



**Racing  
Victoria**

## AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF RACING

### Amendment No 171 – Issued 27 December 2017

Racing Australia has approved the following amendments to the Australian Rules of Racing, effective from 1 January 2018.

#### AMENDMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING: AR 14B(b), (c) & (d)

##### SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT

This amendment seeks to clarify the Australian Rules of Racing in respect of the time permitted to lodge a Mare Return and a Foal Ownership Declaration (FOD) after a foal is born.

Under the current Rules of Racing (i) a Mare Return is required to be lodged within 30 days of foaling; and (ii) a horse cannot be registered unless a FOD is lodged within 30 days of a Mare Return being lodged.

The amendment requires (i) a Mare Return to be lodged in accordance with the Australian Stud Book rules; and (ii) a FOD to be lodged within 60 days of foaling.

The overall effect of the proposed rule changes is that a Mare Return must be lodged within 30 days of foaling and a FOD must be lodged within 60 days of foaling, whereby a horse will not be registered under the Rules of Racing and therefore not permitted to race if both the Mare Return and FOD have not been lodged within a maximum of 120 days of foaling.

#### Amendments effective from 1 January 2018

##### **AR 14B(b), (c) & (d) BE DELETED AND REPLACED AS FOLLOWS:**

###### **AR 14B**

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- ~~(b) An Eligible Horse cannot be registered under these Rules unless, within 30 days of the Mare Return lodgement, the Foal Ownership Declaration has been lodged by the Manager, or his or her Authorised Agent, with the Registrar.~~
- ~~(c) Save that in its sole and absolute discretion the Registrar may extend the time specified in subrule (b) to no greater than 90 days including but not limited to a case where a legally qualified veterinary surgeon certifies in writing that such extension is in the best interests of the health of the Eligible Horse.~~
- ~~(d) Between the time specified in subrule (b) (or any extension of same) and the time an Eligible Horse is first registered under these Rules, all transfers of ownership of such Eligible Horse must be submitted by the transferee, within four weeks of each such transfer taking place, by lodging the prescribed form and paying the prescribed fee.~~

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###### **AR 14B**

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- (b) An Eligible Horse cannot be registered under these Rules unless:
  - (i) a Mare Return has been lodged with the Australian Stud Book in accordance with the Rules of the Australian Stud Book; and
  - (ii) a Foal Ownership Declaration has been lodged by the Manager, or his or her Authorised Agent, with the Registrar within 60 days of foaling.
- (c) Save that in its sole and absolute discretion the Registrar may extend the time specified in subrule (b)(ii) to no greater than 120 days including but not limited to a case where a legally qualified veterinary surgeon certifies in writing that such extension is in the best interests of the health of the Eligible Horse.

(d) Between the time specified in subrule (b)(ii) (or any extension of same) and the time an Eligible Horse is first registered under these Rules, all transfers of ownership of such Eligible Horse must be submitted by the transferee, within four weeks of each such transfer taking place, by lodging the prescribed form and paying the prescribed fee.

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