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### LOCAL RULE 150

Australian Rule of Harness Racing 254A states:

“An unlicensed person who has not attained the age of 14 years may only enter the stabling area at race meetings or official trials where that person is separated from the horse stalls by a barrier preventing direct access to the horse stalls”.

The Authority has now approved a Local Rule in relation to Children’s Access to Stables on racedays.

Local Rule 150 is as follows:

“Notwithstanding Australian Rule of Harness Racing 254A, a child between the age of 11 and 14 years who is a registered Mini Trotter participant may enter the stabling area and horse stalls at any sanctioned activity associated with the sport of Harness Racing (including race meetings and official trials) to assist on an educational basis with strapping and preparation of standardbreds.”

This Rule is effective 1 January 2009.

Any child who qualifies for this must have a photo identification which will be provided free of charge upon application to the Authority.

  
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