

RACING QUEENSLAND – LOCAL RULES OF RACING – ALL CODES

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Proposed Rule #	Part, Headings	Existing Rule #	Consideration/Comment/Description
Part 1 – General Rules: <i>This Part relates to any bookmaker whether carrying on bookmaking oncourse at a licensed venue or at an approved place in accordance with an offcourse approval granted by the Minister under Chapter 4, Part 3 of the Racing Integrity Act.</i>			
BR.1	Interpretation	BR.2	Wording updated and expanded.
BR.2	Definitions	BR.1	Existing definitions updated and a number of new definitions added.
BR.3	Lawful bookmaking	BR.4, 51	Combines elements of existing BR.4, 51 and GLR.96 to define clearly and simplistically what is considered lawful bookmaking.
BR.4	Bookmaking using an authorised device	BR.3, 4, 22, 48, 49	Combines elements of existing rules outlining provisions for use of an authorised device.
BR.5	Unauthorised devices	BR.5	Minor wording amendments only.
BR.6	Advertising by bookmaker	BR.6	Wording amended to provide that advertising requirements are to be prescribed by the QRIC.
BR.7	Identification, conduct and attire	BR.10	Wording amended to provide clarity for oncourse and offcourse operations. Some aspects of relevant code rules also included. Bookmakers include clerks by definition so subject to same requirements.
BR.8	Bookmaker's clerks	BR.2, 11, 15, 17, 18, 27, 50	Combines elements of provisions of Racing Integrity Act and existing BR.2, 11 and 18. Sets out requirement that bookmaker must only engage licensed clerks (as such propose delete existing BR.50). The role and functions of the clerk to be set out in the terms/standards that apply to a clerk's licence as prescribed by the QRIC. Given this general catch-all to provide for clerk's functions, proposed to delete existing BR.15 and 27.
BR.9	Absence of a bookmaker and bookmaker's agents	BR.13	Minor wording amendments only. Process consistent with the Racing Integrity Act.
BR.10	General prohibitions when bookmaking	BR.18	Most of the existing BR.18(2) with only minor wording amendments.

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			New sub-rule (d) included to confirm that offering dividends based on totalisator prices (except as otherwise provided in the rules) is prohibited. This clarifies what is currently the case. Whilst the RQ General Conditions govern the use of Queensland race information, bookmakers are regulated by (and are subject to) the rules of racing of the relevant jurisdiction in which they are licensed, including the local and national rules.
BR.11	Betting limits	BR.8, 21	Existing BR.8 has been amended to require a club to display the betting limits prescribed by Racing Queensland in each betting ring (rather than in the race book, as is currently the case). Remaining elements from existing BR.21 with minor wording amendments only.
BR.12	Betting records	BR.26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32	Combines elements of existing rules with minor wording amendments to those that remain to simplify. Most significant change to this rule is the proposal for the detail of the betting records to be prescribed by the QRIC. This would remove the prescriptive nature of the detail from the rules, thus simplifying what is contained in the rules. Betting records previously provided to the race club or the betting steward (under existing BR.32) will now be required to be submitted to the QRIC in the form and within the time prescribed.
BR.13	Betting disputes	NEW	New rule proposed to facilitate a bet disputes process.
Part 2 – Oncourse Bookmaking: <i>This Part relates to a bookmaker carrying on bookmaking oncourse at a licensed venue.</i>			
BR.14	Allocation of bookmaker's stand at a licensed venue	BR.9, 7	Proposed changes will remove uncertain/unclear drafting that existed between previous code local rule and All Codes Rules, and will improve simplicity by disintermediating both RQ and the QRIC and allowing race clubs to manage this process for their race meetings themselves. The prohibition on charging of fees by race clubs currently outlined in an existing Control Body Direction has now been included in the rules. Clubs must gain RQ's approval of the fees for remote and visiting bookmakers.

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BR.15	Bookmaking at a licensed venue	BR.17, 18	Combines existing BR.17 with remaining elements of existing BR.18, with minor wording amendments only.
BR.16	Betting type offered	BR.19	Elements of existing BR.19 with minor wording amendments only.
BR.17	Display of runners and dividends	BR.20	<p>Contains most elements of existing BR.20(2) with minor wording amendments only.</p> <p>Propose to delete existing BR.20(1) given new BR15(g) only permits clerks to be in vicinity of the stand.</p> <p>Proposed new BR.17(2) to provide that a bookmaker can display a separate place dividend at the lower section of the betting board, where unable to display it adjacent to the win dividend. This is similar to a rule used in other jurisdictions and enables the bookmaker to manage separate win and place books as opposed to strict each-way betting with a single win price (and 1/4 odds for place).</p>
BR.18	Betting tickets and payment of a bet	BR.23, 24, 25	Combines existing BR.23 and 24 and proposes to remove most elements of existing BR.25 with the detail of what is required to be as prescribed by the QRIC, thus simplifying what is contained in the rules.
BR.19	Absence of a bookmaker's clerk at a licensed venue	BR.12	Minor wording amendments only.
BR.20	Bookmaker's remote clerk	BR.16	<p>Minor wording amendments only.</p> <p>Inclusion of new sub-rule to provide that the location of the remote stand is to be determined by the club.</p>
<p>Part 3 – Offcourse Bookmaking: <i>This Part relates to a bookmaker carrying on bookmaking at an approved place in accordance with an offcourse approval granted by the Minister under Chapter 4, Part 3 of the Racing Integrity Act.</i></p>			
BR.21	Bookmaker carrying on bookmaking at an approved place	NEW	This part/rule is new and will be expanded in due course by the QRIC as operations of bookmakers conducting bookmaking at their offcourse approved place continues to develop. That is, the operations of bookmakers at an offcourse approved place (particular reference to online betting offerings) will be regulated by the QRIC, with consideration of these matters currently ongoing.

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			As it currently stands, bookmakers operating offcourse at an approved place using an authorised telephone device must operate in accordance with and within the provisions of these rules.
Part 4 – Betting Rules			
BR.22	General conditions relating to betting	BR.33	Minor wording amendments only.
BR.23	Withdrawals and deductions	BR.46	Largely same as existing BR.46. Minor wording amendments. Propose to delete sub-rule (2) which previously allowed all bets to be declared void and for betting on a race to be reopened where late scratchings had significantly impacted the market and where there was sufficient time. The view is that remaining runners will be subject to deductions reflecting the current process applied by other licensed wagering operators, thus the provision is no longer required.
BR.24	Approved bet types	NEW	New rule to establish a bet types register. Also includes remaining element of existing BR.19 to enable QRIC to direct bookmaker to cease/suspend offering a bet type.
BR.25	Win and place betting	BR.35	Wording amended for clarity. New sub-rules (3) and (4) added for clarity. Sub-rule (5) has been moved from existing BR.45 (dead-heat provisions).
BR.26	Each way betting (oncourse only)	BR.34	New sub-rule provision to provide for bookmakers who cannot source double column betting boards (or use a larger board to display win odds at top and place odds at lower section) to continue to offer each-way betting oncourse. For the avoidance of doubt, each-way betting may only be offered with the approval of the QRIC (and QRIC will determine how that approval process will work in practice, i.e., could potentially be managed in advance of race meeting, annually, or however QRIC deems appropriate). Sub-rule (2) is existing BR.34 with minor wording amendments.
BR.27	Quinella and exacta betting	BR.36, 37	Wording updated to exacta (from forecast). Requirement for one of the runners (quinella) or runner selected for first (exacta) to be paying less than \$2 removed. Dead-heat provisions included.

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BR.28	Concession betting	BR.38	Minor wording amendments only and dead-heat provisions included.
BR.29	Multiple betting	BR.39	Proposed changes to replace existing BR.39 (doubles, trebles, quadrellas) and facilitate up to four leg multiple bets. Existing provisions have been reviewed and updated to reflect current processes applied by other licensed wagering operators.
BR.30	Four placed runners betting (oncourse only)	BR.40	Minor wording amendments only. For the avoidance of doubt, four placed runners betting may only be offered by bookmakers operating oncourse.
BR.31	Favourite-out betting	BR.42	Minor wording updates. Requirement for favourite to be paying less than \$2 removed.
BR.32	Head-to-head betting	BR.43	Minor wording updates.
BR.33	Challenge of the day betting	BR.44	Minor updates including addition of highest points by trainer and starting box. Provisions around all-in nature of bets (with exceptions detailed).
BR.34	Time trial events	NEW	New rule included, brought across from existing greyhound code rules.
BR.35	Declared sporting contingencies	BR.47	Minor wording updates and inclusion of new provision that the bookmaker must have agreement in place with the relevant sports body conducting the event.
	Signallers not permitted	BR.14	During discussion with the QRIC and QBA, it was determined that this rule and the use of signallers was outdated. Propose to delete.
	Field-against-favourite	BR.41	This bet type was discussed with the QRIC and QBA and proposed to delete.
	Dead-heat provisions	BR.45	These provisions have been incorporated into the relevant bet types.