

Race and Sports Bookmaking (Rules for Sports Bookmaking) Determination 2015 (No 1)

Disallowable Instrument DI2015—38

made under the

Race and Sports Bookmaking Act 2001, s23(1) - Rules for sports bookmaking

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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

Part 3 of the Act provides for the conduct and control of sports bookmaking. In particular, section 23 of the Act provides that the Gambling and Racing Commission may determine rules for sports bookmaking.

This Instrument commences on the day after notification and provides for the rules for sports bookmaking and revokes DI2009-267 dated 21 December 2009 and notified under the Legislation Register on 23 December 2009.

As a consequence of amendments to the determination of sports bookmaking events made pursuant to section 20 of the Act, it is necessary to similarly amend the associated rules for sports bookmaking in this instrument.

Among other things, changes made to the section 20 determination of sports bookmaking events extends approval in respect of international racing events.

Rule 9.2.1 (1) Greyhound racing now includes South African and United States greyhound races.

Rule 9.3.1(1) Harness Racing now includes Austrian, Belgian, Italian, Netherlands and United States races.

New inclusions to the approved events which a licensee may offer fixed odds wagering markets on include:

- Australian of the Year Award;
- Backgammon;
- Badminton;
- Chess;
- Entertainment;
- Equestrian Events;
- Floorball;
- Futsal;
- Gaelic Football;
- Handball;
- Hurling;
- International Rules Football;
- Lacrosse;
- Literary and Arts Awards;
- Nobel Prize Awards;
- Poker Tournaments;
- Power Boats;
- Squash;
- Table Tennis;
- Ten Pin Bowling;
- Weightlifting; and
- Winter Sports.

These changes are now reflected in the associated rules for sports bookmaking in this instrument.

Further amendments to the current sports bookmaking events, specifically the expansion of wagering options to already determined sports bookmaking events, are specified in the Instrument made pursuant to section 20 of the Act.

A further change to this Instrument is for the amendment of the definition of 'Fixed Odds' which now provides for Tote Odds derived prices to be used by ACT sports bookmaking licensees.

In all other respects the Instrument has not been altered.