

## **Spreading or Raising of weights at acceptance time**

### **From 1st November, 2010 Spreading or Raising of weights at acceptance time**

All race meetings Metropolitan, Provincial and Country will utilize the spread of weights at Acceptance time according to their true weight should weights need to be raised to 57 kilograms, (the minimum top weight at acceptances at the time), (2yo and Maiden Handicaps excluded).

### **From 1st August, 2012 Spreading or Raising of weights at acceptance time**

The practice of spreading weights at acceptance time according to their true weight should weights need to be raised to the minimum top weight (58kg) is to be discontinued for all Class 1 Handicap races (Country and Provincial).

### **From 1st January, 2012 Spreading or Raising of weights at acceptance time**

From 1 January 2012, all Group and Listed Handicap races have been excluded from the policy to spread weights and returned to the practice of raising weights to meet the 58kg top weight required at acceptance time (AR103) (2).

### **Summary of races excluded from the policy to spread weights from 1 November, 2010; 1 August, 2012; 1 January, 2012:**

§ Maiden Handicaps

§ 2yo Handicaps

§ Class 1 Handicaps

§ Group and Listed Handicaps

### **MINIMUM TOPWEIGHT AT ACCEPTANCES (Effective January 1, 2012)**

A minimum top weight at acceptances of 58.0kg is applicable to all Handicap races. Weights shall be raised at acceptance time to meet this requirement. Horses weighted at or below the minimum will be spread according to their true weight. (Black type, 2YO, Class 1 and Maiden races excluded).

**PLEASE NOTE:** The provisions of LR25 describe that no horse shall receive a weight of less than 54.0kg except for Black type races and other races as approved by Racing NSW.

The provisions of AR103(2) state that: Notwithstanding the provisions of subrule (1), if at the declaration of acceptances for a handicap flat race the weight allocated to the highest-weighted acceptor (including any extra weight by way of re-handicap or penalty) is less than 58 kilograms, then allocated weights for the race must be increased until the highest-weighted acceptor is weighted at 58 kilograms.