

## CONSULTATION NOTICE - RULES OF RACING

<b>Code of Racing</b>	Harness
<b>Rule</b>	Australian Harness Racing Rules - Multiple Rules
<b>Description</b>	Refer below
<b>Authorised for Consultation</b>	December 20, 2023
<b>Consultation Closes</b>	January 19, 2024
<b>Submissions to</b>	<a href="mailto:policies@racingqueensland.com.au">policies@racingqueensland.com.au</a>

Racing Queensland (**RQ**) has received notice from Harness Racing Australia (**HRA**) that it adopted amendments to the Australian Harness Racing Rules on December 15, 2023, as summarised below:

- AHRR 49 - Meetings and Races: Judging;
- AHRR 159A and 159B - Drivers: Helmets and Protective Vests;
- AHRR 162 - Drivers: Matters at the Start/During a Race; and
- AHRR 281 - Artificial Breeding: Techniques and Procedures.

Full details and background to the rule amendments are provided in the following pages in documentation issued by HRA.

Stakeholders are invited to provide feedback on the rule amendments as per the details at the top of this document.

RQ will then consider the implementation date for the rules in Queensland and provide advice accordingly.

## AUSTRALIAN HARNESS RACING RULES Rules Amendments - HRA approved 15 December 2023

### 3. MEETINGS AND RACES

#### Judging

- **Amend Rule 49(7)**

49. (7) Notwithstanding sub-rule (6) where, in the opinion of the Stewards, the judge has made an error, which the judge declines to correct having been afforded opportunity to do so, or where in the opinion of the Stewards the judge was not in a position to determine the result, the Stewards shall stand the judge down for such period as they think fit.

### 9. DRIVERS

#### Offences – Relating to dress – Helmets

- **Amend Rule 159A(1)(a), (b)(i), (ii)**
- **Renumber Rule 159A(1)(c)(i), (ii) to 159A(1)(b)(iii) and Amend**

- 159A. (1) (a) When driving or riding a horse the driver must wear a properly affixed helmet which is of a make and model approved by HRA and entered in the [Register of Helmets](#).
- (b) The helmet must:-
- (i) Be in a satisfactory condition;
  - (ii) Not be modified in any way save and except for any art or decorative work;
  - (iii) Have attached to it a manufacturer's label that states the date of manufacture and that it complies with a [standard approved by HRA](#).

#### Offences – Relating to dress – Protective Vests

- **Amend Rule 159B(1)(a), (b)(i), (ii)**
- **Renumber Rule 159B(1)(c) to 159B(1)(b)(iii) and Amend**

- 159B. (1) (a) When driving or riding a horse the driver must wear a properly affixed protective vest which is of a make and [model approved by HRA](#).
- (b) The protective vest must:-
- (i) Be in a satisfactory condition;

- (ii) Not be modified in any way;
- (iii) Have attached to it a manufacturer's label that states the date of manufacture and that it complies with a [standard approved by HRA](#).

#### **Offences – relating to matters at the start and during the race**

- **Amend Rule 162(1)(www)**

**162.** (1) A driver shall not -

- (www) allow his horse to shift ground in a manner which impedes, hinders or advantages another horse;

#### **19. ARTIFICIAL BREEDING**

##### **Techniques and Procedures**

- **Renumber Rule 281 to 281(1) and Amend preamble**
- **Add new Rule 281(2)**

**281.** (1) Subject to sub-rule (2) artificial breeding consists of all techniques and procedures -

- (a) whereby semen can be obtained from a stallion and introduced into a mare;
- (b) relating to the collection, storage, chilling, freezing, transportation and use of semen;
- (c) relating to the extraction of an embryo from a mare, and the placement of an embryo into a mare, and the transfer of an embryo from one mare to another;
- (d) which are determined by HRA or the Controlling Body to be techniques or procedures relating to artificial breeding.

(2) The genetic practices of In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF), Ovum Pick-Up (OPU) and Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI) are prohibited techniques and procedures.

#### **Summary of Amendments – HRA approved 15 December 2023**

##### **RULES AMENDED**

49(7), 159A(1)(a), (b)(i), (ii), (iii), 159B(1)(a), (b)(i), (ii), (iii), 162(1)(www), 281(1)

##### **HEADINGS**

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##### **NEW RULES / SUB-RULES**

281(2)

##### **RULES REPEALED**

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##### **RULES RENUMBERED**

159A(1)(c)(i), (ii) to 159A(1)(b)(iii), 159B(1)(c) to 159B(1)(b)(iii), 281 to 281(1)