

RIDER OVERWEIGHT DIRECTIVE

5 May 2023

QLD Metropolitan, Provincial and TAB Country Meetings

The following overweights are permitted at all Queensland race meetings subject to the below conditions.

| <u>Handicap Weight</u> | <u>Maximum Permitted Overweight</u> |
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| 55.5kg or below | 1.0kg |
| 56kg | 0.5kg |
| 56.5kg | No overweight |

1. Jockey overweights are to be declared through the Racing Australia Service Centre prior to the advertised jockey declaration time.
2. No approval to ride overweight will be given after rider declaration time.
3. Failure to ride at the approved amended weight may lead to another rider being substituted, if available, and a penalty may be imposed.
4. Should a senior rider who has been declared and advertised to ride overweight need to be replaced, the replacement rider is to ride at the advertised overweight.

Apprentices

1. Apprentices are required to declare a Minimum Riding Weight (MRW), which must be advertised to the stewards by the time listed for final declarations for the meeting.
2. Any Apprentice wishing to alter their MRW must lodge a written request, counter signed by their Master, with the Stewards department prior to acceptances for the meeting at which the altered MSW is to apply.
3. At all race meetings Apprentices must claim their full allowance or ride at their MRW. Failure to meet this requirement may lead to another Apprentice being substituted and a penalty imposed for failing to claim their full allowance or meet the advertised MRW.
4. Apprentices will not be permitted to claim below their advertised MRW.
5. Under no circumstances will an apprentice be permitted to ride over their MRW unless otherwise approved by the Stewards.

Non-TAB meetings

1. Jockey overweights are to be declared through the Racing Australia Service Centre prior to the advertised jockey declaration time.
2. If there is no available rider to ride at the allocated weight or within the overweight scale, including apprentices, a trainer may make application to stewards for a rider to ride overweight. **No permission will be granted to ride outside the overweight scale if there are available riders at the meeting.**
3. If permitted, this information is to be disseminated to the on-course bookmakers and announced by the on-course broadcaster.

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