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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 from 6 January 2020**.

Rider Overweight Directive

QLD Metropolitan, Provincial and Country Meetings

Jockeys

All Qld Group and Listed race meetings, including Qld Country Cup races and Magic Millions Races above \$100,000– Jockeys permitted to declare up to ½ kg overweight (At the standard minimum weight).

1. Applications must be submitted to Stewards for approval, by the Trainer and Jockey, no later than the rider declaration time.
2. Unless application has been made as per point 1, Riders are expected to ride at the allocated weight unless no other riders are available.
3. Failure to ride at the allocated weight may lead to another jockey being substituted and/or a penalty being imposed

For All Race meetings in races where the allotted weight of the horse is lower than the standard minimum weight.

The Stewards may, at their discretion and on the request from the Owner(s) and/or Trainer permit Jockeys to ride up to 1 kg overweight (e.g. Hcp 53.5 permitted Overweight 0.5kg carried 54kg, Hcp 53kg permitted 1kg Overweight carried 54kg).

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.

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 overweight unless otherwise approved by the Stewards.

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