

Jockeys Overweight Policy



PART A - Jockeys - TAB Meetings:

Metropolitan, Provincial and Country Meetings -

No Jockey shall be permitted to declare overweight on a horse after being engaged to ride that horse, provided that where a horse is weighted below 55.0kgs the Stewards may grant permission for a rider to ride that horse at a half a kilogram over its allotted weight. Any permission granted to ride overweight as prescribed in this Policy will be subject to the following:

1. A Jockey must first obtain the approval of the Trainer and/or the Owner(s) of such horse before requesting permission from Stewards, and
2. The request must be made by the Jockey only and not by any other person.
3. Any request by a Jockey to the Stewards for permission to ride overweight under this Policy must be received by no later than 4.00pm the day before the race meeting for which the permission is sought.

For the avoidance of doubt, the maximum overweight allowed is a half a kilogram (0.5kg) regardless of the weight allocated to the horse (provided the weight is below 55.0kgs), and no overweight may be declared on any horse weighted at 55.0kgs or above.

By way of example - if:

Jockey A is engaged to ride a horse weighted at 54.5kgs, and
Jockey B is engaged to ride a horse weighted at 54.0kgs, and

Both Jockeys A & B make application to ride overweight and they comply with the provisions of this Policy, and such permission is granted, then:

Jockey A will be allowed to ride his/her horse at 55.0kgs, and
Jockey B will be allowed to ride his/her horse at 54.5kgs.

PART - B Jockeys - Non-TAB Meetings:

At any non-TAB race meeting a Jockey or an Apprentice Jockey, who no longer claims an allowance may, with the permission of the Stewards, declare overweight. A Jockey or an Apprentice Jockey must first obtain the approval of the Trainer and/or the Owner(s) of such horse before requesting permission from Stewards.

PART C - Apprentice Jockeys:

Unless permitted by the Stewards an Apprentice Jockey shall not be allowed to declare overweight. In the event Stewards grant any such permission to an Apprentice Jockey then such overweight shall be in accordance with Part A of this Policy.

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