

AUSTRALIAN THOROUGHBRED

AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

The Australian Racing Board is the only authority that is empowered to make the Australian Rules of Racing which for more than a century have provided common practices, conditions and integrity standards for racing throughout Australia.

The individual State and Territory racing administrations may make Local Rules for specific local conditions provided that they are not inconsistent with the principles established by the Australian Rules.

Broadly described, there are nine parts to the Australian Rules of Racing:

i. INTERPRETATION

ii. STEWARDS

(Providing for the appointment, functions and powers of the Stewards)

iii. REGISTRATION

(Providing for the registration of race clubs and race meetings and the appointment, functions and powers of the Registrar of Racehorses)

iv. RACE MEETINGS

(Providing uniform conditions for the conduct of race meetings including nominations and acceptances, stakes and forfeits, weight penalties and allowances, scratching, weighing out and weighing in, starting, running, judging and protests)

v. LICENSING

(Providing for the licensing of jockeys, apprentice jockeys, amateur riders and trainers, their movement between States and outside Australia, apprentices allowances, rider safety)

vi. SYNDICATES

(Regulating the formation, conduct and termination of racing syndicates)

vii. OFFENCES

(Proscribing dishonest, corrupt, fraudulent, improper or dishonourable actions or practices in connection with racing, including setting out the regime relating to prohibited substances)

viii. PENALTIES

(Providing the penalties of fines, suspension, disqualification, warning off)

ix. CONSTITUTIONAL

(Providing the structure, powers and functions of the Australian Racing Board)

The major benefits of the Australian Rules have been:

(i) Free traffic between States.

Uniform rules allow horses, trainers and jockeys to move freely between States.

(ii) Mutual recognition of disciplinary and protective action.

The Australian Rules provide a disciplinary code that has been tested to the level of the Privy Council, and allow mutual recognition of disciplinary and protective actions across the Commonwealth and internationally.

(iii) International

Racing and wagering are globalising rapidly. The Australian Rules are recognised by international racing authorities and wagering operators.

PRINCIPAL RACING AUTHORITIES

The Australian Racing Board's membership consists of the six State and two Territory racing authorities, which are recognised by the Australian Rules as Principal Racing Authorities.

The Principal Racing Authorities in each State and Territory are as follows:

New South Wales	Racing NSW
Victoria	Racing Victoria Limited
Queensland	Racing Queensland Limited
Western Australia	Racing & Wagering Western Australia
South Australia	Thoroughbred Racing S.A. Limited
Northern Territory	Thoroughbred Racing NT
Tasmania	Tasracing
Australian Capital Territory	Canberra Racing Club Inc.

In discharging its responsibility for the control and supervision of thoroughbred racing in its State or Territory each of these bodies has such functions as:

- Registering and supervising race clubs
- Licensing trainers, jockeys, bookmakers, bookmakers' clerks and other industry participants
- Handicapping
- Industry Marketing
- Industry Publications
- Administration of industry funding
- Appointing Stewards' panels to apply the Rules of Racing
- Industry strategic planning

MAJOR RACING ASSOCIATIONS

Major Racing Associations are bodies that represent a number of race clubs within a specific region, usually a group of non-metropolitan race clubs within a State. The Major Racing Associations in each State and Territory are as follows:

New South Wales	Provincial Racing Association of NSW Racing NSW Country
Victoria	Country Racing Victoria Inc
Queensland	Queensland Country Racing Committee
Western Australia	W A Provincial Racing Association Country Racing Association of WA
South Australia	South Australian Racing Clubs Council

The roles of these bodies include:

- To provide collective representation on behalf of race clubs to Principal Racing Authorities
- Encourage participation and provide benefits from racing for members, owners, on-course and off-course customers, and industry participants within their jurisdiction
- Develop relationships with other industry bodies
- Maintaining and enhance racing and training facilities
- Maintaining and enhance customer service and facilities