

# Race and Sports Bookmaking (Sports Bookmaking Events) Determination 2009 (No 1)

## Disallowable Instrument DI2009 — 266

Made under the

*Race and Sports Bookmaking Act 2001*, s20(1) - Determination of sports bookmaking events

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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The *Race and Sports Bookmaking Act 2001* (the Act) regulates the activities of sports bookmakers in the Australian Capital Territory.

Subsection 20(1) of the Act provides that the Commission may determine a sporting or other event to be a sports bookmaking event for the purpose of the Act.

This determination revokes DI2008-210 dated 19 August 2008 and notified under the Legislation Register on 21 August 2008.

Schedule 1 of this determination details the various national and international sporting events, excluding greyhound, harness and thoroughbred racing events that a licensee may offer.

Amendments to Schedule 1 of this determination relate to cricket and ice hockey.

### Schedule 1

Event No.9, Cricket, clause 2.

Clause 2 has been amended to remove the reference to “Division 1”. The effect of the amendment is to remove the restriction limiting sports betting to first class Division 1 events. It now permits betting on all first class events.

The change has been made to offer a wider range of events for ACT licensed sports bookmakers while maintaining appropriate standards and integrity.

Event No.13A, Ice Hockey, clause 3:

Clause 3 of Ice Hockey has been amended to include the following European leagues to the previously determined Finnish and Swedish leagues:

- AL-Bank Ligaen (Danish Ice Hockey League);
- Czech Extraliga (Czech Republic Ice Hockey League);
- DEL Bundesliga (German Ice Hockey League);
- Erste Bank Eishockey Liga (Austrian Ice Hockey League);
- GET-Ligaen (Norwegian Ice Hockey League); and
- Slovak Extraliga (Slovak Ice Hockey League).

All countries in which these leagues are sanctioned have national bodies that are full members of the world governing body for ice hockey, the International Ice Hockey Federation. Clause 3 has also been re-numbered (i) to (viii) to incorporate the expanded group of ice hockey events.

## Schedule 2

Schedule 2 details the various national and international greyhound, harness and thoroughbred racing events that a licensee may offer.

Amendments to Schedule 2 have been made to offer a wider range of events for ACT licensed sports bookmakers while maintaining appropriate standards and integrity.

The amendments to Schedule 2 are as follows:

Event No.1, Greyhound Racing, clause 1:

- (i) The word “meeting” has been omitted to clarify that it is all appropriately scheduled and sanctioned Australian greyhound races that are determined as sports bookmaking events.

Event No.1, Greyhound Racing, clause 2:

- (ii) greyhound racing now includes the United Kingdom; and
- (iii) the words “Group 1, Group 2 and Group 3 greyhound race meeting as scheduled and sanctioned by the New Zealand Greyhound Racing Authority” have been omitted and replaced with the words “and United Kingdom race, whether group, listed, or equivalent status as determined, scheduled and sanctioned by the relevant greyhound racing controlling body of each jurisdiction” to reflect the change to

include United Kingdom greyhound racing events; to clarify that approved events refer to races rather than race meetings; and to provide a wider range of events for ACT licensed sports bookmakers while maintaining appropriate standards and integrity.

Event No.2, Harness Racing, clause 1:

- (i) The word “meeting” has been omitted to clarify that it is all appropriately scheduled and sanctioned Australian harness races that are determined as sports bookmaking events.

Event No.2, Harness Racing, clause 2:

- (i) harness racing now includes Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom; and
- (ii) the words “New Zealand Group 1, Group 2 and Group 3 harness race meeting as scheduled and sanctioned by Harness Racing New Zealand” have been omitted and replaced with the words “ Danish, Finnish, French, German, New Zealand, Norwegian, Swedish and United Kingdom race, whether group, listed, or equivalent status as determined, scheduled and sanctioned by the relevant harness racing controlling body of each jurisdiction” to reflect the change to include the above-mentioned international harness racing jurisdictions; to clarify that approved events refer to races rather than race meetings; and to provide a wider range of events for ACT licensed sports bookmakers while maintaining appropriate standards and integrity.

Event No.3, Thoroughbred Racing, clauses 2, 3, 4 and 5:

- (i) the words “Group 1, Group 2 and Group 3 thoroughbred race as classified by” have been omitted and replaced with the words “race, whether group, listed, or equivalent status as determined, scheduled and sanctioned by” to provide a wider range of events for ACT licensed sports bookmakers while maintaining appropriate standards and integrity.
- (ii) with respect to clause 2 of thoroughbred racing, the term ‘Cataloguing Standards Committee’ has been amended to reflect the correct name as being the ‘International Cataloguing Standards Committee’.

In all other respects, the determination remains unchanged.