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**Racing New South Wales**

**Protocols for  
CLERK OF SCALES**

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## 1. PREFACE

The position of CLERK OF SCALES is one that holds significant importance in assisting the process to ensure that all horses carry the correct handicapped weight in a race. The CLERK OF SCALES must be a person who is thorough and meticulous with very high standards of accuracy. Importantly the CLERK OF SCALES must also be a person of unquestionable integrity, with knowledge of industry terminology and an understanding of race meeting procedures. Additionally the CLERK OF SCALES must have an extensive knowledge of gear that is approved to be used by jockeys and an understanding of the Rules of Racing relating to the weighing process of riders and the apprentice claims system.

## 2. RULES OF RACING

### WEIGHING OUT

**AR 118.** *Any rider who has a riding engagement at any race meeting shall be present in the jockeys room no later than 45 minutes before the advertised starting time for the first race in which he has a riding engagement and, unless otherwise permitted by the Stewards, shall thereafter remain in the jockeys room until he has completed his riding engagements, when he shall seek the permission of the Stewards to leave the jockeys room. In weighing no account shall be taken of fractions of a half kilogram.*

**AR 118A.** *A rider or any other person shall not, without the permission of the Stewards, add to, remove from, or change any equipment with which the rider has been weighed-out.*

**AR 118AA.** *(1) When weighing-out for any race every rider must secure in his lead bag or saddle pouch any lead or other weight.  
(2) All lead or other weight must be carried in the saddle or lead bag pouches and must be securely fastened therein.*

**AR 118B.** *To compensate for the wearing of safety gear in races, other than such safety gear which is not allowed in the scales pursuant to AR 148, the weight of all riders shall be calculated at one kilogram less than the weight that is registered on the scale at both weighing-out and weighing-in.*

**AR 120.** *(a) If a rider intends to carry overweight in a race, he must declare the amount of his overweight to the Clerk of the Scales. If such overweight is half a kilogram or more the rider must first obtain the permission of the Stewards to carry such extra weight. The Clerk of Scales shall exhibit all overweight outside the weighing room.*

**LR 57.** *After weighing out, every rider must ensure that the correct saddle cloth number is placed with his or her saddle and gear.*

**LR 58.** *All lead or other weight included by a rider when weighing out for a race riding engagement must be secured in a rider's lead bag or saddle pouch.*

## **WEIGHING IN**

**AR 142.** *When a race has been run every rider shall immediately after pulling up, ride his horse to the place of weighing and when told by the Stewards so to do and not before, there dismount and the riders of the placed horses, and such other riders as directed by the Stewards, shall be weighed to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the Scales or a Steward. Provided that if a rider be prevented by accident, illness or other cause deemed sufficient by the Stewards from riding to the place of weighing he may walk or be carried to the scales. If, in the opinion of the Stewards, it is impracticable to weigh in a rider, his horse shall not be disqualified if he weighed out correctly and the Stewards are of the opinion that he carried his correct weight.*

**AR 143.** *If a horse carries less weight than the weight it should carry -*  
*(a) it shall be disqualified for the race, provided that a rider shall be allowed by the Clerk of the Scales a half kilogram for the weight of his bridle.*  
*(b) notwithstanding paragraph (a), the rider and/or any other person at fault may be punished.*

**AR 144.** *If a rider does not weigh in when required to do so, or if he touch (except accidentally) any person or thing other than his own equipment, after starting, and before weighing in, unless justified by extraordinary circumstances in doing so, he may be punished and the horse he rode may be disqualified for that race; provided that any part of his equipment dropped after passing the post may be handed to him by the Clerk of the Course or other authorised official.*

**AR 145.** *If a horse carries more than a half a kilogram in a flat race, or two kilograms in a steeplechase or hurdle race over the weight imposed or declared, the rider and any other person at fault may be punished.*

**AR 147.** *If a horse runs in a muzzle, martingale, breastplate, or clothing, these must be put in the scale and included in the rider's weight.*

**AR 148.** *No saddlecloth, helmet, whip or substitute for a whip, blinkers, visor blinkers, winkers, ear muffs, nose bands, nose rolls, tongue ties, mesh eye protectors, Cornell Collar, plates or anything worn on a horse's legs shall be allowed in the scales, either on weighing-out or weighing-in.*

**AR 150.** *When all the riders required to be weighed in have been so weighed to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the Scales or a Steward, if there has been no objection or after any objection has been determined, the Stewards shall direct a signal to that effect to be displayed at such place as is provided for that purpose.*

## **APPRENTICES ALLOWANCES**

**AR 92.** *(1) Any apprentice entitled under the Rules to ride in races may claim, in accordance with the following scales, a weight allowance in such races on the flat as the Local Rules of a Principal Racing Authority permit.*

*(2) For races run in a **Metropolitan Area** as defined by the Local Rules of any Principal Racing Authority:*

*If he has not ridden 20 winners on the flat in a Metropolitan Area 3kg*

*If he has not ridden 50 winners on the flat in a Metropolitan Area 2kg*

*If he has not ridden 80 winners on the flat in a Metropolitan Area 1.5kg*

*Provided that for the purposes of this rule a winning ride in a Group or Listed race shall be deemed to be a winning ride in a Metropolitan Area. Further provided that no apprentice jockey may claim a weight allowance in any Group or Listed race. Further provided that, notwithstanding the provisions of subrules (2), (3) and (4), an apprentice may claim a weight allowance of 4 kilograms until he has ridden 5 winners on the flat; on condition that a Principal Racing Authority may except its territory from the application of this further proviso.*

*(3) For races run in a **Provincial Area** as defined by the Local Rules of any Principal Racing Authority:*

*If he has not ridden 20 winners on the flat in a Metropolitan Area and/or a Provincial Area 3kg*

*If he has not ridden 50 winners on the flat in a Metropolitan Area and/or a Provincial Area 2kg*

*If he has not ridden 80 winners on the flat in a Metropolitan Area and/or a Provincial Area 1.5kg*

*(4) For races run **other than in a Metropolitan Area or a Provincial Area**:*

*If he has not ridden 20 winners on the flat 3kg*

*If he has not ridden 50 winners on the flat 2kg*

*If he has not ridden 80 winners on the flat 1.5kg*

*(5) No apprentice may claim a weight allowance outside the Metropolitan Area greater than the allowance he is entitled to claim within the Metropolitan Area.*

*(6) Any apprentice may claim the same allowance during a day of racing to which he was entitled at the beginning of that day.*

*(7) No horse shall have its weight reduced below 43.5 kg by reason of any allowance.*

*(8) For the purposes of calculating the weight allowance for an apprentice all dead-heats for first place shall count as winning mounts.*

*(9) All winning mounts ridden by an apprentice on the flat before his apprenticeship shall be included as winning mounts.*

*(10) A winning rides book shall be issued to every apprentice, and it shall be the responsibility of the apprentice and his master to ensure that it is in the possession of the apprentice at every race meeting he attends, and that winning mounts are entered in his winning rides book and endorsed by a steward before the apprentice leaves the racecourse on any day on which he has ridden a winner or winners.*

*(11) No apprentice shall claim an allowance to which he is not entitled and any horse that has been ridden in a race by an apprentice whose weight in the race has been adjusted by an allowance to which he is not entitled may be disqualified for the race.*

*(12) Except with the permission of the Stewards, every apprentice must claim his full allowance, and any apprentice who fails to do so commits an offence and may be stood down for such ride.*

*(13) Winning rides in flat races held outside Australia shall be regarded for the purposes of this Rule as winning rides in an Australian Metropolitan Area.*

(14) Any apprentice and/or his master may be penalised for any breach of this rule and any person concurring in or conniving at such breach may also be penalised.

**LR 69.** An apprentice is entitled to claim a weight allowance in accordance with the 3 tier scale provided for in AR 92 unless:

- (1) the conditions of the race specify apprentices may not claim or
- (2) the race is run under quality handicap conditions or
- (3) the race is run under fixed weight conditions where the prizemoney exceeds \$70,000 excluding trophies or bonuses.

**LR 70.** Every apprentice shall, where the conditions of the race permit, claim that portion of his/her available allowance down to his/her notified riding weight. Should any apprentice seek to adjust the amount he/she may claim so as to ride above or below his/her notified riding weight then he/she must no later than rider declaration time for the meeting concerned, obtain the permission of the Stewards to do so.

### 3. APPROVED GEAR

The gear illustrated below are examples of approved gear for use by Jockeys in races and must be included in the weighing out process. The items pictured below are provided as examples of different types of gear and are not the only brands of gear approved. If you have questions relating to any gear being used please refer to the Stewards prior to weighing out any rider. CLERK OF SCALES should familiarise themselves with this apparel.

#### BODY PROTECTORS



Tipperary "Racer"



Ozvest



VIPA



Racesafe

#### RACE BOOTS



**JOCKEY COLOURS**



**RACE BREECHES**

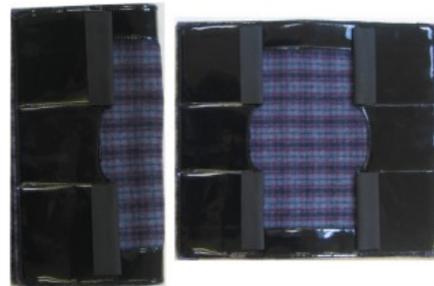


**SADDLES**



**Saddle Lead Pouch**

**LEAD BAGS**



**SADDLE PADS & PACKING**



**Persuader-Non slip**



**Compressed Sponge**



**Spongy Foam-Cotton**



**Towel**

**STIRRUPS & LEATHERS**



**GIRTHS**



**Persuader-All  
Elastic**



**Double Elastic**



**USA Raceday**

**SURCINGLE**



**Persuader**



**Lightweight**



**USA Raceday**

**GIRTH COVERS**



**Thick Foam**



**Lambs Wool**



**Sponge**

## **OTHER GEAR**



**Breast Plate**



**Rings**



**Neck Strap**

## **MANDATORY GEAR**

The follow items of gear are mandatory for riders to weigh out with

- Boots
- Breeches
- Colours
- Bib or Skivvy
- Body Protector
- Saddle (dressed), Stirrups & Leathers
- Girth & Surcingle
- Minimum 1 piece saddle pad/packing

All other gear included in this document is optional, however most riders will include either a breastplate or neck strap when weighing out.

## **4. PREPARATION**

**4.1** The CLERK OF SCALES should arrive on course 90 minutes prior to the running of the first event. Upon arrival the CLERK OF SCALES must report to the Stewards, collect the official Racing NSW Jockeys Scales Report and verify the following information with the Stewards;

- All official scratchings and riding changes.
- Which races apprentices are entitled to claim.
- Horse that are subject to a weight penalty after weights have been declared.
- Apprentice claim entitlements and riding weights of all apprentices riding at the race meeting.
- Any permission for overweight that may have been granted by Stewards.

**4.2** The CLERK OF SCALES shall then check to ensure the scales are in good working condition and wherever possible, place a weight on the scales to verify the accuracy of the scales. If there are any issues with the scales this must be reported to the Stewards immediately.

## 5. WEIGHING OUT

- 5.1** Weighing out for the first race should commence at approximately 40 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. For all races riders should be weighed out by 30 minutes prior to scheduled start time, unless by order of the Stewards riders are requested to weigh out a race in advance due to restricted time between races.
- 5.2** During the weigh no account shall be taken of 1/2 KG fractions when determining weight. For example a horse that is allocated with 54KG, a rider may weigh out between 54KG and 54.49KG. Under no circumstances should a rider who presents under his/her handicapped weight be weighed out with an arrangement being made to subsequently adjust his/her weight by consumption of fluid or other means.
- 5.3** When a rider presents to weigh he/she must be wearing the jockey colours he/she will carry during the event being weighed out for. In addition all mandatory gear listed in part 3 of this document must be accounted for during the weighing out process. In accordance with the Rules of Racing number cloths, helmets, goggles, other face protection, gloves and whip shall not be included in the weigh.
- 5.4** As the rider presents on scale the CLERK OF SCALES shall call the riders name and scale weight. If an apprentice is weighing out, the weight, including the approved claim, must be called. For example apprentice ABC claiming 3KG, 54KG.
- 5.5** The CLERK OF SCALES shall ensure the rider stands squarely on the platform of the scales and that no other part of his/her body is in contact with any other structure. If a rider attempts to modify his/her weight in this fashion the matter shall immediately be reported to the Stewards.
- 5.6** The clerk of scales shall then ensure that the rider views the scales and the rider agrees that he/she has weighed out at the correct weight.
- 5.7** The CLERK OF SCALES shall then record the exact weight that the rider weighed out at in the Weight Out column and any claim or permitted overweight in the Claim/Overweight column as detailed in figure 1.
- 5.8** If a rider is overweight or if an apprentice jockey is unable to claim down to his/her notified riding weight the rider shall be directed to remain at the scale with his/her saddle and the Stewards are to be notified.

**FIGURE 1**

**Royal Randwick 22/11/2008**  
**RACE 1. AUSTRALIAN INCOME PROTECTION PLATE 01:00PM**  
**1000 Meters**

No	Horse (Trainer)	Jockey	Aloted Wgt	Claim/Over Wgt	Weight Out	Weight In	Gear
1	<b>Go Dever (Peter Toogood)</b> YELLOW, BLACK STAR AND ARMBANDS.	T Angland	57.5		57.6		LB, BP
2	<b>High Principles (Andrew Eastcott)</b> GOLD, PURPLE HORSESHOE, SLEEVES, QUARTERED CAP	S Hughes	57.5		57.9		GC, LB
3	<b>Power Personified (Gai Waterhouse)</b> RED, BLACK STRIPES	N Rawiller	57.5		57.6		GC, BP
4	<b>Shellscape (Chris Waller)</b> BLACK, GREY DIAGONAL STRIPES, BLACK SLEEVES AND CAP	D Nikolic	57.5		57.6		GC, BP, NS
5	<b>Readyor (Jack Denham)</b> WHITE, PURPLE STAR, HOOPED SLEEVES AND CAP	J Penza	57		57		R, BP
6	<b>Phenomenal Lass (Paul Murray)</b> PINK, LIME GREEN STARS, LIME GREEN SLEEVES	G Schofield	55.5		55.7		BP, NS
7	<b>Soaring Colours (Graeme Rogerson)</b> YELLOW, RED SQUARE, ORANGE SLEEVES	P Wells (A)	55.5	-1.5	54.1		BP, LB
8	<b>Sutton Princess (Luke Griffith)</b> RED	C Brown	55.5		55.6		BP, NS

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... 4th..... 5th..... 6th.....

- 5.9** The CLERK OF SCALES shall then ask the rider to declare gear (other than mandatory gear listed in part 3 of this document). This gear may include, but is not limited to: lead bag, girth cover, breastplate, rings and neck strap. This gear shall be recorded in the gear column as shown above in figure 1.
- 5.10** Once all riders for the race have been weighed out the CLERK OF SCALES shall then immediately have the Stewards check and approve the Scales Report.
- 5.11** The CLERK OF SCALES shall then advise the Identification Official of all non mandatory gear, so that it may be checked by the Identification Official when horses enter the mounting enclosure.
- 5.12** Once approved the CLERK OF SCALES shall advise all broadcasters and the Judge of any alterations to weights, including apprentice claims and overweights. In addition, where applicable, the CLERK OF SCALES shall notate the weight alterations on any public notice board designated for this purpose.
- 5.13** Should a rider after the weigh seek to add to or change any gear (i.e. rings, girth cover, girth etc) then such application must be brought to the attention of Stewards for their approval.
- 5.14** The CLERK OF SCALES then has the responsibility to ensure riders carry the correct colours in a race. As a rider presents in the mounting enclosure the CLERK OF SCALES shall ensure the colours being worn by the rider match the description in the race book. Any discrepancies must be reported immediately to the Stewards and approved changes notified to the Broadcasters and Judge. During this time the CLERK OF SCALES should also take note of gear (including boots & girths) being used by jockeys particularly those riders who may have had difficulty making the weight on their horse. Any gear alteration made subsequent to weighing out, must be reported to the Stewards as this is an offence under the rules of racing.

## 6. WEIGHING IN

- 6.1** Immediately following the race the CLERK OF SCALES shall from an official source record the Judges official placings including margins and time. These details shall be recorded on the bottom of the Official Scales Report. In no circumstances must the CLERK OF SCALES rely on an unofficial source such as the Course Broadcaster for such information.
- 6.2** Unless otherwise specified by Stewards, the riders of all horses that finished in a position that received prizemoney must be weighed in, in the presence of a Steward. In addition the rider of the next placed horse must also weigh in. For example where prizemoney is paid down to 5<sup>th</sup> placing the first 6 riders must be weighed.
- 6.3** As each rider presents to scale to weigh in the CLERK OF SCALES in the presence of a Steward shall call the riders name and the allocated weight. Claims and overweights shall also be advised at this time. For example apprentice ABC claiming 3KG, 54KG. The CLERK OF SCALES shall then record in the Scales Report the weight of every rider as he/she weighs in as illustrated in figure 2.

**FIGURE 2**

**Royal Randwick 22/11/2008**  
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**MARGINS: ½ Length x Short Head      TIME: 57.76 (Last 600m: 33.99)**

- 6.4** Once all required riders have been weighed the CLERK OF SCALES and Stewards shall confirm the placings of the race. Should there be no objection or other matters arising from the event the Stewards shall declare correct weight. The CLERK OF SCALES or Stewards shall then announce correct weight via the broadcasters or other signal.

- 6.5** Should there be issues that result in Stewards delaying correct weight the CLERK OF SCALES shall remain in the vicinity of the scales area to confirm correct weight once the order is given by the Stewards.
- 6.6** At the conclusion of the race meeting the CLERK OF SCALES shall hand the completed scales report to the Stewards for record keeping and verification of Race results.