



RACING AND WAGERING WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# **RACING POLICIES & GENERAL RACING INFORMATION**

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## **RACING POLICIES AND GENERAL RACING INFORMATION**

### **EMERGENCY RUNNERS**

*(Revised 14 March, 2019. Policy to be effective 14 March, 2019)*

1. The Handicapper may declare a horse to be an emergency in any race programmed with a Random Barrier Draw.
2. There can be no emergency runners for any race programmed with a Preferential Barrier Draw.
3. A horse declared an emergency in a standing start race will be included in the draw for barrier positions.
4. Except as provided in clause 5 below, where a horse is declared an emergency in a mobile start race it will be allocated the outside barrier position provided it shall take the position of the first scratched horse and retain its allocated barrier number.
5. A horse which is excluded from the draw in a mobile start race may be declared an emergency provided that if it gains a start it shall start from the outside of the line on which the scratching occurs and it will retain its allocated barrier number. An emergency shall not be declared in a mobile race at a track with equal numbers of starters on each line.
6. A horse declared an emergency shall be required to take its place in the field where a scratching occurs prior to 8:30 am on the day of the race.
7. A horse declared an emergency will be withdrawn automatically without penalty at 8:30 am on the day of the race if it is not required.
8. The trainer of a horse declared an emergency may contact Harness Trainers Service Centre (or the Stewards if the meeting is conducted on a weekend or public holiday) at 8:30 am on the day of the race to ascertain the horse gained a start.

### **RACE CONDITIONS**

1. Race conditions will include the following detail;
  - a) Starting method.
  - b) Stake.
  - c) Race distance.
  - d) Description of eligible horses which includes but is not limited to age, and HWOE level.
  - e) Conditions for the draw for barrier positions.
  - f) Conditions applicable to handicapping.
  - g) A race may carry a condition which stipulates the conditions in which a horse with a higher classification may be eligible for the race. Such condition will be known as an "also eligible" condition.
  - h) In a race of any class, the term 'Mares' shall refer to and include Mares and Fillies and the term 'Entires and Geldings' shall refer to and include Colts, Entires, Rigs and Geldings
  - i) The eligibility of a horse entered into a race shall be determined as at the time acceptances close for such race. Following that time a horse which is listed as a starter will remain eligible for the race irrespective of any subsequent performance and will retain the same handicap mark or barrier position (unless excluded from the draw) except that a Maiden winning a race will be ineligible to start in a Maiden.

**NOTE:** RWWA has the utmost power to deal with any matter arising, whether or not such matter is specifically covered in the conditions of a race. Any decision by RWWA shall be final and conclusive and binding on all parties

## BARRIER DRAWS

*(Revised 21 January 2021. Policy to be effective 21 January 2021)*

Barrier draws will be conducted as Random Barrier Draws (RBD) or Preferential Barrier Draws (PBD) and the mix of draws will be determined through the programming process.

Selected races, i.e. FFA PACERS, FFA TROTTERS, FFA MARES, RESTRICTED AGE and OPEN AGE, may utilise a Preferential Draw on an alternating basis with a Random Barrier Draw **OR as a handicapping tool on a regular basis.**

There will be seven types of Preferential Draws:

### 1. **PBD/L** *(formerly GPPBD/HWOE)*

A Preferential Barrier Draw will draw horses in order of their HWOE Groups/Levels. (Refer Table 1)

- a) Horses in the same Level/HWOE Groups will be subject to a Random Draw within the Level/Group.
- b) Level 15+/HWOE \$100,000+ shall be drawn together in ascending groups of \$50,000. (Refer Table 2)
- c) An exception will be applied to Fillies & Mares FFA only races which will see mares in the same Level/HWOE Groups subject to a RBD within their Level/Group.
- d) If a race has a "Preference to" clause in the conditions then the preference level will determine the lowest HWOE group applicable for the race.
- e) If a race does not have a "Preference to" clause in the conditions then horses in the same Level/HWOE Groups will be subject to a Random Draw within the Level/Group.
- f) Horses nominating out of their group will be drawn together with the lowest group.
- g) Horses using a concession will be drawn in their original group not a reduced group using the concession value.
- h) Standing start races will have 10-metre handicapping increments

TABLE 1 - Level 1 to 13		
Level	HWOE \$	HWOE Group
15	\$100,000+	FFA
14	NA	
13	\$85,000-\$99,999	LT \$100,000
12	\$70,000-\$84,999	LT \$85,000
11	\$55,000-\$69,999	LT \$70,000
10	\$40,000-\$54,999	LT \$55,000
9	\$32,500-\$39,999	LT \$40,000
8	\$25,000-\$32,499	LT \$32,500
7	\$18,500-\$24,999	LT \$25,000
6	\$12,000-\$18,499	LT \$18,500
5	\$9,000-\$11,999	LT \$12,000
4	\$6,000-\$8,999	LT \$9,000
3	\$3,000-\$5,999	LT \$6,000
2	\$1-\$2,999	LT \$3,000
1	\$ 0	MAIDEN

**2. PBD/HWOEL2**

This is a STRAIGHT sequential Preferential Barrier Draw on HWOEL2.

Horses with the same HWOE value will be subject to a Random Draw within their values.  
The rest are straight sequential using HWOE.

**3. PBD/HWOE**

This is a STRAIGHT sequential Preferential Barrier Draw on HWOE and will only apply in 2YO races.

Horses with the same HWOE value will be subject to a Random Draw within their values.  
The rest are straight sequential using HWOE.

**4. PBD/MW (Metro staked race wins)**

This is a STRAIGHT sequential Preferential Barrier Draw on MW and if used will only apply in 2YO Metro staked races.

Horses with the same MW value will be subject to a Random Draw within their values.  
The rest are straight sequential using MW.

**5. PBD/\$Lx (Dollars earned last x starts)**

This is a STRAIGHT sequential Preferential Barrier Draw on \$Lx and will only apply in selected races.

Horses with the same \$Lx value will be subject to a Random Draw within their values; HOWEVER, the minimum value placed on this draw will be x times minimum Unplaced Stakes. Horses having their first x starts in WA with LT x times the minimum Unplaced Stakes in \$Lx will be drawn in the minimum Unplaced Stakes group.

The rest are straight sequential using \$Lx.

Example: At present, Preferential Barrier Draws on \$L5 are being programmed. Horses on the same \$L5 value will be subject to a Random Draw within their values; HOWEVER, the minimum value placed on this draw will be \$500 (5 x minimum Unplaced Stakes).

The rest are straight sequential using \$L5.

**6. PBD/CLAIM/HWOEL2**

This is a STRAIGHT sequential Preferential Barrier Draw on Claiming Price with horses within each Claiming Price drawn in order of HWOEL2.

Horses within each Claiming Price group with the same HWOEL2 value will be subject to a Random Draw within their values.

**7. PBD HWOE GROUPED**

A HWOE Grouped Preferential Barrier Draw will only apply in Open FFA races (\$100,000+). Horses will be drawn in ascending groups of \$50,000 (Refer Table 2)

A horse with HWOE LT \$100,000 will be drawn in the LT \$150,000 Group.

TABLE 2 - FFA		
Level	HWOE \$	HWOE Group
15	\$100,000 - \$149,999	LT \$150,000
	\$150,000 - \$199,999	LT \$200,000
	\$200,000 - \$249,999	LT \$250,000
	\$250,000 - \$299,999	LT \$300,000
	\$300,000 - \$349,999	LT \$350,000
	\$350,000 - \$399,999	LT \$400,000
	\$400,000 - \$449,999	LT \$450,000
	\$450,000 - \$499,999	LT \$500,000
	\$500,000 - \$549,999	LT \$550,000
	\$550,000 - \$599,999	LT \$600,000
	\$600,000 - \$649,999	LT \$650,000
	\$650,000 - \$699,999	LT \$700,000

## WESTERN AUSTRALIAN HANDICAPPING RULES

Western Australia has introduced a conditioned handicapping system which will group horses together for the purpose of handicapping based on the stakes they have earned for WINNING races (HWOE).

1. Each time a horse WINS a race the dollar value paid for first is accumulated towards the horses HWOE (Win Only Earnings)
2. Place money and payments back to last do NOT get counted in this calculation and Westbred and other Bonuses are also not included.
3. In the event of a dead-heat for first place the dollar value paid for the number of places affected will be totalled and divided equally amongst the number of dead-heaters. This figure will be added to each of the dead-heaters' HWOE.
4. The formula for the calculation of HWOE for 2YO, 3YO and 4YO are detailed below:
  - a) 2yo wins in races less than \$100,000 then 25% of win stake to be considered towards the handicap win only earnings to a maximum of \$3,750 per race
  - b) 2yo wins in races \$100,000+ then 25% of win stake to be considered towards the handicap win only earnings to a maximum of \$7,500 per race
  - c) 3yo wins in races less than \$100,000 then 75% of win stake to be considered towards the handicap win only earnings to a maximum of \$11,250 per race
  - d) 3yo wins in races \$100,000+ then 75% of win stake to be considered towards the handicap win only earnings to a maximum of \$22,500 per race
  - e) 4yo+ wins in races less than \$100,000 then 100% of win stake to be considered towards the handicap win only earnings to a maximum of \$15,000 per race
  - f) 4yo+ wins in races \$100,000+ then 100% of win stake to be considered towards the handicap win only earnings to a maximum of \$30,000 per race

### Determination of HWOE – Transition from previous system

While the following formula/methodology has been used to transition horses previously – **AS FROM 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 all overseas horses will be assessed as if all their wins had been under the HWOE system.**

M - C	M - C	M - C	M - C	M - C	M - C	M - C	M - C	New Class – lowest of maximum or H\$WOE conversion
Non winners								H\$WOE \$0
M0 - C0								H\$WOE \$12,500 maximum
M0 - C1								H\$WOE \$17,500 maximum
M0 - C2								H\$WOE \$22,500 maximum
	M1 - C1							H\$WOE \$25,000 maximum
M0 - C3								H\$WOE \$27,500 maximum
	M1 - C2							H\$WOE \$30,000 maximum
M0 - C4								H\$WOE \$32,500 maximum
	M1 - C3							H\$WOE \$35,000 maximum
M0 - C5+								H\$WOE \$37,500 maximum
	M1 - C4							H\$WOE \$40,000 maximum
	M1 - C5							H\$WOE \$45,000 maximum
	M1 - C6+							H\$WOE \$50,000 maximum
		M2 - C5						H\$WOE \$52,500 maximum
		M2 - C6+						H\$WOE \$57,500 maximum
			M3					H\$WOE \$75,000 maximum
				M4				H\$WOE \$95,000 maximum
					M5			H\$WOE \$115,000 maximum
						M6+		H\$WOE

## NOMINATIONS/ACCEPTANCES

1. A Stable Return, with all sections completed, must be lodged via HarnessWeb or in writing direct with Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWVA) immediately when a horse comes under the control of a trainer with the intention of preparing the horse to participate in racing.
2. Any trainer relinquishing the training of a horse shall notify RWVA in writing, or via HarnessWeb, immediately upon the horse leaving his/her care.
3. A horse must be nominated by:
  - a. HarnessWeb <https://harnessweb.harness.org.au>
  - b. Using the 24 hour Telephone Nomination Service – (08) 9445 5268
4. All nominations close with Racing and Wagering Western Australia only.
5. Trainers who nominate by HarnessWeb are reminded that they should always check any nominations lodged by checking 'MY NOMS' from the navigation menu. This will display all current nominations and engagements and provide the opportunity to rectify any problems or errors.
6. Nominating race preferences – In both nomination methods, where a horse is nominated for more than one race code the race code order in which it is nominated shall be deemed to be the trainer's order of race preference.
7. Preferences may be changed after publication of nominations and before 8.30 am on Acceptance Day by contacting Harness Racing Services on 9445 5267.
8. Unless otherwise specified in the conditions of a race or a race-meeting, the following nomination deadlines apply to all race meetings;

Meeting Day	Nomination Closing Time		Withdrawal Deadline		Acceptance Time	
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 am	Wednesday	8:30 am	Thursday	8:30 am	Thursday
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 am	Wednesday	8:30 am	Thursday	8:30 am	Thursday
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 am	Friday	8:30 am	Monday	8:30 am	Monday
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 am	Friday	8:30 am	Monday	8:30 am	Monday
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 am	Monday	8:30 am	Tuesday	8:30 am	Tuesday
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am	Tuesday	8:30 am	Wednesday	8:30 am	Wednesday
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	Tuesday	8:30 am	Wednesday	8:30 am	Wednesday

9. There is no limit on the number of meetings or races for which a horse may be nominated
10. A horse may be nominated for a mobile or standing start race programmed for horses with a higher classification than the horse's classification at the time of nomination, subject to the race conditions allowing such Out Of Class nomination
11. A horse nominated for a race may be transferred to another race at that meeting or be handicapped behind its automatic handicap with the Trainer's authorization.
12. A horse taken out of a race PRIOR to Acceptance Time shall be deemed to have been WITHDRAWN. Horses taken out of a race AFTER Acceptance Time shall be deemed to have been scratched and may be subject to a scratching penalty.
13. As changes are sometimes made to race programs, trainers should always refer to the online calendar at <http://www.harness.org.au/racing/meeting-calendar/>
14. When nominations for a race are extended, it will be until the advertised Acceptance Time. Preference in field selection will be given to original nominations with late nominations given preference over original nominations which have an unfulfilled engagement.
15. In the event of an extension of nominations past the original Acceptance Time for any race on the programme the horses originally nominated cannot be withdrawn.



16. When nominations have been re-opened for a particular race, any horse that has been withdrawn prior to Acceptance Time, may only be re-nominated on the same handicap mark in a standing start race or under the same HWOE or \$L5 condition in a mobile start race and shall be treated as a late nomination.
17. Nominations for races will be published on HarnessWeb on the day nominations close and on <http://www.harness.org.au/media-room/racing-office/>. Preferences will be displayed.
18. If a horse accepts for two or more races at a meeting, a trainer may notify the RWWA Handicapping Panel of a preference for one race over another, however, such horse may be given a start in the race which allows the field selector to maximise field size.
19. A horse will be ineligible to gain a start in a race if it has already been drawn into a race on the same day, unless otherwise stated in the race conditions.
20. A horse that is engaged as an emergency for the Final of a race may be granted a start in another race on the same day. If there is a scratching from the Final, such horse is required to contest the Final and will be scratched without penalty from the other race. Should such horse scratch from the Final, it will be deemed ineligible for the other race.
21. A horse that is engaged as an emergency in a feature race of higher stake money may be granted a start in a race of lesser stake money at the same meeting. If there is a scratching from the feature race, such horse is required to contest the feature race and will be scratched without penalty from the other race. Should such horse scratch from the feature race, it will be deemed ineligible for the other race.
22. A horse that is declared as an emergency in two or more Heats/divisions of a race or two individual races at the same meeting shall be deemed as a starter in the Heat/division or individual race from which the earliest timed scratching was taken. Such horse shall then be automatically scratched from the other Heat/division or individual race.

## **DUAL RACE MEETING NOMINATIONS**

1. Where a horse is nominated for meetings on consecutive days and where acceptances are on separate days, a trainer not wishing to start the horse at both meetings, shall withdraw the horse prior to final acceptances for the second meeting.
2. Trainers who fail to withdraw such horse prior to Acceptance Time for the second meeting shall incur a 14 day Scratching Penalty if such horse is scratched after Acceptance Time for the second meeting.
3. The Harness Racing Office and Handicapper/s will not assume that a horse gaining a start at its first nominated meeting should automatically be withdrawn for the second nominated meeting.

## **HORSE OMITTED FROM HANDICAPS OR DRAW/REDRAW FOR BARRIER POSITIONS**

1. If, after the declaration of acceptances for a race, it is the opinion of the Manager Harness Racing that an error or omission caused a horse properly nominated for the race to be omitted from the handicaps and/or not correctly included in the draw for barrier position, the horse may be included in the handicaps and/or draw for barrier positions under the provisions of this regulation.
2. A horse included in the handicaps under the provision of sub-reg. (1) shall be considered by the handicapper in accordance with the field selection criteria set down by RWWA.
3. Allocation of barrier position to the horse included in the race and/or the draw for barrier positions under the provision of sub-reg. (1) shall be in accordance with the conditions of the race for which the horse is declared an acceptor.
4. In the event of a horse included in a race under the provisions of sub-reg. (1) causing a horse already declared as an acceptor for the race to be balloted the following will apply;
  - a) Where the barrier draw condition for the race is preferential the included horse's barrier shall be determined from the total number of barrier positions from which the horse is entitled to start. The barrier of the horse previously drawn in that position and all horses drawn outside the included horse shall move out one barrier position

- b) Where the barrier draw condition for the race is random the included horse's barrier shall be determined by a random draw. The horse previously drawn in that position and all horses drawn outside the included horse shall move out one barrier position.
5. The nomination of a horse shall not be considered for inclusion in the handicaps and/or inclusion in the draw for barrier positions under the provisions of sub-reg. (1) after 8.30am on the day following the declaration of acceptances for the race or after the time for the declaration of acceptances for the race has been extended.
6. Any person who, in the opinion of the Stewards, attempts to cause, or causes, a horse to be improperly omitted from the handicaps and/or draw for barrier positions commits an offence and may be penalised accordingly.

## **SCRATCHINGS**

1. Any horse, including emergencies, scratched after Acceptance Time (08:30 hrs) and before the day of the race will be stood down for 14 days as per normal Scratching Penalty Policy. This may be reduced to a seven (7) day race ban – if a certificate from a qualified Veterinarian is received which states the reason for the scratching and that the horse is fit to resume at the conclusion of seven (7) days.
2. Horses scratched on the day of the meeting will be automatically stood down from racing for a period of 28 days from the date of the meeting, except that in cases where a veterinary certificate is lodged and accepted by the Stewards within 48 hours\* of the meeting, the period of the ban will be a minimum of seven (7) days from the date of the meeting.
3. Final scratchings are taken at 8.30am on the morning of each race meeting. Emergencies will be withdrawn at this time if there have been no scratchings in the race.
4. A horse that is a late scratching due to a float breakdown will be automatically stood down from racing for a period of 28 days from the date of the meeting, except that in cases where a mechanical certificate of repair is lodged and accepted by the Stewards within 48 hours\* of the meeting, the ban may be reduced to a minimum of 6 days. If the Stewards are not satisfied that a late scratching due to a float breakdown is legitimate, then the provisions of Rule 88 may be enforced. \*Paperwork not lodged within 48 hours for the above penalties may be considered at the discretion of the Stewards for approval or otherwise.
5. If, following the release of fields, a horse is scratched due to a change of ownership, such horse, upon lodgement of the transfer of ownership papers, may have the scratching penalty lifted. A horse that is scratched due to a change of trainer will remain liable to the appropriate scratching penalties, unless such horse has been transferred to an interstate trainer, in which case the scratching penalty may be lifted upon approval from the Stewards.
6. A horse which is a starter in a stand start race and is re-handicapped following a performance in another race may scratch without penalty by contacting the RWWA Handicapping Panel prior to 8.30am on race morning.
7. A horse drawn as an emergency for a Metro race and subsequently drawn as a starter in a Career race at another meeting may be scratched by connections without penalty from the Career race provided there has been a scratching from the Metro race and application is made to the Racing Office.

## **HEATS/FINALS**

1. A race may be conducted as Heats and a Final (series) and may have a Consolation/s in conjunction therewith provided that:
2. A horse may become ineligible for any further Heat, Final or Consolation of the series if it is reclassified beyond the published conditions of the race for performances in races other than within the series.
3. Horses may contest more than one Heat, unless otherwise stated in the race conditions.
4. Preference in the selection of fields will be given to horses that have contested the least number of Heats.
5. For the purpose of selection of fields, a horse that is disqualified from a Heat will be treated as having been a starter in such Heat.
6. Horses selected in the Heats are deemed to be final acceptors in all rounds of Heats (if applicable) and the Final and will be liable for any penalties if scratched.

7. Horses will qualify for the Final based on finishing position and mile rate recorded in the Heats.
8. Preference in qualification for a Final will be given to horses which completed the course in their Heat.
9. A horse that is disqualified from a Heat will be ineligible to contest the Final.
10. If any qualified horse is unable to take its place in the Final (or subsequent race of the series), the next highest ranked horse based on finishing position and mile rate will be declared the qualifier.
11. It is the responsibility of the trainer to ascertain whether or not such horse has qualified for the Final.
12. Horses which qualify for a Final will not be permitted to start in any other race on the day the Final is scheduled
13. Fields for Consolation races will be selected on finishing order and mile rate in the Heats.
14. The type of barrier draw applied to the Heats will also apply to the Final, unless otherwise approved by RWVA.
15. Where a horse contests a Heat and qualifies for the Final, the driver for the Final may be changed from the driver in the Heat, providing the change is notified by the time prescribed for the notification of drivers.
16. In the event of any Heat being abandoned after the declaration of Acceptances, horses (excluding scratchings) will qualify for the Final in descending order of automatic field selection points for Heats selected under the Automatic Field Selection System-
17. Accordingly, horses (excluding scratchings) will qualify at the discretion of the RWVA Handicapping Panel for Heats selected under the Manual Field Selection System.
18. In the event there are insufficient acceptors to run heats the acceptors will be automatically qualified for the final which will be selected using the Field Selection for Feature Races run without heats.
19. Where a horse contests a heat and qualifies for the final, the trainer of such horse **IS** required to nominate for the Final.
20. The provisions of Rule 195A shall apply, and be read into the conditions of entry, for races run as Heats and Final/Consolation.

## CONCESSION DRIVERS

1. A Novice Concession Driver is a licensed driver who has held a licence for a period of less than five years from the date a Grade B licence was first granted.
2. Concession drivers will be divided into three Concession Groups depending upon the number of winning drives they have had.
3. For the purpose of Concession Drivers, race meetings will be categorised into three classifications:
  - a. **Metropolitan Prime** (Gloucester Park, Friday), plus any other race where the stake money is  $\geq$  \$15,000
  - b. **Provincial** (includes race meetings classified as Metro Midweek)
  - c. **Community** (includes race meetings classified as Country)
4. A new B Grade Driver commences with a full concession at all venues (but will not be able to drive in metropolitan prime races until they meet the criteria for an A Grade Driver license). This is a **Community concession**.
5. Once a driver has more than 100 winners in total (or 20+ Metropolitan Prime Wins) they lose their concession at Community race meetings. This driver continues to have a concession at Metropolitan Prime and Provincial classified race meetings. **This is a Provincial concession**.
6. Once a driver has more than 150 winners in total (or 35+ Metropolitan Prime Wins) they lose their Provincial concession and can only claim a concession at Metropolitan Prime races. **This is a Metro Concession**.
7. For the purposes of calculating a novice concession, a dead-heat for first placing shall not count as a win
8. A Novice Concession Driver Claim will be for a five-year period and shall apply from the issue date of the licence to drive in races or until a Novice Concession Driver has driven 50 winners at prime metropolitan race meetings or 200 winners in total, whichever comes first.
9. At the completion of the five year period, a driver who has not driven 50 winners at prime metropolitan race meetings or 200 winners in total , may apply to the licensing steward for an extension of up to 2 years provided, if an extension is granted;
  - a) The driver's performance will be reviewed every 6 months, or more frequently if stewards deem necessary,
  - b) The extension may be cancelled at any time if the driver is not demonstrating a commitment to pursuing a professional driving career.

10. When considering an extension the licensing steward will consider the following:
  - a) Extended periods of injury, or other health issues which caused the driver to be unable to drive in races (including pregnancy)
  - b) Employment circumstances which precluded the driver from being able to pursue a professional driving career
  - c) Other reasons put forward by the driver which indicate a determination and commitment to pursue a professional driving career
  - d) The licensing Steward will also consider reports from other stewards and the Driving Master when considering any application and review.
  - e) Disciplinary records will also be considered when an extension is applied for, and time lost due to suspension may preclude the extension being granted, or reduce the term of the extension.
11. This policy will apply to a driver that is eligible to claim a novice concession at the time of enactment. This policy will not apply to a driver that is not eligible for a novice concession under the policy existing at the time this policy comes into effect.
12. A novice concession can only be claimed in a race where the conditions of the race stipulate.
13. Definitions
  - a) "Novice driver" means a licensed driver who is determined to be a Novice Concession Driver by a Controlling Body.
  - b) "Novice Concession Driver concession" means a concession given to a horse in a race whereby it's HWOE are reduced by the Novice Driver's current HWOE Allowance.
14. A horse driven by a Novice Concession Driver claiming a concession can enter a race as determined by the concession clause of that race.
15. The Novice Concession Driver concession applies to race entry only and does not reduce a horse's HWOE for the purposes of the barrier draw.
16. To obtain a Novice Concession Claim in a race, the trainer of the horse must signify at the time of nomination that a novice concession is being claimed.
17. Notification of a specified Novice Concession Drivers for the purpose of a novice concession claim shall be made PRIOR TO Acceptance Time for the race meeting.
18. Where a Novice Concession Driver engaged to drive a horse with a novice concession allowance is unable to fulfil the driving engagement;
  - a) A replacement Novice Concession Driver shall be engaged to drive the horse.
  - b) Provided that where betting on the race has started the driver selected under clause (a) shall be of comparable ability to the replaced driver.
  - c) Where a suitable replacement Novice Concession Driver is not available the horse shall be withdrawn from the race without penalty.
19. When a Novice Concession Driver exceeds the maximum number of lifetime wins permitted for a concession claim and has further driving engagements, the driver will be permitted to claim the relevant concession/s for the remainder of such meeting and any other subsequent meetings where drivers have already been declared as per the advertised driver declaration deadline for the meeting.
20. When a Novice Concession Driver utilises a concession claim in a Heat and the horse he/she drives in the Heats qualifies for the Final, such driver will be eligible to claim that concession in the Final on the same horse even if such driver has won his/her final win for the respective concession claim.
21. If a horse races prior to Acceptance Time for a meeting thereby having its HWOE increased, then provided that such race is one in which a concession may be claimed, a Novice Concession Driver who is eligible to claim a concession may be engaged for, or substituted for, the engaged driver of such horse prior to Acceptance Time.

*(Effective 28 January 2020)*

## **MARES ALLOWANCE**

1. Unless stipulated otherwise, a mare nominated for a race not already restricted to mares shall be automatically granted a Mares Allowance
2. A Novice Concession Driver claim may not be utilised on a mare which has already benefited from a Mares Allowance.
3. A Mares Allowance can only be claimed in a race where the conditions of the race stipulate

## STAKEMONEY DISTRIBUTION

RWWA will pay stakemoney for all races in Western Australia, except where otherwise advertised, in the following manner:

### Stakemoney is split between owners, trainers and drivers as follows:

- a) Owners 87.5%
  - b) Trainers 7.5%
  - c) Drivers 5%
1. Stakemoney payment runs occur every Friday and include stakes payments to owners, trainers and drivers relating to race meetings conducted between the previous Friday through to the Thursday.
  2. Stakes payments for races with prize monies exceeding \$30,000 are held until results from swabs are cleared. Upon being given the all clear to pay, the stake payments are released the following day.
  3. Stakes payments are made to the Managing Owner only.

### Drivers Percentages & Fees

The Drivers fee is 5% of the total race prizemoney for drivers finishing first through to fifth. All other drivers receive a \$70 fee per race drive.

### Trainers Percentage

Trainers with runners placed 1st through to 5th receive 7.5% of the prize money on offer.

### Owners

Due to the unplaced starters' payment, which is treated as stake money, the stake money percentages are dependent upon total race stakes.

### STAKEMONEY PERCENTAGES BY PLACING (Maximum 10 Starters)

Total Stake	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
\$4,500	56.93	15.56	7.56	5.51	3.33
\$7,000	59.48	16.25	7.89	5.76	3.48
\$7,500	59.78	16.33	7.93	5.79	3.50
\$9,000	60.49	16.53	8.03	5.85	3.54
\$10,000	60.85	16.62	8.07	5.90	3.56
\$15,000 - \$29,999	60.45	16.74	8.37	4.64	2.80
\$30,000+	64.00	16.00	7.00	4.00	2.00
Nights of Thunder Heats	60.45	16.74	8.37	4.64	2.80
Nights of Thunder Final	64.00	16.00	7.00	4.00	2.00

## **OFFICIAL TRIALS**

1. A RWWA Official Trial Supervisor or RWWA Steward must be present for all Official Trials.
2. An Ambulance and Clerk of the Course (Catcher) must be present for all Official Trials.
3. Drivers are required to wear full race attire including approved vests and helmets, registered colours and white driving pants.
4. Trial Supervisors must submit trial results the following business day and they must be accurate and complete. Supervisors must sign off that trials have been conducted in accordance with this policy.

### Eligibility to trial

1. A horse is not eligible to trial unless it is registered, been in the care of a licenced trainer for at least the previous 28 days and a stable return has been lodged.
2. A horse is not eligible to trial if it is currently under a stand-down, such as for a veterinary certificate.
3. A horse must have attained the age of two years old and be named to be eligible to compete in a Qualifying or Official Trial.
4. All horses competing in official trials must have their freeze brand checked against their Registration Certificate or official records of RWWA.
5. Any horse whose identification cannot be established will be withdrawn from the trial.

### Nomination for trials

1. A late nomination for trials may be accepted for a horse barred from racing after the deadline for the nominations for the trials has passed provided the horse is presented for inspection to the Stewards/Trial Supervisor no later than 30 minutes prior to the first trial and the horses' Registration Certificate is provided.

In order to qualify or re-qualify,

1. A minimum of four horses must contest the trial, unless otherwise approved by the Stewards.
2. In a mobile qualifying trial, a horse must score up in its correct gait and/or without causing interference to other horses, be in its correct barrier positions and within one metre of the mobile barrier by the candy pole and the start.
3. The horse must then complete the trial in a competitive manner running the qualifying times below, displaying satisfactory manners.
4. In a standing start qualifying trial, a horse must not delay the start through intractability and leave the barrier at the correct gait. The horse must then complete the trial in a competitive manner running the qualifying times below, displaying satisfactory manners.
5. When a horse is trialling to qualify or re-qualify and breaks gait through waywardness, displays unsatisfactory barrier manners and/or fails to run a mile rate within the qualifying time, it shall not be qualified or re-qualified.
6. If a horse has previously qualified in a mobile trial, it may qualify for standing start races by performing a satisfactory 'jump-out'. (A 'jump-out' means a demonstration of satisfactory barrier manners by the horse and for it to be placed under pressure and maintain its gait for a minimum of 200 metres after the start)
7. Any horse barred from racing until it completes a number of satisfactory trials shall not be trialled on the day the bar is imposed or trialled twice on the same day, for the purpose of having the bar removed.
8. Only the horse's first trial on any day shall be counted as one official trial toward the bar being removed.
9. Where a horse is barred to more than one satisfactory trial, the satisfactory trials must be completed consecutively before the bar will be removed.
10. On tracks where there are two (2) rows of runners in an Official Trial, horses that are qualifying or re-qualifying should start from the front row.
11. The following minimum mile rates for each individual horse will be observed in order to qualify or re-qualifying in official trials. Trial Supervisors may vary the qualifying time to accommodate adverse track or weather conditions.

Age	Gait	Start	Group A	Group B	Group C
2YO	Pacer	Stand	2:08	2:08	2:10
2YO	Pacer	Mobile	2:05	2:06	2:08
3YO+	Pacer	Stand	2:06	2:07	2:08
3YO+	Pacer	Mobile	2:04	2:05	2:06
2YO	Trotter	Stand	2:12	2:14	2:16
2YO	Trotter	Mobile	2:10	2:12	2:14
3YO+	Trotter	Stand	2:08	2:10	2:12
3YO+	Trotter	Mobile	2:07	2:08	2:10

**Group A** – Gloucester Park, Pinjarra, Bunbury

**Group B** – Albany, Bridgetown, Byford, Central Wheatbelt, Narrogin, Wagin, Wanneroo, Northam

**Group C** – Busselton, Collie, Williams.

Re-included in barrier draw

To be re-included in the barrier draw a horse shall:

1. Complete the required number of consecutive satisfactory race or trial starts from the mobile barrier. For a start to be considered satisfactory the horses must score up in its correct gait, without causing interference to other horses, be in its correct barrier position and within one metre of the mobile barrier by the candy pole and the start. The horse must then leave the barrier satisfactorily and be placed under pressure for at least 200 metres after the start.
2. Complete the required number of consecutive race or trial starts in standing start events from a barrier position which requires the horse to be facing the barrier strand. For a start to be considered satisfactory a horse must not delay the start through intractability and leave the barrier at the correct gait and remain in that gait for at least 200 metres after the start.

3. When eligible for re-inclusion in the barrier draw, the trainer must make application to the RWVA Stewards for the ODM or ODS to be removed.

*(Effective from 15 June 2020)*

## ALLOCATION OF FIELD SELECTION POINTS

1. To determine a horse's total Field Selection Points the horse's last five points scoring performance are added together, discarding the lowest points scoring performance so that the total of the remaining four points becomes the horse's Total Field Selection Points used.
2. Horses will be allocated Field Selection Points (FP) in accordance with the following table:

**Field Selection Points Selection Table**

Placing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10-12
Metropolitan Stakes Races - Field Selection Points	14	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
All other Stakes Races - Field Selection Points	10	8	7	5	5	4	3	2	1	0

1. A horse will be awarded 6 Field Selection Points for any ballot it receives.
2. The points gained from a ballot will replace the most recent lowest points scoring start, provided the ballot points are greater than the lowest points scoring start within the horse's Form Points.
3. Points will be credited to a horse's Field Selection Points total after the running of the race meeting from which the horse has been balloted.
4. This will not be applicable under the following scenarios:
  - a) when a horse has an unfulfilled engagement;
  - b) when a horse is a late nomination;
  - c) when a horse is deemed ineligible at acceptance time;
  - d) when a horse is balloted from a race having gained a start in another race on the same day;
  - e) when a horse is balloted from a race having already been balloted from another race on the same day;
  - f) if the horse is declared an emergency but is scratched;
  - g) if the race is declared a 'no-race' or is abandoned;
  - h) if the horse has already received ballot points in the past six days or has gained a start in the past six days
  - i) if the horse gains a start in the five days following the date of the meeting from which they were balloted
5. No Ballot points shall be allocated where a horse is balloted from a Metropolitan Stakes race.
6. When a horse qualifies to race it will be initially allotted 24 Field Selection Points. The point score of a newly qualified horse will then be calculated in the same manner as for a horse with a racing history.



Example:

Horse qualifies and earns 24 points as above

<b>Race Position</b>	<b>Points Earned</b>	<b>Calculation</b>	<b>Lowest Points Discarded</b>	<b>Total Form Points</b>
Qualifies	24	6 6 6 6	-	24
9 <sup>th</sup>	1	6 6 6 6 1	1	24
7 <sup>th</sup>	3	6 6 6 1 3	1	21
1 <sup>st</sup>	10	6 6 1 3 10	1	25
8 <sup>th</sup>	2	6 1 3 10 2	1	21
12 <sup>th</sup>	0	1 3 10 2 0	0	16
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8	3 10 2 0 8	0	23

7. A horse imported into WA from another Australian jurisdiction or from a country other than Australia will have its HWOE and Field Selection Points allocated as if the horse had competed in its races in WA.
8. Unless otherwise stipulated in the conditions of a race, where the race stake is \$6,000 or more the required number of horses will be selected from the horses with the highest field selection points (FSP), provided;
  - a) a horse with lower points may be selected for one of the final three places in a field where it is the handicapper's opinion the selection of the horse will overcome an anomaly caused by the calculation of the horse's field selection points score, and
  - b) Where the race stake is less than \$6,000 the handicapper may also consider the selection of a horse with lower points which has been balloted from at least four (4) race meetings and has not started for at least twenty eight (28) days.
9. Preference in the selection of a horse under sub-clause 8 (b) will be given to the horse with the highest point score and the longest period in excess of 28-days between race starts.
10. Where two or more horses meet a preference or selection criteria the preference or selection will be decided by ballot.

## FIELD SELECTION

1. All Metropolitan Stakes races will be selected by **L5\$ in descending order**.  
The Automatic Field Selection System and the Unfulfilled Engagement rule are not applicable.
2. Subject to the conditions applicable to a race, where the stake of a race is \$30,000 or higher the selection of the field will be at the discretion of the RWWA Field Selection Panel.

In selecting fields for Group Races the RWWA Field Selection Panel will give consideration to the following:

- Current season win dollars
- Stake money earned in last five starts
- Current form (last 5 race starts)
- Lifetime performance.

When considering form the Panel will be mindful of the class of races competed in, the quality of the opposition and the circumstances of each race (barrier draw, interference received etc.)

In selecting a field the Handicapping Panel has absolute discretion to apply whatever weighting they consider appropriate to each of the above.

3. All Provincial and Country classified race meetings shall be selected by the Automatic Field Selection System. Where the race has more acceptors than the maximum field size and none of the acceptors have raced, field selection preference will be based on displayed form in Official Trials.
4. Unless otherwise permitted by RWWA, a horse shall only be selected to start in one race at a meeting where TAB betting is permitted.
5. A horse shall not be selected to start at more than one race meeting on any day.
6. Trotters will not be selected to compete in races with pacers.

7. A horse is deemed to have an unfulfilled engagement when it is declared an acceptor in a race, provided it has not been declared an emergency in the race or is declared an acceptor in a Metro Stakes race.
8. A horse which has an unfulfilled engagement will only be selected for another race after horses which do not have an unfulfilled engagement have been selected
9. RWWA has the utmost power to deal with any matter arising, whether or not such matter is specifically covered in the conditions of a race. Any decision by RWWA shall be final and conclusive and binding on all parties.
10. A horse must be nominated for a race by the prescribed time to be eligible for selection in the field.
11. Unless otherwise specified, the conditions for a race also apply to the Consolation of a race. The decision to declare acceptors for a Consolation will depend upon there being sufficient suitable acceptors.

#### 12. Community Race Meetings

Fields for Community race meetings will be selected in descending FSP order with a **preference** in field selection given to horses that have NOT:

1. Won 3 or more races with Stakes > \$4,500 in their last 10 starts,
2. Won 1 or more race(s) with stakes > \$14,999 in their last 10 starts.

As part of a rotation some races will be for horses with 5+ WA starts and selected entirely on L5\$ in ascending FSP order (i.e. lowest to highest).

Field selection in ascending FSP order will be conducted in the following order:

1. Lowest L5\$
2. Lowest WA points
3. Lowest last start placing, i.e. 12<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>...etc
4. Random ballot

For standing start races, if a horse is the next horse in but there are no spaces on the handicap mark the horse will be balloted and transferred to their 2<sup>nd</sup> preference (if there is one).

*(Effective for all Race Meetings held from 1st October 2020)*

## DELETION OF RACES

1. If after final acceptances a programmed race has less than nine (9) acceptors, such race may be deleted and another programmed race with sufficient acceptors divided and held in substitution.
2. A race cannot be run with less than nine (9) acceptors, except in the instance of sustaining the viability of a race meeting proceeding.
3. No other race will be run except as detailed below;
  - a. Races for horses aged 2 years old will be conducted with not less than:
    - i. Five (5) acceptors for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March
    - ii. Nine (9) acceptors for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> August
4. Notwithstanding, the Manager Harness Racing (MHR) may grant approval to draw a race with less than the desired minimum number of acceptors after taking into account factors including;
  - a) Alternate racing opportunities.
  - b) The numbers of acceptors in other races at the meeting,
  - c) The effect on wagering turnover.
  - d) Other factors considered relevant by the MHR.

## DIVISION OF RACES

1. A programmed race may be divided where another programmed race/s has insufficient acceptors to conduct the race/s.
2. The practice whereby preference in field selection is given to a horse already nominated will not apply when a race is divided after nominations for the race have been extended.
3. The decision to divide a race will be based on the following criteria;
  - a. The maximization of wagering turnover.
  - b. The number of acceptors for the race.
  - c. The quality of the acceptors for the race.
  - d. Available stake distribution.
  - e. Available breeding incentive bonus.
  - f. The impact on nominations for a subsequent meeting.
4. The selection of the horses for each division will be based on each horse's HWOE, EXCEPT if a race has been advertised on L5\$ the selection for each division will be based on each horse's L5\$. The number of available horses being split so as to maximize the field size of each division.
5. The required number of horses with the highest HWOE/ L5\$ (whichever applies) will be selected for the first race.
6. The same principle will apply if there are sufficient nominations to draw a third race.
7. If a race is to be divided based on HWOE and two or more horses have the same HWOE, the horse with the highest L5\$ will be selected in the highest race. If horses are still equal on L5\$ then the division will be made by ballot. If a race is to be divided based on L5\$ and two or more horses have the same L5\$ the horse with the highest HWOE will be selected in the highest race. If horses are still equal on HWOE then the division will be made by ballot.
8. Unless otherwise specified in the conditions of a race, the following procedure will apply in the separation of horses where a race is advertised as being for heats of a final;
  - a. For a Futurity Series where two (or more heats) will be run in a Division and no conditions as to the compilation of heats have been specified, the top seeds (based on prizemoney earned that season) will be split to enable two seeds to be placed in each heat (on a random basis, with the exception that horses owned in the same interests or trained by the same Trainer will be separated, if possible). The remaining runners will be randomly allocated between the heats, although horses owned in the same interests or trained by the same Trainer will be separated, if possible.
  - b. For all other races, horses will be listed in descending order of Field Selection Points and numbered accordingly
    - i. If there are two heats horses 1,4,5,8,9,12,13,16,17,20,21,24 will draw in heat one and numbers 2,3,6,7,10,11,14,15,18,19,22,23 will draw in heat two.
    - ii. If there are three heats horses 1,6,7,12,13,18,19,24,25,30,31,36 will draw in heat one, horses 2,5,8,11,14,17,20,23,26,29,32,35 in heat two and horses 3,4,9,10,15,16,21,22,27,28,33,34 in heat three. The same methodology will apply if there are more than three heats.

## STANDING START HANDICAPS

1. Standing Start races shall be run as either a Handicap Stand or a Conditioned Stand
2. Handicap Stands have defined handicaps which roughly reflect a win for each 10 metres at the circuit at which they are programmed
3. Pacers and Trotters will utilise the same scale
4. At Prime Metro both Pacers and Trotters will have a minimum HWOE requirement for eligibility
5. Horses may be nominated out of class but preference in field selection shall be given to horses nominated in their class
6. Novice Driver and Fillies and Mares Concessions are applicable in Standing Start races
7. The Concessions values are as follows;
  - a) \$15,000 @ Prime Metro,
  - b) \$6,500 @ Country/Provincial 2/Provincial 1/Metro Midweek,
  - c) \$3,000 @ Community.

HANDICAP STAND L1+					
COMMUNITY					
MARK	Level (Concession Level)	FROM	TO	CONCESSION	RACE LEVEL
FRONT	L1	0	0	0	1
10 METRES	L2	1	2,999	0	2
20 METRES	L3 (CL4)	3,000	5,999	8,999	3
30 METRES	L4 (CL5)	6,000	8,999	11,999	4
40 METRES	L5 (CL6)	9,000	11,999	18,499	5
50 METRES	L6 (CL7)	12,000	18,499	24,999	6
60 METRES	L7 (CL8)	18,500	24,999	32,499	7
70 METRES	L8 (CL9)	25,000	32,499	39,999	8
80 METRES	L9 (CL10)	32,500	39,999	54,999	9
90 METRES	L10 (CL11)	40,000	54,999	69,999	10
100 METRES	L11 (CL12)	55,000	69,999	84,999	11
110 METRES	L12 (CL13)	70,000	84,999	99,999	12
120 METRES	L13 (CL15)	85,000	99,999	129,999	13
130 METRES	L15 (CL15)	100,000	129,999	159,999	15
140 METRES	L15 (CL15)	130,000	159,999	189,999	15
+10 METRES	L15 (CL15)	+30,000 INCREMENTS			15

<b>HANDICAP STAND</b>					
<b>COUNTRY/PROVINCIAL 1 &amp; 2/MIDWEEK METRO</b>					
<b>MARK</b>	<b>Level (Concession Level)</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>CONCESSION</b>	<b>RACE LEVEL</b>
FRONT	L1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
10 METRES	L2/3	1	5,999	0	<b>3</b>
20 METRES	L4/5 (CL6)	6,000	11,999	18,499	<b>5</b>
30 METRES	L6 (CL7)	12,000	18,499	24,999	<b>6</b>
40 METRES	L7 (CL8)	18,500	24,999	32,499	<b>7</b>
50 METRES	L8 (CL9)	25,000	32,499	39,999	<b>8</b>
60 METRES	L9 (CL10)	32,500	39,999	54,999	<b>9</b>
70 METRES	L10 (CL11)	40,000	54,999	69,999	<b>10</b>
80 METRES	L11 (CL12)	55,000	69,999	84,999	<b>11</b>
90 METRES	L12 (CL13)	70,000	84,999	99,999	<b>12</b>
100 METRES	L13 (CL15)	85,000	99,999	129,999	<b>13</b>
110 METRES	L15 (CL5)	100,000	129,999	159,999	<b>15</b>
120 METRES	L15 (CL5)	130,000	159,999	189,999	<b>15</b>
+10 METRES	L15 (CL5)	+30,000 INCREMENTS			<b>15</b>

<b>HANDICAP STAND L7+</b>					
<b>PRIME METRO</b>					
<b>MARK</b>	<b>Level (Concession Level)</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>CONCESSION</b>	<b>RACE LEVEL</b>
FRONT	L7/9	18,500	39,999	0	<b>9</b>
10 METRES	L10 (CL11)	40,000	54,999	69,999	<b>10</b>
20 METRES	L11 (C12)	55,000	69,999	84,999	<b>11</b>
30 METRES	L12 (C13)	70,000	84,999	99,999	<b>12</b>
40 METRES	L13 (C15)	85,000	99,999	129,999	<b>13</b>
50 METRES	L15 (C15)	100,000	129,999	159,999	<b>15</b>
60 METRES	L15 (C15)	130,000	159,999	189,999	<b>15</b>
+10 METRES	L15 (C15)	+30,000 INCREMENTS			<b>15</b>

<b>TROTTERS HANDICAP STAND L7+</b>					
<b>PRIME METRO</b>					
<b>MARK</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>CONCESSION</b>	<b>RACE LEVEL</b>
FRONT	L7/9	18,500	39,999	NA	<b>9</b>
10 METRES	L10	40,000	54,999	NA	<b>10</b>
20 METRES	L11	55,000	69,999	NA	<b>11</b>
30 METRES	L12	70,000	84,999	NA	<b>12</b>
40 METRES	L13	85,000	99,999	NA	<b>13</b>
50 METRES	L15	100,000	129,999	NA	<b>15</b>
60 METRES	L15	130,000	159,999	NA	<b>15</b>
+10 METRES	L15	+30,000 INCREMENTS			<b>15</b>

<b>CONDITIONED STAND L4+</b>				
<b>COMMUNITY (Busselton &amp; Collie Only)</b>				
<b>MARK</b>	<b>LEVEL</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>LEVEL</b>
FRONT	L4/5	6,000	11,999	<b>5</b>
10 METRES	L6/7	12,000	24,999	<b>7</b>
20 METRES	L8/9	25,000	39,999	<b>9</b>
30 METRES	L10/11	40,000	69,999	<b>11</b>
40 METRES	L12/13	70,000	99,999	<b>13</b>
50 METRES	L15	100,000	149,999	<b>15</b>
(NO CONCESSIONS)				
NOT ELIGIBLE 150,000+				

<b>CONDITIONED STAND L6+</b>				
<b>COMMUNITY (Busselton &amp; Collie Only)</b>				
<b>MARK</b>	<b>LEVEL</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>LEVEL</b>
FRONT	L6/7	12,000	24,999	<b>7</b>
10 METRES	L8/9	25,000	39,999	<b>9</b>
20 METRES	L10/11	40,000	69,999	<b>11</b>
30 METRES	L12/13	70,000	99,999	<b>13</b>
40 METRES	L15	100,000	149,999	<b>15</b>
(NO CONCESSIONS)				
NOT ELIGIBLE 150,000+				

*(Effective 1 October 2020)*

## **PRE-PURCHASE HORSE ASSESSMENT & STEWARDS STATUS CHECK**

Persons who are considering purchasing a horse from interstate or overseas to race in Western Australia are encouraged to contact the Harness Racing Office (08) 9445 5267 prior to purchase and obtain the horse's Western Australian HWOE Level and whether or not there are any Steward's bars applicable (i.e. ODM/S barred to trials etc.). Due to differences in handicapping systems the horse's assessment/classification in another jurisdiction maybe significantly different to what it may be in WA.

## **RACE MEETING PROGRAMMING**

1. The programming of races during a racing season will strive to provide reasonable racing opportunities for each age group and class of horse whilst maximizing the potential for wagering turnover.

### **METROPOLITAN STAKED MEETINGS**

1. Races restricted to fillies and/or mares will be programmed at each meeting (includes races for 2 and 3 year-old fillies).
2. A race will be programmed at each meeting restricted to horses with HWOE LT \$40,000
3. Races restricted to 2 year-olds will be programmed from 1st January to 31st December each year at 50% of meetings.
4. Races restricted to 3 year-olds will be programmed at not less than 50% of meetings each year.
5. A race with the condition "Open to any Pacer" will be programmed at each meeting except where such race would adversely affect the nominations for a race with a stake of \$30,000 or higher at an adjacent meeting conducted at a country venue.
6. Not less than one metropolitan staked race for trotters will be programmed every four weeks.

### **ALL OTHER MEETINGS**

1. At venues where mobile racing is permitted, apart from Gloucester Park, a race will be programmed for horses with HWOE = \$0 (ie Maidens)
2. Races restricted to 3 year-olds will be programmed at not less than 50% of meetings each year.
3. Races restricted to 2 year-olds may be programmed at meetings from 1<sup>st</sup> January.
4. Races restricted to 2 year-olds will be programmed at not less than 50% of meetings after 31<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December each year.
5. A minimum of one non-Metropolitan Staked race for trotters will be programmed each week.

## **FIELD SIZE AND NUMBER OF RUNNERS ON A LINE**

The following minimum field sizes will apply to all tracks

1. Races for horses aged three years old or older will be conducted with not less than eight (8) acceptors
2. Races for horses aged 2 years old will be conducted with not less than:
  - a) Five (5) acceptors for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March
  - b) Eight (8) acceptors for the period 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> December
3. Notwithstanding the above the Manager Harness Racing (MHR) or in the absence of the MHR the delegated representative of the MHR may grant approval to draw a race with less acceptors after taking into account factors including:
  - a) Alternate racing opportunities
  - b) The numbers of acceptors in other races at the meeting
  - c) The effect on wagering turnover
  - d) Other factors considered relevant by the MHR.
4. In a standing start race at venues where the field size is restricted to 10 runners there shall be a maximum of 5 runners on each handicap mark, provided that;
  - a) At Collie there shall be a maximum of 5 runners on any line on each handicap mark.

- b) At Busselton shall be a maximum of 4 runners on any handicap mark.
5. In a standing start race at venues where the field size is restricted to 12 runners there shall be a maximum of 6 runners on each handicap mark.
  6. A standing start race restricted to 2-year-olds shall be restricted to 10 runners with the number of runners on each handicap mark in accordance with clause 1 above.
  7. In a mobile start race at venues where the field size is restricted to 10 runners there shall be 6 runners on the front line and 4 on the second line with the exception of Williams and Collie where there shall be 5 runners on the front line and 5 on the second line.
  8. In a mobile start race at Gloucester Park there shall be 9 runners on the front line and 3 on the second line except for the Nights Of Thunder Series which shall have a maximum field size of 9 with a mobile start format of 9 across the front line.
  9. In a mobile start race at Pinjarra and Bunbury there shall be 7 runners on the front line and 5 on the second line.
  10. In a mobile start race restricted to 2year olds and conducted between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> May the field size shall be restricted to 10 runners with 6 runners on the front line and 4 runners on the second line except at:
    - a) Pinjarra and Bunbury where there shall be 7 runners on the front line and 3 runners on the second line;
    - b) Gloucester Park where there shall be 9 runners on the front line and 1 runner on the second line
  11. As from 1<sup>st</sup> June the field sizes for two year olds racing at
    - a) Pinjarra and Bunbury will be extended to 12 runners with 7 runners on the front line and 5 on the second line
    - b) Gloucester Park will be extended to 12 runners with 9 runners on the front line and 3 runners on the second line.

### Maximum field size and number of horses to start on any line in a mobile start race and handicap mark in a standing start race

Venue	Mobile	Stand	Mobile	Stand
Gloucester Park	12	12	9 x 3	6
Albany	10	12	6 X 4	6
Bridgetown	10	12	6 X 4	6
Bunbury	12	12	7 X 5	6
Busselton	n/a	8	n/a	4
Central Wheatbelt	10	12	6 X 4	6
Collie	10	10	5 X 5	5
Narrogin	10	12	6 X 4	6
Northam	10*	12	6 X 4*	6
Pinjarra	12	12	7 X 5	6
Wagin	10	12	6 X 4	6
Williams	10	12	5 X 5	6

*\*Commences 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021*



## PREFERENTIAL BARRIER DRAW WEIGHTING

Start Format	Weighting											
	9 X 3	1	2	3	4	10	11	5	6	7	12	8
7 X 5	1	2	3	4	8	9	5	10	6	7	11	12
6 X 4	1	2	3	4	7	8	5	6	9	10		

## DRAW FOR BARRIER POSITIONS

Pursuant to Rule 131 the following applies to the process for drawing barrier positions.

1. A draw for barrier position may be conducted by utilising the HaRVey operating system computerized barrier draw or by utilising a manual procedure.
2. A manual barrier draw will be conducted for all races with stake money of \$50,000 or more. Generally these will be conducted at the Offices of RWWA unless otherwise stipulated. Contact RWWA Racing Office for details of specific draws
3. A manual draw for barrier positions will be performed as follows;
  - a) List the horse names for the race in alphabetical order and number each horse starting at one.
  - b) Allocate two separate sets of numbers equivalent to the number of horses requiring a barrier position.
  - c) Place each set of numbers in separate receptacles to facilitate blind selection of the numbers from the receptacle.
  - d) Draw a number from one receptacle and identify the number, which will then be allocated to the corresponding numbered horse.
  - e) Draw a number from the other receptacle and identify the number, which will then be allocated as the barrier number for the horse name called at clause 2(d) above.
  - f) Follow the same process until each horse has a barrier number.
  - g) The same procedure applies to a manual random or preferential draw for barrier positions.
4. In accordance with Rule LR134, a horse excluded from the draw in mobile start races shall be allocated the highest weighted barrier position in accordance with the start format of the race whether or not the conditions of the race stipulate that the draw for barrier positions must be decided by preference.
5. Notwithstanding clause 3 above, where there is more than one horse excluded from the draw in the race the barrier positions for the horses excluded from the draw will be decided by lot in the case of a random draw or by preference in the case of a preferential draw, and ODM horse will be drawn inside RODM horses.
6. In the event of an error or omission affecting the draw for barrier positions for a race after the declaration of acceptances for the race, the discretion provided by Rule 132 (2) may only be exercised in accordance with Regulation 133.
7. Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 2 above the Controlling Body may approve an alternate method of conducting the draw for barrier positions for a race.

## BARRIER POSITIONS AFTER SCRATCHING

1. Under the provisions of Rule 131, when a horse is withdrawn from a race the barrier lines do not change and the remaining horses on a line move down to fill the vacated barrier position.
2. Except as provided for in Regulation 133 and Rule 134(7), in a race where barrier positions are decided by a preferential draw, the barrier position of a horse shall not be changed after the draw for positions is completed.

## COLOURS

Horses shall only race in the registered colours of either the owner or trainer as nominated on a Stable Return lodged by the trainer.

1. In the event that two or more horses are scheduled to start in the same set of nominated trainer's colours the following procedure shall be followed in order to ensure no horses start in identical colours
  - a) Firstly, by utilising the trainer's second or subsequent set of registered colours being used on the starter with the highest barrier number
  - b) Secondly, by utilising the registered colours of the owner of the second or subsequent starter – provided that the Harness Office can verify that the trainer is in possession of the colours
  - c) Thirdly, by utilising the registered club colours of the club conducting the race
2. In the event that two or more horses are scheduled to start in the same set of nominated owner's colours the following procedure shall be followed in order to ensure no horses start in identical colours
  - a) Firstly by utilising the owner's second or subsequent set of registered colours on the starter with the highest barrier numbers – provided that the Harness Office can verify that the trainer in is possession of the colours
  - b) Secondly by utilising the trainer's colours or second set of trainer's colours
  - c) Thirdly, by utilising the registered club colours of the club conducting the race
3. Notwithstanding the above, the stewards may give such directions as they think fit about the colours to be worn or advertising to be displayed in a race

## COUNTRY COUNCIL DERBY, COUNTRY DERBY AND COUNTRY OAKS

The following policy applies to a Country Council Derby, Country Oaks and Country Derby conducted after **1 October 2020**.

1. To be eligible for a Country Council Derby, Country Oaks and the Country Derby a horse must be:
  - a) Westbred,
  - b) a 3YO, and
  - c) Only trained outside the "prescribed-radius" from the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the 3YO season as determined by Stable Returns lodged with RWWA. If a **first** Stable Return is lodged after 1st January and before 31st January of the 3YO season a Statutory Declaration certifying that the horse meets all eligibility criteria may be required. If a **first** Stable Return is lodged after 31<sup>st</sup> January of the 3YO season a horse will be ineligible to compete in any of the above races.
2. Preference in field selection for a Country Council Derby will be given to;
  - a) Firstly a horse stabled and trained in the Council district in which the Country Council Derby is conducted.
  - b) Secondly a horse which has been balloted from a Country Council Derby.
  - c) Thirdly a horse which has not been placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in a Country Council Derby.
3. Preference in field selection for the Country Derby will be given to;
  - a) Four horses with the highest win dollars for the current season.
  - b) Four horses with the highest stake money earned in their last five (5) starts, provided a horse selected under clause (a) is excluded from selection under this clause.
  - c) The balance of the field will be selected at the discretion of the Field Selection Panel.
4. For the obviation of doubt a horse is deemed to be trained in a particular council area determined by the nearest racecourse or official training centre to where it is stabled and each Council area is delineated as follows;
  - a) South West Council racecourses/training centres; Bunbury, Bridgetown, Busselton, Collie and Pinjarra.
  - b) Great Southern Council race courses/training centres; Albany, Narrogin, Wagin and Williams.
  - c) North Eastern Council race courses/training centres; Central Wheatbelt, Golden Mile, York and Northam.
5. A person must hold a;
  - a) Grade A or B driver's licence to drive in a Country Council Derby.
  - b) Grade A driver's licence to drive in the Country Derby/Country Oaks provided a person who holds a Grade B licence may drive in the Country Derby/Country Oaks with the prior written approval of the Chief Steward Harness.
6. Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 119A, without losing its eligibility for a Country Council Derby, Country Derby or Country Oaks a horse may after **1<sup>st</sup> January** of the **3YO** season:

- a) Compete in a race or trial conducted in the metropolitan area provided it is returned to its stable outside the prescribed radius within 48-hours of competing; and/or
  - b) transferred to a different trainer outside the prescribed radius provided a fresh Stable Return is lodged within the prescribed time, and/or
  - c) Be re-located to and race in another Council area provided that it remains in the care of a trainer domiciled outside the prescribed radius
7. Definitions
- a. *"Prescribed Radius"* means a radius of 50 kilometres from the Perth GPO.
  - b. *"Westbred"* means a horse foaled, notified, registered and branded in Western Australia.

*(Effective 1 October 2020)*

## **POSTPONED MEETINGS**

1. When a meeting on which TAB betting is conducted is postponed the following shall apply:
  - a) Where possible the decision to postpone shall be made on the day of the meeting by 2:00 p.m. in the case of a night meeting and 4-hours prior to first race in the case of a daylight meeting.
  - b) The decision to postpone shall be made after the consultation between the Steward in Charge of the meeting, the Club conducting the meeting and the SKY Channel.
  - c) The meeting may be postponed to the next available day unless a meeting is already scheduled for that day in which case the meeting shall be abandoned unless otherwise determined by the Controlling Body.
2. Notification of further scratching from a postponed meeting will be extended to the prescribed time on the day on which the meeting is to be conducted.
3. The usual penalties will apply to any scratching made for non-veterinary reasons after 8:30 a.m. on the day on which the postponed meeting is conducted.
4. There will be no penalty for a scratching for non-veterinary reasons from the meeting provided the scratching is made prior to 8:30 a.m. on the day on which the postponed meeting is conducted.

## **DRIVER AND GEAR CHANGES**

The following policy applies pursuant to Rule 210 – Notification of Driver.

1. Notification of a change of driver must be made prior to Driver Notification time for such meeting.
2. The trainer is responsible for ensuring that a notified driver is available.
3. Any alteration to gear for a horse with an upcoming racing engagement must be notified via HarnessWeb or in writing by facsimile 9445 3056 prior to Driver Notification time for such meeting.
4. Except with the Stewards prior approval, a notification of a gear change received after the prescribed time for a horse which has an unfulfilled race engagement, will not be processed until after the race, and the horse will not be permitted to race with/without the gear in the race.
5. At the time a horse is nominated for a race, the person nominating the horse must notify the name of the licensed driver who has been engaged to drive the horse; provided where the horse is to benefit from a novice concession claim the novice concession driver may be nominated in accordance with Policy 14 (2).
6. Any change to the nominated driver after the times mentioned below requires prior approval of the Stewards.
7. Where approval is required for the change of a driver the Stewards may, in granting approval require a replacement driver to be of comparable ability.

## **RELINQUISHMENT OF THE TRAINING OF A HORSE**

1. A trainer shall upon relinquishing the training of a horse immediately give notification of that fact to the Controlling Body in accordance with the provisions of Rule 119.
2. Such notification shall be by way of the lodgment of Harness Web or a fresh Stable Return/Notification of Gear Form indicating the date of relinquishment.
3. A trainer who fails to comply with any provision of the rule is guilty of an offence.

## **NOTIFICATION OF GELDING OF A HORSE**

1. No person shall geld or cause to be gelded a horse without the prior written consent of the owner.
2. A person who has a horse gelded shall notify the Controlling Body of that fact in accordance with the provisions of Rule 100. Such notification shall be by way of the lodgment of a fresh Gear Notification Form indicating the date of gelding.
3. A person who fails to comply with any provision of the rule is guilty of an offence.

## WESTBRED BREEDING BONUS CONDITIONS

To be eligible for the *WestBred* scheme a horse must be born, notified, registered and branded in Western Australia.

August 1 2014 saw the introduction of the Double WestBred incentive. A double Westbred eligible horse is a horse foaled, notified, registered, branded and sired by a stallion registered and standing in Western Australia at the time of service.

For eligible horses a WestBred Owner and Breeder bonus is payable on any 2 or 3 year old race where the total advertised stake is less than \$20,000 and where the horse is placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th.

The Breeder of a WestBred eligible horse foaled after 1st September 2011 will be paid an amount equal to 12.5% of any WestBred Owner Bonus paid on any 2yo or 3yo race as per schedule below. Such amount is over and above the WestBred Bonus and is therefore not subject to any trainer and/or driver percentages.

### Bonuses are paid as follows;

- Where the total advertised stake is less than \$15,000

WestBred Owner Bonus Amount	\$3,750	WestBred 12.5% Breeder	\$468.76
1st	\$2,550	1st	\$318.75
2nd	\$675	2nd	\$84.38
3rd	\$338	3rd	\$42.25
4th	\$187	4th	\$23.38

- Where the total advertised stake is between \$15,000 and \$19,999

WestBred Owner Bonus Amount	\$6250	WestBred 12.5% Breeder	\$781.26
1st	\$4,250	1st	\$531.25
2nd	\$1,125	2nd	\$140.63
3rd	\$565	3rd	\$70.63
4th	\$310	4th	\$38.75

1. The standard trainer and driver percentages are payable on the Owner bonuses paid 1st-3rd places inclusive.
2. Should a Westbred Bonus for 1st place be earned in a 2yo or 3yo race by a Double Westbred eligible horse the Owner and Breeder bonus will be doubled. The Double Westbred Bonus will only apply to the winner and not place-getters.
3. The Breeder of a WestBred eligible horse foaled after 1st September 2008 and winning its first race after 1st September 2014 is entitled to a first win bonus of \$3000.
4. The race-book Owner of a WestBred eligible horse foaled after 1st September 2008 and winning its first race after 1st September 2014 is entitled to a first win bonus of \$3000.
5. The Breeder and Owner first win bonus (as explained in points 3 and 4) are not subject to any trainer and/or driver percentages.
6. Westbred Bonus will NOT be paid on Breeders Crown races.
7. In the event of a dead-heat for a placing affecting Westbred Breeding Bonus payments the dollar value paid for the number of places affected will be totalled and divided equally with each eligible dead-heater receiving the applicable amount.

These provisions do not apply for a First Win Bonus which is payable in full irrespective of a dead heat for first placing.

<b>WESTBRED REALITY</b>				
Total Amount of Money Available On the Race (Including Stakes and Westbred Bonus Payments)				
<b>Effective Race Stakes</b>				
<b>Base Stake</b>	<b>Westbred Bonus</b>	<b>Westbred Bonus + 1st Win Bonus</b>	<b>Double Westbred</b>	<b>Double Westbred +1st Win Bonus</b>
\$4,500.00	\$8,718.76	\$12,718.76	\$11,587.51	\$15,587.51
\$7,500.00	\$11,718.76	\$15,718.76	\$14,587.51	\$18,587.51
\$18,000.00	\$25,031.26	\$29,031.26	\$29,812.51	\$33,812.51

**Note:** The bonus amounts include the 12.5% Breeder Bonus payments

**For Westbred Horses Foaled in the 2011/12 Season and Beyond**

A Westbred Breeder Final payment will be made to the Breeder of a two and three year old colt and filly that places 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a Westbred Classic Final.

- 1<sup>st</sup> \$5,000
- 2<sup>nd</sup> \$3,000
- 3<sup>rd</sup> \$2,000

## **AUSTRALIAN DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP REPRESENTATIVES**

The controlling body will be responsible for the selection of two drivers to represent Western Australia in the annual Australian Drivers Championship.

### **Selection Criteria**

1. The driver with the highest ranking on the WA State Drivers Premiership in the preceding 12 month period will be selected as the first representative.
2. The driver with the second highest ranking on the WA State Drivers Premiership in the preceding 12 month period will be selected as the second representative.
3. Any driver selected is subject to an assessment of their record as a participant by both the Manager Harness Racing and the Stewards Panel.
4. Should the Manager Harness Racing decide that any driver selected fails in an assessment of their record, they shall be replaced by the driver with the third highest ranking on the WA State Drivers Premiership in the preceding 12 month period
5. Should any driver selected be associated with an activity deemed to bring the sport into disrepute or found guilty of such an offence prior to the commencement of the Australian Drivers Championship Series, they shall be replaced by the driver with the third highest ranking on the WA State Drivers Premiership in the preceding 12 month period.
6. Any licensee that has been found guilty of an offence resulting in a disqualification will be ineligible to compete in any Drivers Invitation Series for a period of two (2) years from the time of the re-allocation of their drivers licence.
7. All assessments and decisions made by the Manager Harness Racing under Clauses 3, 4 and 5 shall be final. *(Effective 6 February 2020)*

## **AUSTRALIAN FEMALE DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP REPRESENTATIVES**

The controlling body will be responsible for the selection of two female drivers to represent Western Australia in the annual Australian Female Drivers Championship.

### **Selection Criteria**

1. The female driver with the highest ranking on the WA State Drivers Premiership in the preceding 12 month period will be selected as the first representative.
2. The female driver with the second highest ranking on the WA State Drivers Premiership in the preceding 12 month period will be selected as the second representative.
3. Any driver selected is subject to an assessment of their record as a participant by both the Manager Harness Racing and the Stewards Panel.
4. Should the Manager Harness Racing decide that any driver selected fails in an assessment of their record, they shall be replaced by the female driver with the third highest ranking on the WA State Drivers Premiership in the preceding 12 month period
5. Should any driver selected be associated with an activity deemed to bring the sport into disrepute or found guilty of such an offence prior to the commencement of the Australian Female Drivers Championship Series, they shall be replaced by the female driver with the third highest ranking on the WA State Drivers Premiership in the preceding 12 month period.
6. Any licensee that has been found guilty of an offence resulting in a disqualification will be ineligible to compete in any Drivers Invitation Series for a period of two (2) years from the time of the re-allocation of their drivers licence.
7. All assessments and decisions made by the Manager Harness Racing under Clauses 3, 4 and 5 shall be final. *(Effective 6 February 2020)*

## **AUSTRALASIAN YOUNG DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP REPRESENTATIVE**

The controlling body will be responsible for the selection of a young driver to represent Western Australia in the annual Australasian Young Drivers Championship.

### **Selection Criteria**

1. An Australasian Young Driver means a licensed driver who has not attained the age of twenty five (25) years at the date of the commencement of the Australian or New Zealand racing season.
2. The Young Driver with the highest ranking on the WA State Drivers Premiership in the preceding 12 month period will be selected as representative.
3. Any driver selected is subject to an assessment of their record as a participant by both the Manager Harness Racing and the Stewards Panel.
4. Should the Manager Harness Racing decide that any driver selected fails in an assessment of their record, they shall be replaced by the driver with the second highest ranking on the WA State Drivers Premiership in the preceding 12 month period
5. Should any driver selected be associated with an activity deemed to bring the sport into disrepute or found guilty of such an offence prior to the commencement of the Australasian Young Drivers Championship Series, they shall be replaced by the driver with the second highest ranking on the WA State Drivers Premiership in the preceding 12 month period.
6. A young driver who has been chosen consecutively for two years will be ineligible for selection in the third consecutive year.
7. Any licensee that has been found guilty of an offence resulting in a disqualification will be ineligible to compete in any Drivers Invitation Series for a period of two (2) years from the time of the re-allocation of their drivers licence.
8. All assessments and decisions made by the Manager Harness Racing under Clauses 3, 4, 5 and 6 shall be final.

*(Effective 6 February 2020)*



## **DRESS CODE POLICY**

### **PURPOSE**

The aim of this policy is to ensure the industry is portrayed in a professional manner at all times.

The policy aims to achieve this by ensuring licensed persons maintain an appropriate and safe level of attire whilst on course or performing duties at all race meetings in Western Australia.

This policy applies to all trainers, stable hands and drivers (while not wearing race driving attire).

### **ACCEPTABLE ATTIRE**

- Shirt
- Jumper
- Jacket
- Trousers
- Dress jeans
- Tailored shorts
- Dress or skirt
- Enclosed shoes or boots

### **UNACCEPTABLE ATTIRE**

- Singlets
- Beach attire, board shorts or football shorts
- Gym attire
- Tank tops
- Track pants or overalls
- Ragged, unclean or torn clothing (includes designer “tears”)
- Clothing with offensive slogans
- Thongs, sandals, ugg boots or footwear of an unacceptable standard

### **PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE**

Licenses that fail to adhere to the requirements of this policy may be denied access to the stabling area and / or be penalised under the provisions of Australian Rule of Harness Racing Rule 238 which states:

*“A person shall not fail to comply with any order, direction, or requirement of the Controlling Body or the Stewards relating to harness racing or to the harness racing industry”*

Should an offence to be proven under the provisions of Rule 238 the following penalty structure will apply:

1st Offence – Reprimand

2nd Offence - \$50 fine

3rd Offence - \$100 fine

Any further offence – Stewards discretion

*(Effective 15 June 2020)*