

28 March 2022

After industry consultation with the Queensland Jockeys Association (QJA) and the Australian Trainers Association (QLD) the following Stewards directive regarding riders riding overweight is **effective for Race Meetings from 1 April 2022.**

### Rider Overweight Directive

#### **QLD Metropolitan, Provincial and TAB Country Meetings**

##### Jockeys

All Qld race meetings, the following overweights will be permitted subject to approval of the Stewards

<u>Handicap weight</u>	<u>Maximum Permitted Overweight</u>
55.5kg or below	1.0kg
56kg	0.5kg
56.5kg and above	no overweight

1. Applications may be submitted by the Trainer via email [thoroughbredstewards@qric.qld.gov.au](mailto:thoroughbredstewards@qric.qld.gov.au) or directly to a Steward via phone or SMS.
2. **Application/Confirmation must be submitted to Stewards for approval, no later than the rider declaration time.**
3. **No approval to ride overweight will be given after rider declaration time.**
4. Riders are expected to ride at the approved weight.
5. Failure to ride at the approved weight may lead to another jockey being substituted and/or a penalty being imposed
6. Should there be no other replacement riders available Stewards may permit a rider to ride overweight subject to a penalty being imposed.

Such application must be made at the time of final rider declarations to allow sufficient time for the riding weight of the Jockey to be printed in the race book and relayed to media publications.

Non-TAB Country Meetings – Subject to the availability, riders may be permitted to declare up to 2 kg 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 race meeting at which the altered MRW 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.



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