



RACING AND WAGERING WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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The Conditioned Racing System (CRS) groups horses together for the purpose of handicapping based on the stakes they have earned for **WINNING** races.

Each time you WIN a race, the dollar value paid for 1st is accumulated as your horses **Win Only Earnings (WOE)**.

- Place money & payments back to last do NOT get counted in this calculation.
- Westbred & other bonuses are also not included.

It is acknowledged that 2 and 3-year-old horses should be treated differently to ensure that when they progress into open company, they are not overly penalised. That said, horses that win a considerable number of races, particularly group races, should not enter the open class system as a maiden.

Under this system, the grouping of horses is based on a **Handicapped Win Only Earnings (HWOE)**.

The calculation is similar to WOE, except the dollar value paid for winning is normalised back to a **Win Value** using a formula to take into account various situations, such as 2YO/3YO earnings and also Feature Stakes Wins.

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Reduced penalties for 2yo's and 3yo's apply to ensure they're not overly penalised for coming through a successful winning juvenile career.

When a horse wins or dead heats for first the horse takes a penalty in accordance with the following chart:

Age	HWOE Penalty	Maximum Penalty for races with stake	
		Less Than \$100k	Maximum Penalty for races with stake of \$100k and over
2yo – all races	25% of Winning Stake money	\$3,750	\$7,500
3yo – all races	75% of Winning Stake money	\$11,250	\$22,500
4yo+ - all races	100% of Winning Stake money	\$15,000	\$30,000

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The WA CRS has fifteen Levels and two major race types:

- **HWOE races**
- **L5\$ LT Conditioned races**

These two race types are independent handicapping systems which are only loosely linked together and as such horses will not automatically be eligible for the same level in each race type. That is, being eligible for a Level 6 in a **L5\$ LT** race doesn't mean the horse is eligible for a similar Level in a HWOE race and vice/versa.

**Note: The only reason the two systems are linked together is to ensure that horses don't drop too quickly in the "L5\$ LT Conditioned" races.**

# Levels

Level 15	HWOE - Open (\$100,000+)			
Level 14	Conditioned Pace		Level 14	Currently not applicable
Level 13	\$85,000 - \$99,999			
Level 12	\$70,000 - \$84,999		Level 12	L5\$ LT \$25,000
Level 11	\$55,000 - \$69,999			
Level 10	\$40,000 - \$54,999		Level 10	L5\$ LT \$20,000
Level 9	\$32,500 - \$39,999			
Level 8	\$25,000 - \$32,499		Level 8	L5\$ LT \$12,000
Level 7	\$18,500 - \$24,999			
Level 6	\$12,000 - \$18,499		Level 6	L5\$ LT \$8,000
Level 5	\$9,000 - \$11,999			
Level 4	\$6,000 - \$8,999		Level 4	L5\$ LT \$4,000
Level 3	\$3,000 - \$5,999			
Level 2	\$1 - \$2,999			
Level 1	\$0 - Maiden			

There are fifteen **HWOE** levels that can be used.

# Levels

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1. Each race is assigned a level in accordance with the chart on the previous page
2. Mobile races are assigned a level according to the conditions of the race
3. Stand races are assigned a level for the front of the race - *Note: the level of the race changes for horses racing off handicaps*
4. Open FFA races are assigned Level 15 (the highest level)
5. Maidens are assigned the Level 1 (the lowest level)
6. Age races and races that use an all-encompassing main condition such as “3yo age restricted not eligible HWOE \$25,000+” are generally assigned a lower level because it is open to a wide range of horses and there’s no intention to penalise the lower horse by assigning a higher level associated with that race

# Levels

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7. All horses have an HWOE level which is determined by their HWOE figure
8. All horses have a Maximum Win Level last five starts which is the highest level at which the horse has won in its last five starts  
**Note: Horses which have not won in their last five starts have a Maximum Win Level of zero.**
9. All horses receive a starting level for each start which is recorded as the lower of the following:
  - a) the **HWOE** level of the horse; or
  - b) the level of the race.
10. All horses have a Maximum Start level which is the highest figure of the last five starts after applying the theory in point 9.
11. Maximum Win Level and Maximum Start Levels are recorded in all races **but both are handicapping tools for use in L5\$ LT races only.**

# HWOE Races

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The **HWOE** races are straight forward in that every time the horse wins, a percentage of the winning stake is added to the horses **HWOE** figure to give it a *new* **HWOE** figure.

A win will always alter the HWOE of the horse and in most cases also the HWOE Level of the horse (refer Levels table on page 5)

# HWOE Race Condition Example

NMC01082004	MS	3YO+ MS PACE (SKY )	\$7,500	3YO+, HWOE LT \$40,000	2620 GPPBD/HWOE	HWOE LT \$40, 000 (CONCESSIONS HWOE LT \$46, 500) ALSO ELIGIBLE - HWOE LT \$70, 000 With L5\$ LT \$2, 250. Preference to HWOE \$25, 000+ (Level 9) (Concessions for Novice Driver, Fillies & Mares)
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The primary condition in this race is that any horse with **HWOE LT \$40,000** is eligible.

The secondary condition in this race is that any horse using a concession is eligible *provided* it has **HWOE LT \$46,500**.

The “Also Eligible” clause in this race allows horses with **HWOE LT \$70,000** to start in this race provided those horses have won less than \$2,250 in their last 5 starts.

Preference to **HWOE \$25,000+** means that horses below that figure can nominate but will only be considered for a start if there isn't a full field.

**Note:** Unlike the MCR system the HWOE races have no drop backs as historically horses dropping back made it harder for lesser horses to earn and resulted in a reduction in the spread of stake money throughout the industry.

# L5\$ LT Conditioned Racing (*L5\$ LT races – drop back races*)

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1. The **HWOE** of a horse doesn't determine eligibility for **L5\$ LT Conditioned** races.
2. Eligibility is determined by the horses:
  - maximum start level recorded in the last 5 starts
  - maximum win level recorded in the last 5 starts
  - \$ earned in the last 5 starts.
3. At any time a horse can move across from the **HWOE** races to the **L5\$ LT Conditioned** races and vice versa provided the horse is eligible for the programmed race. A win in either race type (HWOE or L5\$) incurs the \$ received for winning that race and the horse then has a new **HWOE** figure.

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4. **L5\$ LT Conditioned** races are designed to give horses that are going up in **HWOE** earnings the opportunity to drop in class and earn for their connections in a similar manner to the drop backs in the MCR system. The difference is that the MCR system allowed horses to drop back in the same handicapping line making it harder for horses trying to graduate, whereas in the **L5\$ LT Conditioned** races the horses that are dropping back will be dropping into a different pool of horses to the **HWOE** horse pool.
5. The connections of horses coming up the **HWOE** levels can choose to not meet horses dropping back, by racing in the **HWOE** races, or can choose to race against the drop back horses by starting in **L5\$ LT Conditioned** races. The connections make the decision as to which race their horse is best suited.

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6. Currently **L5\$ LT Conditioned** races occupy levels 4 – 6 – 8 – 10 – 12 and horses can move up and down these five races extending their racing life and continuing to earn for their connections.
7. It is envisaged that many trainers will move horses that have moved into higher level HWOE races over to the “*L5\$ LT Conditioned*” races. Some horses will quite possibly never go back into the “HWOE” races unless they win their way back up.
8. Any horse racing could possibly get as low as a L5\$ LT \$4,000 (level 4) race over a period of time if not winning for five starts in each of the L5\$ LT races.

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**Example -** A fast class horse could drop to level 4 if it failed to win at:

- Five starts in fast class,
- Five starts below fast class,
- Five starts in L5\$ LT level 12 races,
- Five starts in L5\$ LT level 10 races,
- Five starts in L5\$ LT level 8 races, and
- Five starts in L5\$ LT level 6 races

**Note:** In this example, the fast class horse whilst eligible for a L5\$ LT \$4,000 (Level 4) race is not eligible for any HWOE level other than fast class due to his HWOE figure making him ineligible.

# How Win Level & Maximum Start Levels are used

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Whenever a horse has a race start in a race the system records the level assigned to that race, so the system knows what level races that horse has been racing in

These levels are not used to determine eligibility in **HWOE** races but are used to determine eligibility in L5\$ LT races.

The **Maximum Win Level** last five starts ensures that horses winning cannot start at or below that level for at least the next five starts in **L5\$ LT** races.

# Maximum Start Level in Last Five Starts: Calculation Examples

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**Example: Horse A** - HWOE \$6,100 = **HWOE level 4**

- Regardless of what level race Horse A starts in, for the purpose of the maximum start calculation the maximum Horse A can be recorded as is **level 4** (the lower of his level and the race level).
- If he claims a concession, he will be **level 3** - for the purpose of the maximum start calculation he would be recorded as level 3 (the lower of his level and the race level).
- If Horse A was currently eligible for a **L5\$ LT \$4,000 race (level 4)** - for the purpose of the maximum start calculation he would be recorded as level 4 (the lower of his level and the race level).
- If Horse A with **HWOE** of \$6,100 was to win a **L5\$ LT \$8,000 (level 6)** race he would not be able to start in that **level 6 L5\$ LT** race for at least five starts, however, if the winning stake was \$4,500 his new **HWOE** total would be \$10,600, and he would be eligible for the **HWOE LT \$12,000 (level 5)** race.

# Trainers Be Aware

Trainers need to be careful where horses have moved down the L5\$ LT levels and the L5\$ LT level gets below their HWOE level.

**Example: Horse B - HWOE \$21,000 = HWOE level 7**

Regardless of what level race he starts in for the purpose of the maximum start calculation **the maximum he can be recorded as is Level 7** (the lower of his HWOE level and the race level)

Horse B is currently eligible for **L5\$ LT \$4,000 (level 4)** race – if he started in this race then for the purpose of the maximum start level he would be recorded as **level 4** (the lower of his level and the race level). He can also remain eligible for the level 4 race if he starts in a **L5\$ LT \$8,000 (level 6)** race as his start level would be recorded as level 6 (the lower of his level and the race level)

**If however Horse B starts in a HWOE LT \$25,000 (level 7)** – for the purpose of the maximum start level he would be recorded as **level 7** (the lower of his level and the race level). Starting in the level 7 race would make him ineligible for the L5\$ LT \$4,000(level 4) race as that race has the clause – N/E horses with maximum start level 7+

NGB24051904	MS	3YO+ MS PACE (SKY)	\$4,500	3YO+, L5\$ LT \$4,000	1823 RBD	L5\$ LT \$4, 000 (CONCESSIONS L5\$ LT \$5, 000) <b>NE Horses with Max Start Level 7+</b> NE Horses with Max Win Level 4+ (Level 4) (Concessions for Novice Driver, Fillies & Mares)
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# How to Drop Levels

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Any horse that hasn't won in its last five starts and has a HWOE level of 7+ can drop a L5\$ LT level if those five starts are at the required level

Horses up to HWOE Level 6 that haven't won in their last five starts are eligible for the:

- L5\$ LT \$4,000 and
- LT \$8,000 races

# Dropping a Level

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**Example:** A horse with **HWOE** of \$65,000 (HWOE level 11) wins a **L5\$ LT \$12,000** (level 8) race and goes up to the next level of **L5\$ LT \$16,000** (level 10).

If the horse has five starts without winning and they are all at level 10 or below level 10, then after five starts the horse will once again be eligible for the **L5\$ LT \$12,000** (level 8) race – his Maximum Win Level last five starts would now be **zero** and his Maximum Start Level last five starts would be **10** in accordance with the following race:

GPC28072008	MS	3YO+ MS PACE (SKY)	\$8,400	3YO+, L5\$ LT \$12,000	2130 RBD	L5\$ LT \$12, 000 (CONCESSIONS L5\$ LT \$13, 500) NE Horses with Max Start Level 11+ Last 5 Starts NE Horses with Max Win Level 8+ Last 5 Starts (Level 8) (Concessions for Novice Driver, Fillies & Mares)
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Note: if any of those five starts are above level 10 then his maximum start level will be higher, and he won't be able to drop until he has done five consecutive starts at or below level 10