



## NOTICE

# RACING NSW POLICY ON NOTIFICATION OF VETERINARY CONDITIONS

Trainers are reminded of their obligation under Australian Rule of Racing AR 105 to report to Stewards any occurrence, condition, surgery or treatment may affect the horse's performance.

Conditions that include mandatory reporting to the Stewards include:

- Any surgery aimed at correcting a condition that may have adversely impacted a horse's prior performances (e.g. upper respiratory tract surgery or surgery to correct lameness/limb inflammation/pain or gait disfunction)
- If a horse is required to have a long period of rest to heal an injury sustained during racing or training (e.g. tendon/ligament strain)
- Lameness or musculoskeletal pain/inflammation
- Injury to any part of the body which could potentially adversely impact on the horse's performance or constitute a welfare or public perception issue on race day, or have resulted in an interrupted preparation
- Any condition or occurrence that has resulted in the horse missing consecutive days of normal exercise, or that has sufficiently interrupted and thus adversely impacted a horse's preparation for its next race
- Any systemic illness that has adversely impacted on a horse's health or wellbeing or that may have resulted in an interrupted preparation e.g. colic attack respiratory infection, any illness causing loss of appetite

### *Relevant Rule*

#### **AR 105 Matters that may affect the running of a horse in a race**

*(1) The trainer of a horse, or any person that is in control of a horse, that is nominated for a race must:*

*(a) ensure that the horse is fit and properly conditioned to race;*

*(b) by nomination time, report to the Stewards any occurrence, condition, surgery or treatment that may affect the horse's performance in the race where the occurrence takes place, condition is present, surgery is performed or treatment is administered before nomination time;*

*(c) as soon as is practicable after nomination time and before acceptance time, report to the Stewards any occurrence, condition, surgery, or treatment that may affect the horse's performance in the race where the occurrence takes place, condition is present, surgery is performed or treatment is administered after nomination time and before acceptance time;*

*(d) if the horse is accepted for the race – as soon as is practicable, report to the Stewards any occurrence, condition, surgery or treatment that may affect the horse's performance in a race*

*where the occurrence takes place, condition is present, surgery is performed or treatment is administered after acceptance time.*

*(2) The owner and/or trainer of a horse must:*

*(a) as soon as practicable after a race, report to the Stewards anything which might have affected the running of their horse in a race; and*

*(b) immediately after a race, report to the Stewards:*

*(i) any loss or breakage of gear which occurred during the race; or*

*(ii) any unusual happening in connection with the race.*

*(3) Further to subrule (2), if a trainer becomes aware of any condition or injury which may have affected the horse's performance in the race, the trainer must report the condition or injury to the Stewards as soon as practicable and no later than acceptance time for its next race engagement.*