

AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF RACING

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The Australian Racing Board has approved the following **two** amendments to the Australian Rules of Racing, effective from 1 January 2015.

AMENDMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING: AR 178F

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

Following recent cases, the Chairman of Stewards Committee (COSC) believes that AR 178F needs to cover treatments such as shock wave, acupuncture, vaccinations and others rather than just administrations of substances. Furthermore, there is no time requirement in the rule for when treatments need to be recorded. The COSC believe there is a need to amend AR 178F so that such treatments are recorded and that all records should be up to date on a daily basis.

The rationale for changes to AR 178F are as follows:

- To make it more clear that the rule applies to the administration of *treatments* and *medications*. What is meant by a treatment and medication is set out in more detail in AR 178F(2). Consequential amendments to the sub-rule have also been made to improve readability.
- To provide that each treatment or medication must be recorded “by midnight on the day on which the administration was given”. This makes it clear that all treatment/medication administrations must be recorded on the same day as which they are given. By referring to “midnight” it is anticipated that arguments will be avoided about recording within a 24 hour (or “one day”) period from administration.
- To slightly restructure the rule to move the requirement to keep records to a separate sub-rule (AR 178F(3)).
- To require the production of records relating to “treatment and/or medication”.
- To introduce a new sub-rule AR 178F(5) which makes it clear that a failure to comply with any provision of AR 178F is a breach of the rule and that the trainer may be penalised.

Amendment effective from 1 January 2015

AR 178F BE DELETED AND REPLACED AS FOLLOWS:

AR 178F

- ~~(1) A trainer must keep, and retain for a period of twelve months, a record of any treatment administered to any horse in his care. Each record of treatment must, as a minimum requirement, include the following information:~~
- ~~(a) name of the horse;~~
 - ~~(b) date of administration of the treatment;~~
 - ~~(c) name of the treatment (brand name or active constituent);~~
 - ~~(d) route of administration;~~
 - ~~(e) amount given;~~
 - ~~(f) name and signature of person or persons administering and/or authorising treatment.~~
- ~~(2) For the purposes of this rule “treatment” includes:~~
- ~~(a) all Controlled Drugs (Schedule 8) administered by a veterinarian;~~

- ~~(b) all Prescription Animal Remedies (Schedule 4), including those listed in AR 178C(2);~~
 - ~~(c) all Prescription Only Medicines (Schedule 4), prescribed and/or dispensed by a veterinarian for off-label use;~~
 - ~~(d) all injectable veterinary medicines (intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous, intra-articular) not already included above;~~
 - ~~(e) all Pharmacist Only (Schedule 3) and Pharmacy Only (Schedule 2) medicines;~~
 - ~~(f) all veterinary and other medicines containing other scheduled and unscheduled prohibited substances;~~
 - ~~(g) all alkalising agents;~~
 - ~~(h) all herbal preparations.~~
- ~~(3) Where directed by the Stewards, a person, including a trainer or a trainer's representative, must provide any record of treatment kept in accordance with AR 178F(1):~~
- ~~(a) immediately following the issue of the Stewards' direction; or~~
 - ~~(b) at any other time as required by the Stewards.~~

~~[AR 178F(3) deleted and replaced 1/9/13]~~

AR 178F

- (1) A trainer must record treatment and medication administered to each horse in his or her care by midnight on the day on which the administration was given, and each record must include the following information:
- (a) the name of the horse;
 - (b) the date and time of administration of the treatment or medication;
 - (c) the name of the treatment or medication administered (brand name or active constituent);
 - (d) the route of administration including by injection, stomach tube, paste, topical application or inhalation;
 - (e) the amount of medication given (if applicable);
 - (f) the duration of a treatment (if applicable);
 - (g) the name and signature of person or persons administering and/or authorizing the administration of the treatment or medication.
- (2) For the purposes of this rule:
- (a) "treatment" includes:
 - (i) shock wave therapy;
 - (ii) acupuncture (including laser treatment);
 - (iii) chiropractic treatment;
 - (iv) the use of any electrical stimulation device (including transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS));
 - (v) magnetic field therapy;
 - (vi) ultrasound;
 - (vii) any form of oxygen therapy, including hyperbaric oxygen therapy; and
 - (b) "medication" includes:
 - (i) all Controlled Drugs (Schedule 8) administered by a veterinarian;
 - (ii) all Prescription Animal Remedies (Schedule 4), including those listed in AR 178C(2);
 - (iii) all Prescription Only Medicines (Schedule 4), prescribed and/or dispensed by a veterinarian for off-label use;
 - (iv) all injectable veterinary medicines (intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous, intra-articular) not already included above;
 - (v) all Pharmacist Only (Schedule 3) and Pharmacy Only (Schedule 2) medicines;
 - (vi) all veterinary and other medicines containing other scheduled and unscheduled prohibited substances;
 - (vii) all alkalising agents;
 - (viii) all herbal preparations.
- (3) All records required to be kept in accordance with this AR 178F must be retained by the trainer for not less than two years.
- (4) When requested, a trainer must make available to the Stewards the record of any administration of a treatment and/or medication required by sub-rule (1).
- (5) A trainer who fails to comply with any provision of AR 178F commits a breach of this Rule and may be penalised.

~~[deleted and replaced 01/01/15]~~

AMENDMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING: AR 178C(1)(g)

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

The Executive Council of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) has approved the addition of a threshold level for free testosterone in blood plasma from geldings. This threshold level has been derived from international collaborative studies that included input from Australia. The threshold of 100 picograms per milliliter of free testosterone in gelding plasma has been recommended for inclusion in AR 178C(1)(g) by the ARB's Veterinary and Analysts Committee (VAC). As conjugated testosterone is not an entity in plasma, AR 178C(1)(g) has been redrafted accordingly.

Amendment effective from 1 January 2015

AR 178C(1)(g) BE DELETED AND REPLACED AS FOLLOWS:

AR 178C

~~(1) The following prohibited substances when present at or below the concentrations respectively set out are excepted from the provisions of AR 178B and AR 178H:~~

~~(g) Testosterone (including both free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its conjugates):~~

- ~~(i) in geldings: at a mass concentration of 20 micrograms per litre in urine;~~
- ~~(ii) in fillies and mares: at a mass concentration of 55 micrograms per litre in urine. [amended 1/9/01]~~
- ~~(iii) In fillies and mares that have been notified as pregnant pursuant to the requirements of AR 64E (2); at any concentration. [added 1/12/05]~~

AR 178C

(1) The following prohibited substances when present at or below the concentrations respectively set out are excepted from the provisions of AR 178B and AR 178H:

(g) Testosterone:

- (i) in geldings: free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its conjugates at a mass concentration of 20 micrograms per litre in urine;
- (ii) in fillies and mares: free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its conjugates at a mass concentration of 55 micrograms per litre in urine;
- (iii) in fillies and mares that have been notified as pregnant pursuant to the requirements of AR 64E(2): free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its conjugates at any concentration in urine;
- (iv) in geldings: free testosterone at a mass concentration of 100 picograms per millilitre in plasma.

[AR 178C(1)(g) deleted and replaced 01/01/15]

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