reason that it sounds or reads the same as an existing name.
- (vi) Any name of a well known living or dead person the naming of which would be objectionable to the persons concerned, to relatives or to others in general. Names of well-known persons, living or dead are acceptable if written permission has been obtained from either the person (if they are living) or from the family (if they are deceased). The naming applicant is responsible for obtaining written permission.
- (vii) Any name of an Australian Institution or Organisation, or any name which does or may infringe trademark or copyright. (Including songs, movies, books & TV shows).
- (viii) Any name the reverse of which is the name of a horse currently racing.
- (ix) Any name likely to cause confusion in breeding records by reason that it is the duplicate of a name prominent in breeding or racing outside Australia.
- (x) The name of any Sire or Dam in the Australian Trotting Stud Book.
- (xi) Any name more than eighteen letters in length (including spaces).
- (xii) Any name in any other language than English where the meaning cannot be proven.
- (xiii) Any name that is difficult to pronounce in English or any other language.

(b) The following are not permitted to be used in a name:-

- (i) Apostrophes, full stops, dashes, characters, numbers and symbols – eg, hyphens (-), acutes (é), circumflexes (ê), cedilla (ç), graves (è), umlauts (ä), etc.
 - (ii) Abbreviations such as Mr, Mrs, Ms, Dr . The words must be spelt out in full.
- (c) The Registrar may correct any misspelt or incorrect renderings of a word or phrase.
 - (d) Names submitted using part or all of the Sire and / or Dam name should be spelt the same as the Sire and / or Dam name.
 - (e) If all names on a list are eliminated the Registrar shall call for a new list to be submitted.
- (6) (a) Subject to paragraphs (b), (c) and (d), a name once allocated by the Registrar shall not be changed.
 - (b) The owner of a horse less than two years old that has been allocated a name by the Registrar shall upon payment of the prescribed fee(s) be permitted to change the name provided the horse has not competed in an official trial, race or bred and the change is made before the end of its yearling season. Any cancelled name will be made available for re-use after twelve months.
 - (c) Subject to paragraph (d) hereof the owner of a horse two years old or older that has been allocated a name by the Registrar shall upon payment of the prescribed fee(s) be permitted to change the name provided the horse has not competed in an official trial or race or has not bred. Any cancelled name will be made available for re-use after twelve months.
 - (d) The owner of a horse two years old or older that has been allocated a name by the Registrar and has competed in an official trial in any country can apply to change the horse's name by submitting an application in writing to the Registrar outlining reasons for wanting the change. The application will be considered by the Keeper of the Stud Book and the Registrar, and if approved, will require payment of the prescribed fee(s). Any cancelled name will be made available for re-use after twelve months.

Naming and registration

[See Stud Book Regulations 5](#)

- **Repeal Rule 95(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8)**

- 95.**
- (1) A person desiring to register a horse may make application to the Controlling Body.
 - (2) A person desiring to name a horse may make application to the Controlling Body.
 - (3) An application under this rule is to be made in the manner and form and be accompanied by such documentation, information and fees as the Controlling Body may determine.
 - (4) A person making application to name a horse shall ensure that all proposed names comply with Rules 93 and 94.
 - (5) Application to name or register a horse shall be made on form R95-A.

- (6) The Controlling Body may grant or refuse an application under this rule.
- (7) The Controlling Body may cancel the registration of a horse.
- (8) A person who fails to comply with sub-rule (4) is guilty of an offence.

Foreign Horses

[See Stud Book Regulations 6](#)

- **Repeal Rule 95A(1)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10)**
- **Repeal Rule 95AB(1), (2)**

- 95A.** (1) A foreign horse shall not be eligible for registration in Australia unless:
- (a) Such horse is registered with the Controlling Trotting Authority of the country it was cleared from;
 - (b) Such horse is capable of satisfying the registration requirements applicable to a horse foaled in Australia;
 - (c) Such horse has been parentage verified by D.N.A. genotyping or blood typing;
 - (d) Such horse is microchipped in accordance with HRA's Microchipping Regulations, freezebranded or otherwise identified by a method approved by HRA;
 - (e) HRA receives a clearance certificate from the country in which such foreign horse was last registered;
 - (f) The appropriate clearance registration fee is paid.
- (2) Upon the receipt of a Clearance Certificate a foreign bred horse shall be allocated its existing name and in addition shall have a suffix added to its name to denote the country of origin.
- (3) The suffix to be added to the name shall be as follows:

New Zealand	NZ	Ireland	IRL
United States	USA	Italy	ITA
Canada	CA	Malta	MLT
Europe:		Netherlands	NLD
Austria	AUT	Norway	NOR
Belgium	BEL	Russia	RUS
Denmark	DNK	Sweden	SWE
Finland	FIN	Switzerland	SUI
France	FRA	United Kingdom	GBR
Germany	GER		

(4) The name of a foreign horse will be checked by the Registrar for verification and recording and the Registrar shall advise the Controlling Body that the name is available or otherwise.

(5) If the name is not available then a prefix will be applied, and under certain circumstances a new name may be requested by the Registrar. In such case where a name is changed the suffix applicable shall be added to the new name.

(6) If the name of a foreign horse is of a well known living or deceased Australian person, permission must be obtained by HRA from either the person (if they are living) or from the family (if

they are deceased) to allow the name in Australia. Otherwise a name change may be requested by the Registrar.

(7) The owner of a yearling bred outside Australia shall upon payment of the prescribed fee(s) be permitted to change the name provided the horse has not competed in an official trial or race either in Australia or Overseas, has not bred and the change is made before the end of its yearling season in Australia.

(8) The owner of a horse 2 years old or older bred outside Australia shall upon payment of the prescribed fee(s) be permitted to change the name provided that horse has not competed in an official trial or race either in Australia or overseas, or has not bred.

(9) The owner of a horse 2YO or older bred outside Australia that has been allocated a name and has competed in an official trial in any country can apply to change the name by submitting an application in writing to the Registrar outlining reasons for wanting to make the change. The application will be considered by the Keeper of the Stud Book and the Registrar, and if approved, will require payment of the prescribed fee(s). Any cancelled name will be made available for re-use after 12 months.

(10) Apostrophes, dashes and dots which are part of a foreign horse name will be eliminated.

95AB. [See Stud Book Regulations 7](#)

(1) If any matter that is not specifically covered by these rules arises the Registrar may allow a name or a new name.

(2) The Registrar may order a change of name wherever such change is deemed necessary to comply with the context of these rules.

Registration certificate

[See Stud Book Regulations 8](#)

- **Repeal Rule 96(1), (2)**
- **Amend Rule 96(3), (4), (5), (6)**

96. (1) When a horse is named and registered the Controlling Body shall issue a registration certificate.

(2) The registration certificate shall be issued to the owner of the horse or to some other person considered appropriate by the Controlling Body, but remains the property of the Controlling Body.

(3) The registration certificate of a horse shall at all times be in possession of the trainer or other person in charge of the horse from time to time.

(4) The Controlling Body or HRA may substitute some other document or record for a registration certificate and the rules relating to such certificates shall then be read accordingly.

(5) The person who is required under this rule to have possession of the registration certificate shall produce same to the Controlling Body, HRA or Stewards on demand.

(6) A person not authorised in that behalf by the Controlling Body or HRA shall not erase or alter any information or particulars on a registration certificate.

Deregistration of a horse

[See Stud Book Regulations 11](#)

- **Repeal Rule 96A(1), (2), (3)(a), (b)**
- **Amend 96A(4)(b), (9)**

96A. (1) The Controlling Body may on application made by the owner of a horse withdraw the registration certificate of the horse.

(2) A horse which has its registration certificate withdrawn shall not be issued with another registration certificate without the written consent of the owner who applied for the withdrawal of the original registration certificate.

(3) (a) Where a registered horse has been retired from racing or a decision has been made to not race the horse, the owner of the horse at the time of its retirement must, within one month of the horse's retirement, notify the Registrar by lodging the relevant form prescribed by the Registrar.

(b) Where a registered horse has been retired from racing or a decision has been made to not race the horse but retain it for the purposes of breeding, the owner of the horse at the time of its retirement from breeding must, within one month of the horse's retirement notify the Registrar by lodging the relevant prescribed form.

(4) The owner or trainer of a registered horse at the time of its death shall:-

(b) In any other case notify HRA and the Controlling Body or Stewards of the death within twenty four hours of its occurrence.

(9) Where notification of retirement of racing has been given to the Registrar as provided by the [SBR](#) the horse is ineligible to race unless it is re-registered.

Offences

- **Amend Rule 122(5)**

122. (5) A person shall not change or abandon the name shown on a horse's registration certificate except with the approval of the Controlling Body or HRA.

14. GENERAL OFFENCES

Registration

- **Amend Rule 237**

237. A person shall not fail to register anything which these rules or the [Stud Book Regulations](#) require to be registered.

Orders and related matters

- **Amend Rule 238**
- **Amend Rule 239**

238. A person shall not fail to comply with any order, direction or requirement of HRA, the Controlling Body or the Stewards relating to harness racing or to the harness racing industry.

239. A person shall not do anything which can only be done at the order, direction or requirement of HRA, the Controlling Body or the Stewards in the absence of or contrary to, such order, direction or requirement.

Corruption and related matters

- **Amend Rule 245**
- **Amend Rule 246**

245. A person shall not direct, persuade, encourage or assist anyone to breach these rules, the [Stud Book Regulations](#) or otherwise engage in an improper practice.

246. A person who has reasonable grounds for believing that someone is behaving or may behave or has behaved in a way causing, likely to cause or which has caused a breach of these rules or the Stud Book Regulations shall promptly bring the matter to the notice of HRA, the Controlling Body or the Stewards.

Publications and related matters

- **Amend Rule 248**
- **Amend Rule 249**

248. A person shall not say, publish or write or cause to be said, published or written anything malicious, intimidatory, obscene, offensive, defamatory, racist, threatening, harassing, discriminatory, abusive or otherwise improper about HRA, the Controlling Body, their members and employees or the Stewards or anyone else associated with the Harness Racing Industry.

249. A person whether alone or in association with others shall not say, publish or write or cause to be said, published or written anything intended improperly to influence a decision of HRA, the Controlling Body, their members or employees, or the Stewards, on any matter.

Creation of offences

- **ReNUMBER existing Rule 255 to 255(1)**
- **Add new Rule 255(2)**

255. (1) A person who fails to comply with any provision of a rule contained in Part 14 is guilty of an offence.

(2) A person who infringes an offence provision in these rules or the [SBR](#) is guilty of an offence.

18. STUDS, SIRES and STUD BOOK

Registration

[See Stud Book Regulations 9 and 10](#)

- **Repeal Rule 274(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7)**
- **Repeal Rule 274A(1), (2), (3)(a), (b), (4), (5)(a)(i), (ii), (b), (6), (7), (8), (9)**

274. (1) A person desiring to use a place as a stud may make application for registration of the place to the Controlling Body.

(2) A person desiring to register a stallion as a sire may make application for registration of the horse to the Controlling Body.

(3) An application under this rule is to be made within the time, in the manner and form, and be accompanied by such documentation, information and fees as the Controlling Body may determine.

(4) The Controlling Body may grant registration for such period and upon such terms and conditions as it thinks fit or it may refuse registration.

(5) Registration may be cancelled by the Controlling Body.

(6) A person who uses or permits or connives at the use of a place as a stud which is not registered for such use under these rules, or in breach of a term or condition of registration, is guilty of an offence.

(7) A person who uses or permits or connives at the use of a stallion as a sire when the stallion is not registered as a sire under these rules, or in breach of a term or condition of registration, is guilty of an offence.

274A. (1) Application to register a place as a stud or register a stallion as a sire shall be made on form R274-A.

(2) A place will not be registered as a stud if the owner or studmaster is younger than 18 years.

(3) Unless the material is already on file with the Controlling Body an applicant for registration of a place as a stud shall furnish with the application -

(a) certified extracts of the birth of the stud owner and studmaster;

(b) the police records of the stud owner and studmaster.

(4) The Controlling Body at any time may request a stud owner or studmaster to furnish further copies of the material relating to the owner or studmaster, as the case may be, mentioned in sub-rule 3.

(5) (a) A certificate from a veterinary surgeon approved by the Controlling Body -

(i) supporting the registration of a place as a stud; and/or

(ii) supporting the registration of a stallion as a sire -

must be furnished with the initial application made under sub-rule (1) and with each subsequent application.

(b) Sub-rule (a) (i) does not apply to the registration of a place as a stud if the applicant holds a current licence, authority or approval from a state government department or other state body licensing or authorising the use of the place as a stud.

(6) Where application is made to register a place as a stud and it is inconvenient to obtain signed authorisation on form R274-A from a stallion owner to stand the stallion at the stud, the Controlling Body may accept written authorisation in some other manner from the stallion owner.

(7) It is a condition of registration that a stud shall always be maintained in a fit and proper condition.

(8) Any change to any of the particulars entered on an application made under sub-rule (1) shall immediately be notified to the Controlling Body.

(9) Notification or certification of registration under rule 274 shall be prominently displayed on the registered premises.

Sire summary sheet and related matters

[See Stud Book Regulations 13 and 14](#)

- **Repeal Rule 275(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6)(a), (b)(i), (ii), (iii), (7), (8), (9)**
- **Repeal Rule 275A(1), (2), (3)**

275. (1) The connections of a sire shall keep a written record of all mares served by the sire.

(2) The record shall contain the names of mares served, the dates of first and last service and the method of service.

(3) The connections of the sire shall lodge the record with the Controlling Body before such date as determined by the Controlling Body accompanied by such fees as the Controlling Body determines.

(4) If a mare is served after lodgement of the record the connections shall, within 28 days of the last date of service, apply to the Controlling Body to add to the record the particulars required under sub-rule (2).

(5) The connections of a sire shall issue to the owner of a served mare a document containing details of the mare and service performed.

(6) (a) Subject to paragraph (b), in a breeding season the total number of mares bred in accordance with Parts 18 and 19 of these Rules to a sire registered in Australia including free returns from a previous breeding season shall not exceed 150.

(b) In the breeding season commencing 1 September 2020 and ending 31 August 2021 the total number of mares bred to a stallion registered in Australia may exceed 150 to a maximum of 170 provided that:

(i) each additional foal is the progeny of a free return to that sire; and,

(ii) the free return must be to the same mare and that sire; and,

(iii) the studmaster has made written application to HRA to use the free return and the application has been approved.

(7) A horse that is foaled in contravention of sub-rule (6) shall not be eligible for registration.

(8) The Controlling Body may from time to time change the information required to be recorded under this rule, the way in which it is recorded and the manner, form and time in which information is to be supplied, materials or documents lodged or issued, or application made to the Controlling Body or other person.

(9) A person who fails to comply with any provision of this rule is guilty of an offence.

275A. (1) The written record of service referred to in sub-rule (1) of rule 275 shall be kept on form R275-A.

(2) Form R275-A shall be lodged with the Controlling Body no later than 31 March each year.

(3) The document issued under sub-rule (5) of rule 275 shall be form R277-A.

Identity verification

[See Stud Book Regulations 15](#)

- **Repeal Rule 276(1), (2), (3), (4)**

276. (1) The connections of a mare that is to be served by a sire shall, before service, supply to the studmaster of the sire the mare's registration certificate.

(2) Subject to sub-rule (3), the connections of a sire shall, in respect of each service by the sire, ensure by reference to the registration certificate of the mare being served, that it is the mare whose name will appear in the record kept under rule 275.

(3) The connections of a sire, not being in possession of a mare's registration certificate, shall not permit the mare to be serviced by the sire unless the mare's identity is verified by the Controlling Body or by reference to a publication of the Controlling Body or Harness Racing Australia containing the mare's identification details.

(4) A person who fails to comply with any provision of this rule is guilty of an offence.

Notification of foaling

[See Stud Book Regulations 16 and 17](#)

- **Repeal Rule 277(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6)**
- **Repeal Rule 277A(1), (2)**

277. (1) The connections of a Standardbred mare shall within such time after foaling as the Controlling Body determines notify the Controlling Body of the foaling and supply particulars of any prominent markings on the foal and its location.

(2) Notification shall be made on the document provided under rule 275(5) and shall be accompanied by such fees as the Controlling Body may determine.

(3) If a mare fails to produce a live foal from a service conducted under these rules the connections shall so notify the Controlling Body within 12 months of the last date of service.

(4) A person who fails to comply with any provision of this rule is guilty of an offence.

(5) The Controlling Body may from time to time change the details, time and form of notification required under this rule.

(6) Unless the Controlling Body otherwise determines, a horse is ineligible for registration if notification of its foaling is made after it attains the age of 2 years.

277A. (1) Notification of foaling shall be made on form R277-A.

(2) Notification shall be given within 21 days of foaling.

Bodily samples

- **Amend Rule 278(1)**

278. (1) If so directed by HRA or the Controlling Body, the connections of any Standardbred horse shall furnish HRA or the Controlling Body with any bodily specimen or sample from the horse.

Ineligibility to race

- **Amend Rule 279**

279. Except where the Controlling Body otherwise determines a horse shall be ineligible to race unless the provisions of the Stud Book Regulations applicable to or in respect of that horse have been complied with.

Offences

[See Stud Book Regulations 12](#)

- **Repeal Rule 280(1), (2)**

280. (1) The connections of a sire shall not lodge or cause to be lodged with the Controlling Body any record containing information relating to services performed by the sire in respect of serviced mares which is incorrect or incomplete.

(2) A person who fails to comply with sub-rule (1) is guilty of an offence.

Australian Trotting Stud Book

[See Stud Book Regulations 2](#)

- **Repeal Rule 280A(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7)**

280A. (1) The Keeper of the Stud Book shall publish annually the Australian Trotting Stud Book.

(2) The Keeper of the Stud Book shall determine the style, form, and layout of the Australian Trotting Stud Book.

(3) The Australian Trotting Stud Book shall contain the following Tables:

Table 1 – Sires

Part A – General List

This part shall comprise Standardbred sires that have sired progeny or winners subsequent to the publication of the previous Stud Book.

The entry therein shall include a distinctive number, best racing or time trial performance, colour, year of foaling and pedigree to second generation and the breeder's name and the State of domicile.

The entry shall also include a list of the names of mares that have produced to the sire concerned together with an annual updated list of winners and their best performances.

Qualifying Trial times shall not be recognized.

Part B – Tabulated Pedigrees of Stallions

This section shall include all those stallions at Stud from Australia, New Zealand, North America and Europe.

Table 2 – Dams

Part A – General List

All Standardbred mares producing a foal to a Standardbred sire or having a previously notified foal named or having produced with new or reduced time performance or increased stakemoney subsequent to the publication of the previous Stud Book shall be automatically entered in the next following Stud Book.

The mare's entry will parallel that of a sire's entry and the breeder's name of such of her foals will also be recorded.

Qualifying Trial times shall not be recognised.

Part B – Tabulated Pedigrees of Dams

This section shall include all those dams bred published in Part A of this Table.

Table 3 – Index to Registrations

All horses whose names have been issued and/or approved by the Registrar since the publication of the previous Stud Book shall be entered in the next published Stud Book in the Table called Index to Registrations. The entry shall include the allotted name, colour/sex, year of foaling and the breeding thereof. All such approved names shall also be entered against the dam's record of foalings.

- (4) HRA may at its discretion add additional Tables or such information as it considers necessary.
- (5) Winning performances in a race and against time endorsed by HRA shall be the only time performances recorded in the Stud Book.
- (6) Times for races less than a mile shall not be recorded.
- (7) In the event of non-compliance with Rules 93, 94, 94A, 95, 95A, 95AB or 96 HRA may direct any sire, dam or their progeny be ineligible for either naming or entry in the Stud Book, or set down conditions or require undertakings before a specific horse is named or before a sire, dam or their progeny are entered in the Stud Book.

19. ARTIFICIAL BREEDING

Techniques and Procedures

- **Amend Rule 281(d)**

281. Artificial breeding consists of all techniques and procedures -

(d) which are determined by HRA or the Controlling Body to be techniques or procedures relating to artificial breeding.

Importation of Semen

- **Amend Rule 283(1), (2)**

283. (1) A person who desires to import semen from a source outside Australia must comply with the [requirements](#) in that regard imposed by Harness Racing Australia and the [SBR](#).

(2) A person holding or dealing with semen collected from a stallion not standing in Australia at any time that semen is held or dealt with must comply with the [requirements](#) in that regard imposed by Harness Racing Australia and the SBR.

Artificial Breeding Requirements

- **Amend Rule 285(2), (3)**

285. (2) The [requirements](#) in force from time to time under this Rule and Rule 283 so far as they are applicable, form part of the terms and conditions attaching to licences granted under Rule 282.

(3) If [requirements](#) under this Rule or Rule 283 are infringed then, in addition to any other penalty or consequence, HRA or the Controlling Body may refuse to register any progeny from mares however served or from mares which have been the subject of a technique or procedure of artificial breeding, owned by the persons responsible for, or who could or should have prevented the infringement.

Transported Semen

- **Amend Rule 285A(3)(a), (h)**

285A.(3) Transported semen may be used for artificial breeding only if:

(a) the collection, storage and transportation of semen from the stallion complies with these rules and any requirements imposed under Rules 283 and 285;

(h) the horse foaled as a result of insemination by transported semen and the dam thereof are DNA genotyped for parentage verification at the cost of the broodmare owner and the result lodged with HRA and the Controlling Body.

Verification procedures

- **Amend Rule 287(2)**

287. (2) A foal resulting from embryo transfer or the use of transported semen shall be blood typed or DNA genotyped and the result thereof shall be lodged with HRA and the Controlling Body where the foal is to be registered.

Refusal to register stock

- **Amend Rule 288**

288. Stock produced by artificial breeding in breach of any provision of a rule in Part 19 or the [SBR](#) may be refused registration by HRA or the Controlling Body.

Australian Trotting Stud Book Regulations

- **Regulations 1 – 19**

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Add definition: “Offence Provision”
“Registered” or “Registration”
“Registration Certificate”
“Rules” or “these Rules”
“Stud Book Regulations” or “SBR)

Amend definition: “Keeper of the Stud Book”
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