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Harness WA (HWA) will be produced six times per season commencing with a hard copy in September/October to coincide with the start of the new harness racing season.

A further five editions will be produced bi-monthly and published on the Racing and Wagering WA website www.rwwa.com.au/media-centre/publications/

I am excited to again be in a position to indulge my passion for writing about harness racing and bringing stories about the great horses and people that make harness racing in Western Australian tick.

We will endeavour to cover all levels from the elite full-time participant right through to those whose involvement is at a hobby level as all have the same special quality – a passion for the Standardbred.

The beauty of a predominantly online publication is that there is less pressure on the amount of space available but to fill that space there needs to be material.

To borrow a line from an old television series “there are eight million stories in the naked city” but to bring them to you we need to know about them so if you know of someone or something that may make an interesting story please let me know.

My email address is alan.parker53@bigpond.com or you can catch me at Gloucester Park or your local track when I am in the area.

It is the aim to provide something for everybody whether they be breeder, owner, trainer, driver or fan and while the main focus will be Western Australia you can also expect to see stories on Eastern States and overseas harness racing particularly if it has a link to our great State.

In speaking with some of the younger participants in harness racing there is a void in the depth of knowledge about some of our past champions both equine and human.

As an unofficial custodian of harness racing history in this State, readers can expect some stories from the past but they will certainly be playing second fiddle to stories about our current achievers from Perth to Albany and all points in between.
NOTE FROM THE HARNESS RACING MANAGER

HANDICAPPING

The implementation of the new handicapping system in November last year has proved a challenging transition from the known to the unknown for all participants; looking at year on year statistics it’s difficult to gauge a positive change in turnover but the monthly figures from February to May clearly indicate turnover has improved. Turnover for June however was down 1.5% for the same month last year.

There has been an increase in the number of first time winners and an increase in the number of first time starters and a wider distribution of stakes amongst owners.

There’s no doubt the new handicapping system has caused varying levels of unrest and there has been discussion and calls from industry participants and enthusiasts for WA to convert to the “national” Ratings Based Handicapping System (RBHS) : this system was implemented in July by Harness Racing Australia on behalf of all the other States.

It’s only early days and the state controlling bodies and participants are facing the same angst and problems experienced in WA this season.

RWWA was always determined to work with the new handicapping system for twelve months before making any decisions about the future of the system; however, due to the implementation of the national RBHS, RWWA will continue with our system through until March next year. This will give us a better opportunity to understand the full impact of the new handicapping system as well as an understanding of the advantages and disadvantages of the RBHS.

The HRA Executive ruled to delete the M,C,R class handicapping system as of 1st July 2019, for this reason there are only two recognised handicapping systems - our CRS and the national RBHS. It is impractical to make a decision to change the handicapping system until further knowledge and evidentiary fact is available that clearly supports one system over the other.

RACING POLICIES

At the request of RWWA, well known former racing administrator and harness historian Alan Parker has coordinated a review of the harness racing policies; the revised and now current policies have been included in this magazine and will be available for reference on the RWWA website.

Something to note, we have introduced a concept similar to that used in the Greyhound industry that allows a doubly engaged horse to retain its handicap or barrier position in a race despite it having won an earlier race; this means a doubly engaged horse that wins its first engagement will not be re-handicapped to contest the second engagement. Essentially it will be an opportunity to Beat The Handicapper. The policy, (refer RACE CONDITIONS section) reads:

“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.”

The GPPBD/HWOE concept has proved to be a point of contention this season as many people confuse this method of barrier draw with the PBD/HWOE.

PBD/HWOE is a preferential draw that results in the horse with the lowest HWOE drawing the best barrier, the horse with the second lowest HWOE drawing the second best barrier etc. with the horse with the highest HWOE drawing the worse barrier.

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

1. Horses in the same Level/HWOE Groups will be subject to a Random Draw within the Level/Group.
2. Level 15+/HWOE $100,000+ shall be drawn together in ascending groups of $50,000. (Refer Table 2)
3. Horses nominating out of their group will be drawn together with the lowest group.
4. Horses using a concession will be drawn in their original group not a reduced group using the concession value.
### EXAMPLE 1:

Barrier configuration for Wagin with a maximum field size of 10 and $6 \times 4 = 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 5, 6, 9, 10$

Horses in Level 1 ($0$ Maidens) drawn randomly within that group.
- e.g. 3 horses with HWOE of $0$ will be drawn randomly in barriers 1, 2 & 3

Horses in Level 2 ($1$–$2999$) drawn randomly within that group.
- e.g. 3 horses with HWOE in this band will be drawn randomly in 4, 7 & 8.

Horses in Level 3 ($3000$–$5999$) drawn randomly within that group.
- e.g. 1 horse with HWOE in this band so automatically assigned next barrier after 8 which is 5.

Horses in Level 4 ($6000$–$8999$) drawn randomly within that group.
- e.g. 2 horses with HWOE in this band so drawn randomly for barriers 6 & 9.

Horses in Level 5 ($9000$–$11,999$) drawn randomly within that group.
- e.g. 1 horse with HWOE in this band remains so is automatically assigned barrier 10.

### EXAMPLE 2:

No horses in Levels 1, 2, 3.

Horses in Level 4 ($6000$–$8999$) drawn randomly within that group.
- e.g. 7 horses with HWOE in this band so drawn randomly for barriers 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 & 5.

Horses in Level 5 ($9000$–$11,999$) drawn randomly within that group.
- e.g. 3 horses remain in field size of 10 with HWOE in this band so randomly drawn for the remaining barriers of 6, 9 & 10.

### BARRIER DRAWS

A common topic of discussion is the number of times trainers with two horses in the same race draw side by side.

Racing Information Services Enterprise (RISE) owns the database system and software that is used by all States for the purposes of recording and reporting racing, licensing, registration and integrity data for the harness racing industry.

In 2017 the RISE Board issued the following statement in relation to the Random Barrier Draw System.
Harness Racing Authorities throughout Australia use the Harvey software program to administer industry racing and registration functions.

As part of good governance of this system, Racing Information Services Enterprise (RISE) has over the last 24 months instigated two forensic reviews of the Random Barrier Draw system. As part of the review, the statistical properties of the Random Number Generator (RNG) were examined, along with the algorithm for the draw process. Statistical tests were conducted with over 2 million samples generated. The RNG barrier draw process was assessed to be random and the system has no built-in factors whereby it can recognise stablemates or a particular horse’s details from previous barrier draws. Horses are assigned barriers with uniform probability, with no information about horses taken into account beyond those required as per the barrier draw rules. These reviews confirmed the Harvey system provides randomness to the barrier draw process.

Another aspect reviewed by RISE was that of barrier draws for horses trained by the same trainer in the one race. The following table presents results (from a set of four years’ sample data) for races with two horses from the one trainer. The test here compares the observed percentage adjacent with the expected percentage. These results are wholly consistent with a random allocation of horses, irrespective of trainer.

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Concerns about trainers having adjacent barriers have been raised, which is possibly explained via incorrect intuition about the likelihood of this happening. For example, with three horses, two of which are from the same trainer, four of the six possible orderings will have the trainer’s two horses adjacent. This is 66.7%; in the actual data the percentage was close to this, 69%, and the difference is not statistically significant. But even with a large number of horses, the chance of adjacent barriers is not small; for 12 horses the probability is 17% if the draw is truly random, and 17% is what was observed.

On the basis of these outcomes, the RISE Board has determined that the Random Barrier Draws software will continue to serve as the best and fairest system for the industry.
The RISE statement indicates for a 12 horse field there was a 17% probability of a trainer with two starters drawing side by side. The following statistics have been extracted from our database for all races with 12 horse fields where one trainer and one trainer only has two starters and no more.

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Our results are consistent with the expected percentages.

For a two week period commencing with race meetings scheduled for 12th June through to 1st July the Racing Office conducted every draw using the marbles to test the veracity of the computer random barrier draw system. Although a small sample period, the results produced were in line with the computer based draw statistics.

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COMMUNITY TAB & HORSEPOWER AUSTRALIA
Community TAB of Racing and Wagering WA (RWWA) has committed another $80,000 to support the service HorsePower Australia provides to adults and children with disabilities throughout Western Australia, and this year’s contribution will also subsidise costs for participants in regional areas.

HorsePower Australia is a voluntary association of member centres which provide equine facilitated programs in a safe, healthy, stimulating environment, empowering people with disabilities and adaptive needs to break through physical, cognitive, emotional and social barriers utilising the power of the horse to develop new skills, discover new abilities and define the life they want to live.

There are 14 HorsePower centres in WA including, Albany, Margaret River, Collie, Hills, Peel, Swan Valley, Denmark, Mid-West, Mandurah and Brigadoon.

This contribution results in a total of $400,000 donated to the not-for-profit organisation from Community TAB. The contribution also supports events such as the annual State Games which provides an opportunity for riders with disabilities from all over WA to come together and compete in friendly mounted games competition, and demonstrate their abilities, achievements and skills to their family and friends. The 2019 State Games are to be held on Saturday 7 September.

RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING AWARENESS WEEK
Responsible Gambling Awareness Week will be from 7 to 13 October 2019 and is designed to promote responsible gambling, encourage community discussion around gambling harm and highlight the support available. Racing and Wagering WA is one of many industry bodies who join forces to promote the week across WA each year.
A Tribute
TO WOMEN TRAINERS

DEBBIE PADBERG
SKYE BOND
DEBRA LEWIS
In the last issue of HWA the contribution of women drivers to harness racing in Western Australia was acknowledged on the 40th anniversary of the issuing of the first licences to reinswomen in 1978.

This issue pays tribute to all those women trainers who are so much a part of the fabric of harness racing not just in WA but across the world but that wasn’t always the case.

In 1940 trainer Arthur Hough applied to the WA Trotting Association for Miss Ivy Thomas to be given permission to assist him at Gloucester Park during track-work as he was unable, due to the manpower shortage in Perth as a result of the war, to find suitable men for the job.

The WATA refused permission for Arthur Hough to employ Ivy Thomas and track-work at Gloucester Park remained a male-only area.

Ivy Thomas was a daughter of the outstanding horseman Fred Thomas and was a regular participant in Lady Riders races at the WACA Ground track. Her older sister Lella later married Arther Hough and their son Fred was a leading trainer and driver in the fifties and sixties.

At this time there was only one woman with a licence to train and that licence was the owner-trainer permit issued to Hilda Coulson following the untimely and sudden death of her husband Charles Coulson in 1937.

Hilda Coulson was the first woman to officially train a winner in Western Australia when Wee Globe won at Gloucester Park on 18th January 1941. Wee Globe was driven by her brother Don Thomas who was later to become the WATA’s Chairman of Stewards.

Hilda Coulson later trained the horses that gave her son Phil Coulson his start as a driver.

Mrs Elsie Wilson trained Jolly Jack to win at Gloucester Park in 1961 and Mrs Clementine Robinson and Mrs Viola Pitsonis also entered the training ranks in the mid-sixties as the restrictions on women trainers were eased.

Viola Pitsonis was a grand-daughter of Fred Thomas as her mother Pearl was one of the famous Thomas sisters.

Currently the top half dozen harness trainers in Australia includes the names of three women, two men and the Western Australian husband and wife training partnership of Greg and Skye Bond.

While Queensland’s Grant Dixon has trained the most winners this season it is Victorian Emma Stewart who heads the money-won list with her 291 winners for the season having earned more than $3.8 million dollars which is more than $1 million clear of Dixon in second place*.

Naturally enough Emma Stewart is leading trainer in Victoria and in New South Wales KerryAnn Turner heads that State’s premiership some 39 winners clear of Steve Turnbull and is headed towards her second successive training premiership in that State.

Across the Tasman the trainer’s premiership is headed by the training partnership of Natalie Rasmussen and Mark Purdon.

Training partnerships are far more common in New Zealand than in Australia and the top ten trainers in New Zealand in 2018/19 includes Greg and Nina Hope (4th), Kirstin Barclay & Paul Ellis (7th) and Arna Donnelly (10th).

In 2019 in North America Jennifer Bongiorno currently sits in seventh place on the Trainer’s List with her 556 starters generating 128 winners of $2.62 million in stakes.

She heads the USTA’s UDR Trainer’s List with a score of 0.361 ahead of Erv Miller with 0.334.

The United States Trotting Association started tracking trainer data in 1991 and Casie Coleman is the leading female trainer in North America in terms of stakemoney with her 2338 winners having amassed more than $58,019,290 in stakes in the USA and Canada.

She ranks ahead of Linda J Toscano with 2,170 winners of $53,465,097 and Julie E Miller whose 1,866 winners have earned $40,851,157.

Since 1941 a total of 7215 winners in Western Australia have been trained by a total of 272 individual women trainers.

To the figure of 7215 winners needs to be added the 1308 winners trained by Greg and Skye Bond.

Skye Bond has also trained 172 winners in her own name and a further 15 under her maiden name of Skye Manley. Greg Bond trained 404 winners under his own name to give the couple a grand total of 1899 winners.

Wanneroo based Debbie Padberg has trained a record 563 winners as a trainer since she began training in 1990 and Absolution’s win at Gloucester Park on July 2nd was
Debbie’s 300th Perth winner - a figure which ranks second only to the 306 Perth winners trained by Carol Warwick.

Debbie set a new State Record on 1st June 2019 when she took six horses to Northam and won five races. She had a perfect result that night as her sixth starter at the meeting finished second to its stablemate.

Carol Warwick is the only woman to have won a Perth Trainers Premiership and she achieved the feat in 2003 (90 winners), 2004 (81 winners) and in 2005 (70 winners).

The partnership of Greg and Skye Bond has also won three Western Australian Trainer’s Premierships and one Perth Trainer’s Premiership to date.

Katie Watson entered the record books in January 1981 when she trained that year’s Fremantle Cup winner Local Mark.

It was the first Group One winner in Western Australia trained by a woman and just twelve months later Frances Taylor became the second woman to train a Group One winner in this State when Sharach took out the 1981 WA Pacing Cup.

Debra Lewis trained the multiple Group One winning 2yo filly Mitemptation which was named Australian 2yo Pacer of the Year in 1995.

The latest woman to train a Group One winner in Perth is Pinjarra based Kristy Elson who trained this season’s Golden Slipper Stakes winner Jaspervellabeach.

Kristy has been training for a little under two years and has already trained 15 winners.

Equestrian sports of all types are one of the rare areas where men and women can compete as equals because such sports are based on skill and knowledge rather than on brute strength.

In 2019 punters across the country don’t care if a horse is trained, ridden or driven by a man or a woman just so long as they are good at what they do and we can only look back at the attitudes of officialdom in the past and just shake our heads.

* All figures quoted are as at 14th August 2019

Image: Trainer Debra Lewis with husband Chris, daughter Nicole and grandchildren
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Hilda Myrtle Thomas was born in 1905 and was one of eight children reared by Fred and Frances Thomas.

Her brothers Charlie, John and Don were outstanding reinsmen while her sisters Pearl, Ruby, Lella and Ivy were all first-class horsewomen and all married trotting trainers.

Fred Thomas was an outstanding horseman in an era of outstanding horsemens and was four times leading trotting trainer in Perth in successive seasons between 1918 and 1921.

He was dual-licenced and while there were no lists of the leading thoroughbred trainers published prior to 1925 The West Australian proclaimed in May 1909 that “Fred Thomas was easily the most successful trainer here now”.

Thomas trained the 1911 Railway Stakes winner Apple Charlotte as well as numerous hurdle and steeplechase winners in Perth.

When Hilda Thomas was just three years old her father moved to the Limekilns on the site of what was to later become Perry Lakes Stadium and young Hilda and her siblings learned to ride almost before they could walk.

In 1917 the Thomas family moved to a property called Lyall Hall which was 25 acres fronting Scarborough Beach Road opposite Frobisher Street and backing onto Herdman’s Lake. The site is presently occupied by the Garden Business Park and The West Australian newspaper building.

Hilda Thomas competed successfully not only in trotting races restricted to women but in the many hunt club events around Perth, in the show ring and she even rode a winning treble at the Muchea Race Club meeting in February 1925.

At the 1924 Bunbury Show, in what was a preview of what was to come, Hilda Thomas and Charles Coulson competed in a “Pair of Hacks” competition. The couple married in 1928.

In 1923 leading Western Australian equestrienne Emily Pelloe and trotting steward W H Downey set about fund-raising to send Hilda Thomas to Sydney to compete at that year’s Easter Show.

She was entered in a number of events, mainly over hurdles and she won the Novice Hurdle and was placed in a number of other events. She was renowned for her ability with horses over jumps.

At the Uglieland Rodeo on 13th January 1927 Hilda Thomas set a new State High Jump record when she rode Strathmore over six feet five inches.

Hilda Thomas married Charles Coulson in July 1928 and on 17th April 1933 she gave birth to a son Phillip who was later to become one of The West Australian Racing Industry inaugural Hall of Fame inductees.

In 1934 Hilda Coulson and a Mrs M Higgins of Capel were granted permits to train by the WA Turf Club and Hilda continued her love affair with the horse.

She was devastated in August 1937 when she was left a widow with the sudden death of her husband after an illness of several weeks.

Although holding a permit to train thoroughbreds Hilda Coulson was unable to train the horses left to her by the passing of her husband. Fortunately the WA Trotting Association took pity on the young widow and granted permission for her to train only the horses now registered in her name as owner.

On 18th January 1941 she trained her first winner when Wee Globe won at Gloucester Park with her brother Don Thomas at the reins. This was shortly before he left Western Australia to complete his training as a pilot in the Royal Australian Air Force.

Mrs Coulson continued to train a small team for around ten years before she re-married to well-known breeder/owner/trainer Norm Duncan.

Hilda Coulson died in 1989 at the age of 84 years but she will long be remembered as a pioneer of women trainers in this State.

From Left: John Thomas, Lella Thomas, Hilda Thomas, Ruby Thomas and Pearl Thomas at the family property which was later to become Perry Lakes Stadium.
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These awards go to the leading points-scorer with points being awarded on a 4, 2 and 1 basis for 1sts, 2nds and 3rds.

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### BRIDGEPONT/COLLIE/WILLIAMS (COMBINED AWARD AMONG THE THREE CLUBS)

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CENTRAL WHEATBELT

Leading Trainer
Kristian Hawkins (51 points – 10 wins) from Greg & Skye Bond (38) and Jesse Moore (38)

Leading Driver
Dylan Egerton-Green (101 points – 16 wins) from Chris Voak (70) and Kyle Harper (63)

Leading Pacer
Toto Picasso (19 points – 3 wins) from Call Me Buddy (17) and Kenny’s Revenge (16)

Leading Junior Driver
Emily Suvaljko (62 points – 8 wins) from Deni Roberts (40) and Corey Peterson (27)

NARROGIN

Leading Trainer
Greg and Skye Bond (74 points – 13 wins) from Matthew Scott (72 – 13 wins) and Peter Anderson (44)

Leading Driver
Ryan Warwick (77 points – 14 wins) from Shannon Suvaljko (65) and Dylan Egerton-Green (54)

Leading Pacer
The Lightning Strike NZ (13 points – 2 wins) from Watch Me React (12) and Allwoods Rocknroll (12)

Leading Junior Driver
Emily Suvaljko (51 points – 5 wins) from Deni Roberts (36) and Bailey McDonough (20)

NORTHAM

Leading Trainer
Matthew Scott (63 points – 12 wins) from Debbie Padberg (59) and Mike Reed (58)

Leading Driver
Chris Voak (129 points) from Shannon Suvaljko (123) and Aldo Cortopassi (94)

Leading Pacer
Dreamy Nights NZ (24 points – 6 wins) from Amadeo (23) and Valbonne NZ (20)

Leading Junior Driver
Emily Suvaljko (67 points – 10 wins) from Deni Roberts (62) and Corey Peterson (50)

PINJARRA

Leading Trainer
Greg and Skye Bond (302 points – 56 wins) from Bob Mellsop (139) and Justin Prentice (121)

Leading Driver
Ryan Warwick (265 – 51 wins) from Chris Lewis (256 points) and Gary Hall Jnr (236)

Leading Pacer
Mighty Conqueror NZ (26 points – 6 wins) from Vincenzo Peruggia NZ (22) and Fizzing NZ (22)

Leading Junior Driver
Deni Roberts (40 – 4 wins) from Micheal Ferguson (37 points – 7 wins) and Emily Suvaljko (37 – 3 wins)

WAGIN

Leading Trainer
Matthew Scott (30 points – 4 wins) from Peter Tilbrook (19 – 4 wins) and Peter Anderson (18)

Leading Driver
Emily Suvaljko (66 points – 12 wins) from Trent Wheeler (34) and Ashleigh Markham (32)

Leading Pacer
Avivo (12 points – 3 wins) from Euphoric Moment (10) and Luminosa (10)

Leading Junior Driver
Emily Suvaljko (66 points – 12 wins) from Deni Roberts (27) and Bailey McDonough (23)
Australian Rules commentators often refer to young footballers as having a breakout season when a player emerges from among his peers and takes his game and status within the sport to the next level.

While rarely used in a harness racing context, the term certainly applies to 26yo Dylan Egerton-Green as the 2018/19 season has, by whatever criteria is used, seen him emerge as one of Western Australia’s top level reinsmen.

In a season where he has driven his first century of winners, elevated into the nation’s top dozen drivers, landed his first Group One winner and taken his career tally past the 500 wins milestone Dylan is still pinching himself to make sure it isn’t all a dream.

“It has easily been my best season to date but it wouldn’t have been possible but for the support of all the trainers and owners who have put me on their horses”, he said recently.

His 2018/19 tally, after a win at Northam on August 17th with the Bill Horn trained Theycall Me Stooge, stood at 137 winners placing him in fourth place on the State Premiership behind Gary Hall Jnr, Ryan Warwick and Chris Lewis.

He has easily surpassed his previous best which was the 69 winners he drove in 2017.

Born and educated in Harvey, Dylan was a talented footballer for the Harvey Bulls as well as having been a member of the his local volunteer Bushfire Brigade.

While a qualified electrician he is full-time engaged in harness racing as foreman for Colin Brown while training a small team of his own.

His partnership with the Brown trained 3yo Patrickeptronah has seen him win the Group One Westbred Classic, the Group Two 3yo Sales Classic and the Group Three Caduceus Club Classic.

Despite all that Group racing success Egerton-Green rates his win with the 3yo maiden Cheap Thrilz at Northam last December as his biggest thrill in racing.

“She is the first horse that I have bred, owned, trained and driven to win a race which is why I gave a big salute when we hit the finishing line”.

Egerton-Green has always had a couple of horses in work and trained the first of his 73 winners in 2012 when Puhiniui Rainbow won at Gloucester Park.

He came to prominence as a trainer last season through the deeds of Tyler Brett which won five of seven starts between May and July 2018 culminating with a win in the Group Three John Higgins Memorial at Gloucester Park.

Tyler Brett was driven in the final of the Higgins Memorial by Colin Brown as Dylan and his partner Chloe were on holiday in Iceland and Europe at the time.

His dream 2018/19 season continued at Gloucester Park on August 13th when, with his only drive for the night, he scored with the Sarah Suvaljko trained mare Nowuseemssmile.

It was the 500th career winner for Egerton-Green as a driver and it is a tally which places him in the top 43 drivers of all-time in Western Australia.

For the record his first winner came behind the Justin Warwick trained Shadows Of A Man at Williams on 28th December 2010.

As for the 2019/20 season and the longer term Dylan is "hoping to continue to make hay while the sun shines".
IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Jessica Geach

**Profession:** General Manager Pinjarra Harness

**Biggest thrill in Harness Racing:** Observing the industry’s passion

**Best horse you’ve seen:** Peachee

**Best driver you’ve seen:** Ryan Warwick

**Greatest influence in life:** My parents

**Favourite sports team:** Australian Tennis Team

**Favourite Food:** Italian

**Favourite Drink:** Prosecco

**Favourite Band:** Cold Play

**Cats or Dogs:** Dogs

**Three people you’d like to be stuck on a desert island with:** Sister (Sally), Partner (Dean) and Mum (Josie)

**5 Star or Camping:** 5 Star

**Apple or Android:** Apple

**Your most unusual talent no one else knows about:** Diploma in Fashion Design

**Favourite Racetrack:** Pinjarra

**What would you spend your last $10 on:** Coffee

Sarah Suvaljko

**Profession:** Horse Trainer

**Biggest thrill in Harness Racing:** Joseph’s first trial drive

**Best horse associated with:** Auctioneers Elsu

**Best horse you’ve seen:** Im Themightyquinn NZ

**Best driver you’ve seen:** Chris Lewis

**Greatest influence in harness racing:** Everyone

**Favourite Racetrack:** Pinjarra

**Favourite sports team:** Fremantle Dockers

**Favourite Food:** Chocolate

**Favourite Drink:** A nice wine

**Favourite Band:** Fleetwood Mac

**Cats or Dogs:** Dogs

**Three people you’d like to be stuck on a desert island with:** My three boys

**5 Star or Camping:** Camping

**Apple or Android:** Android

**Your most unusual talent no one else knows about:** I’m pretty a good sleeper

**What would you spend your last $10 on:** Chocolate
**Deni Roberts**

**Profession:** Reinsperson  

**Biggest thrill in Harness Racing:** First city win with Leftrightgoodnight  

**Best horse associated with:** Follow The Stars  

**Best horse you’ve seen:** ImThemightyquinn NZ  

**Best driver you’ve seen:** Gary Hall Jnr  

**Greatest influence in harness racing:** My Mum (Sonia Zucchiatti)  

**Favourite sports team:** West Coast Eagles  

**Favourite Food:** Mum’s spaghetti bolognese  

**Favourite Drink:** Coke  

**Favourite Band:** Sticky Fingers  

**Cats or Dogs:** Dogs  

**Three people you’d like to be stuck on a desert island with:** Chris Brown, Rihanna and Kevin Hart  

**5 Star or Camping:** Camping  

**Apple or Android:** Apple  

**Your most unusual talent no one else knows about:** Javelin thrower  

**Favourite Racetrack:** Gloucester Park  

**What would you spend your last $10 on:**  The container of Chips & Gravy from the café at Gloucester Park

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**Tim Walker**

**Profession:** Racing Journalist  

**Biggest thrill in Harness Racing:** Being able to interview winning drivers on track after feature races  

**Best horse you’ve seen:** ImThemightyquinn NZ  

**Best driver you’ve seen:** Chris Lewis  

**Greatest influence in sporting Journalism:** Darren McAullay & Wes Cameron  

**Favourite Racetrack:** Flemington  

**Favourite sports team:** West Coast Eagles  

**Favourite Food:** Steak Sandwich  

**Favourite Drink:** Orange ‘C’  

**Favourite Band:** Birds Of Tokyo  

**Cats or Dogs:** Neither. They’re both not allowed in my house  

**Three people you’d like to be stuck on a desert island with:** Nick Kyrgios, Tiger Woods & Kevin Hart  

**5 Star or Camping:** 5 Star by a mile. Too much of a clean freak for camping!  

**Apple or Android:** Apple. Android is too hard  

**Writing or Radio Announcing:** Radio Announcing  

**Your most unusual talent no one else knows about:** I throw over-arm with my left hand and under-arm with my right hand  

**What would you spend your last $10 on:**  The container of Chips & Gravy from the café at Gloucester Park
My Hard Copy

1.51.6 - $1,270,660

AMERICAN IDEAL from READALLABOUTIT nz – (Presidential Ball)

Winner of 3 GR1 and 3 GR2 & Listed Classics Races incl.
2 WA PACING CUPS and the FREMANTLE PACING CUP
Defeated the best incl. LAZURUS, CHICAGO BULL,
SOHO TRIBECA & DAVID HERCULES
A son of boom Sire AMERICAN IDEAL the sire of 1182 winners, 1025 in 2.00, 327
$100,000 earners and progeny earnings of $91,250,564
AMERICAN IDEAL - READALLABOUTIT - PRESIDENTIAL BALL

- A three-time Group 1 winner defeating Lazarus, Chicago Bull and Soho Tribeca
- Winner of WA Pacing Cup (twice) and Fremantle Cup
- The only Million Dollar pacer at stud in WA
- A son of boom sire American Ideal
- Outstanding looker with great conformation
- A lovely temperament

RACING RECORD

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As 3yo 4th WA Derby (Gr.1). As 4yo won 1st WA Nights Of Thunder; 2nd WA The Pure Steel (L); 3rd WA Mclnemey Ford Classic (Gr.1). As aged won 1st WA Pacing Cup (Gr.1) (twice), WA Fremantle Cup (Gr.1), ht Inter Dominion (Gr.2), Pinarra Cup (Gr.2), WA Ray Dufy Memorial (L), cons Fremantle Pacing Cup; 2nd WA Fremantle Cup (Gr.1); WA Mount Eden Sprint (Gr.2), WA Village Kid Sprint (Gr.2), 3rd Vic A G Hunter Cup (Gr.1), NSW Cordina Sprint (Gr.1), ht Inter Dominion (Gr.2), WA Navy Cup (Gr.2), WA Lord Mayors Cup

SIRE

AMERICAN IDEAL p.3:1:47.8 ($855,928) by Western Ideal. Sire of 1026 USA foals, 733 winners, 691 in 200, 445 in 1.55, 257 $100,000 earners. Total progeny earnings of $1,251,256, 504 of 802 New Zealand foals, 276 winners, 103 in 2:00, 47 $100,000 earners. Sire of 384 Australian foals, 231 raced, 173 winners, 141 in 2:00, 23 $100,000 earners including:

AMERICAN JEWEL (M) p.1:48.4 - $1,840,565
HESTON BLUE CHIP p.1:48.0 - $1,781,881
BLING IT ON p.1:50.8 - $1,656,656
SUNFIRES BLUE CHIP p.1:48.6 - $1,501,340
YOUAREMYCANDYGIRL (M) p.1:48.4 - $1,455,888
GREAT VINTAGE p.1:49.2 - $1,418,843

MY HARD COPY (Bay 2009) p.2:00; 3:155.2; 1:51.6

AMERICAN IDEAL - READALLABOUTIT

WESTERN IDEAL

WESTERN HANOVER
LEAH ALMAHURST

LIFETIME SUCCESS

MATS SCOOTER
THREE DIAMONDS

PRESIDENTIAL BALL

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READALLABOUTIT

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4TH DAM

NATIVE JEWELL p.3:20.1 - $2,402, by Tar Heel. Half sister to ADIOS VIC 1:56.6; $455,896. Dam of 14 foals, 9 raced, 8 winners, 5 in 2:00 inc.:


STUD ANALYSIS

Standing first season in 2019

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Bill Hayes
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By ROCKNROLL HANOVER out of an ARTSPLACE mare and from the family of champion sires, ROCK N ROLL WORLD is a son of the champion racemare and USA 2YO and 3YO Filly of the Year Worldly Beauty 1:49.6 ($1,900,255), a full sister to the dam of champion colt pacer and 2018 leading American sire Captaintreacherous 1:47.2 ($3,148,657)

ROCK N ROLL WORLD ranks as a full brother to the multiple Stakes winner and now 1:50 sire World Of Rocknroll 1:50.6 ($338,561)

ROCK N ROLL WORLD's dam Worldly Beauty is a full blood relative to champion sires Art Major and Perfect Art

ROCK N ROLL WORLD belongs to the Miss Duvall family, which is noted for the number of successful sires it has produced such as Art Major, Captaintreacherous, Real Artist and Perfect Art

Early Speed and Racing Durability

ROCK N ROLL WORLD displayed brilliant speed and stamina, winning on half-mile, five-eighths and mile tracks in Stakes and Invitational company from two to five years.

As a two-year-old, ROCK N ROLL WORLD won in 1:54.4 in a division of the Tompkins-Geers Stake and finished second in the Sheppard Memorial and Reynolds Memorial.

At 3 ROCK N ROLL WORLD won the Adios Stake Consolation in 1:50.6 and the New Jersey Futurity and was placed in the Tattersalls Pace, Art Rooney Pace, Bluegrass Stake, Reynolds Memorial, John Simpson Memorial and North America Cup Consolation.

ROCK N ROLL WORLD won twice in Invitational company at Hoosier Park as a five-year-old in a career-best 1:48.6 and 1:49.6, the latter defeating Breeders Crown champion Freaky Feet Pete ($1.5mil). He also finished third in the $325,000 Dan Patch Invitation in 1:48.4 to Check Six and All Bets Off.

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2YO 1:54.9 MULTIPLE CLASSIC WINNER

THE WAR NURSE 1:53.2
MULTIPLE WINNER AND CLASSIC PLACED

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VICTORIAN 3YO OF THE YEAR

BONAVISTA BAY

2, 1:58.7; 3, 1:57.7; 1:56.3 - $504,499

SIX GROUP WINS
BLINDING SPEED AND UNEQUALLED STAMINA

Mike Reed: “BONAVISTA BAY was a champion. The best horse that I’ve ever put a bridle on.”

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WA BASED STALLIONS


ARTESIAN USA (Artiscape out of Hula Dancer by Falcon Seelster) 1:49.4 $987,884; standing at Randford Grange in Katanning. Sire of David Hercules 1:52.7 $1,259,019. Contact Cameron Mills on 0497 125 050.

BONAVISTA BAY (Rustler Hanover out of a granddaughter of legendary mare Teeny Rena) 1:56.3, $504,499. At Smithdale Farm, Wagin. A genuine top class race horse, winner of multiple Group 1s including the Golden Nugget. Phone Kevin Spurr 0429 104 145.

CAPRICORN COMMANDER (Christian Cullen out of maternal family of Classic Garry). Standing at Morganvale Park, Coolup, sire of Saleahs Command 1:57 etc Contact Brad Lynn, 0417 960 588.

FLY LIKE AN EAGLE (Mach Three out of Three Eagles by Falcon Seelster). 1:55.9 $699,419 Standing at Allwood Stud Bullsbrook, contact Mick Holtham, 9571 3999 or 0421 331 586.

FOLLOW THE STARS (Art Major out of Smyrna Duruisseau by Cam’s Card Shark). 1:53.8 $707,237 Standing at Allwood Stud Bullsbrook, contact Mick Holtham, 9571 3999 or 0421 331 586.


RENAISSANCE MAN (Art Major out of My Ami Lee by Safely Kept) 1:53.1, $297,904. Multiple Group 1 winning full brother to Louvre 1:54.5 $402,665. At Global Farms Mundijong. Contact Mike Hackett 0423 703 779.

YANKEE SENSATION USA (Western Hanover out of Direct Scooter mare) 1:49.8. Sire of Sensational Gabby 1:52.4 $788,831, Kiss Chasey, etc. At Hollywood Park, Hopeland. Contact Debra Lewis 0417 954 220.

IMPORTANT DATES TO MARK IN YOUR DIARY

2020/21 Pearl Classic / Diamond Classic Payment Schedule

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**2YO WESTBRED**
**GROUP 1 AND 2 WINNERS**

- **DOUBLE EXPRESSO**
  - Winner: G1 Allwood Stud Farm 2YO Fillies Westbred Classic
  - G1 The Clipsal 2YO Fillies Sales Classic

- **MANNING**
  - Winner: G2 TABTouch 2YO Pearl Classic

- **MAJOR MARTINI**
  - Winner: G1 Allwood Stud Farm 2YO Colts & Geldings Westbred Classic
  - G1 2YO Colts & Geldings Sales Classic

**3YO WESTBRED**
**GROUP 1 AND 2 WINNERS**

- **HAS NO FEAR**
  - Winner: G1 2019 Gannon’s WA Oaks 3YO Fillies
  - G2 www.dtswa.com.au - Search Online 3YO Fillies Sales Classic

- **THEO AVIATOR**
  - Winner: G1 3YO Pearl Classic

- **TYPHOON TIFF**
  - Winner: G1 Trotsynd 3YO Fillies Westbred Classic
  - G2 Westral Daintys Daughter 3YO Fillies Pace
TWO NEW STALLIONS FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA IN 2019

The local breeding industry has been boosted by the addition of two new stallions for 2019 and because they are standing in Western Australia the benefits to local breeders will double.

The Westbred Bonus Scheme is outstanding and its real benefit can be gauged by looking at its effect on base stakes for 2yo and 3yo races.

The basic bonus of $3,250 for races less than $15,000 and $6,250 is bolstered by a 12.5% Breeders Bonus and a one-off 1st Win Breeders Bonus of $2,000, a one-off 1st Win Owners Bonus of $2,000.

The effect of these bonus payments on stakes for 2yo and 3yo races in Western Australia can be seen from the chart below.

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Unlike some other bonus schemes the Westbred Bonus applies to all 2yo and 3yo races (excluding classics).

No other Australian State runs non-classic age races for an effective stake of $32,000 (city) or $15,900 (country).

While the 1st win Breeder and 1st win Owner Bonuses are one-off bonuses all the other Westbred Bonuses apply every time the horse starts and finishes in the first four past the post.

To qualify for the Westbred Bonus a horse must be conceived, foaled and registered in Western Australia.

If the semen used to get the mare in foal is from a WA based stallion then the Westbred Bonus payments double.

**Rock N Roll World to stand at Allwood Stud**

Bob Fowler has been bringing quality stallions to stand at stud in this State for more than 35 years and the likes of Allwood’s Trick, Hilarion, Northern Lights and Million To One have all made substantial contributions to the breeding industry in Western Australia.

His latest acquisition Rock N Roll World is due to clear quarantine as this edition goes to press and will shortly arrive at Fowlers Allwood Stud Farm in Bullsbrook where he will join the State’s Leading 2yo Sire in 2019 in Follow The Stars.

Rock N Roll World is a royally bred son of Rocknroll Hanover from the USTA 2yo and 2yo Filly Pacer of the Year in Worldly Beauty.

Worldly Beauty took a record of 1:49.6 and amassed stakes of $1.9 million and ranks as a full-sister to the dam of boom American sire Captaintreacherous. Worldly Beauty’s dam World Order is a half-sister to the dam of one of the truly great sires in recent years in Art Major.

Rock N Roll World was a top racehorse himself taking a record of 1:48.6 and winning 18 times on his way to stakes of $712,737. He won a division of the Geers Stake as a 2yo and a consolation of the Adios Stake as a 3yo.

He was also placed in a Tattersalls Pace, Art Rooney Pace, Reynolds Memorial, John Simpson Memorial and consolation of the North America Cup.

His sire Rocknroll Hanover has sired the winners of more than $118 million in North America with 480 taking 1:55 records and 288 winning in excess of $100,000.

His Australasian winners include this year’s WA Pacing Cup Rocknroll Lincoln and the 2018 WA Derby winner King Of Swing.
Allwood Stud Farm is a standout property managed by experienced horseman Mick Holtham who has been with the stud since 2000 after earlier having worked at New Zealand’s famed Roydon Lodge Stud.

**My Hard Copy to stand at Highlight Lodge**

After a break of a couple of years Bullsbrook studmaster Bill Hayes is back in business and will stand the 2018 Fremantle Cup winner My Hard Copy.

The last stallionBill stood at Highlight Lodge was the highly successful Rich And Spoilt in 2016.

In fact Bill handled Rich And Spoilt’s 16 year stud career in all bar the second and final two seasons and the son of Million To One has sired more than 130 winners to date.

“I needed a break as I wasn’t getting any younger and I have cut back to just four mares of my own and selling them through the local sale”, he said recently.

“I just loved My Hard Copy as a racehorse and when I was asked about standing him I was only too happy to do so”.

Few who were at Gloucester Park on 12th January 2018 for the $300,000 Fremantle Cup will forget the race where New Zealand champion Lazarus, fresh off his win in the 2017 Inter Dominion, Chicago Bull, Ultimate Machete and Soho Tribeca were swamped by My Hard Copy in the run down the straight.

“That field was absolute class and My Hard Copy was going away from them on the line’, Bill enthused.

Trained by Gary Hall for almost his entire WA career, My Hard Copy was retired in June 2019 with a best time of 1:51.6 (in a heat of the 2015 Inter Dominion) and a career record of 27 wins and 22 places in 89 starts for stakes of $1,270,660.

In addition to his Fremantle Cup success, My Hard Copy won the WA Pacing Cup twice and a Pinjarra Cup and was placed at Group One level in a A G Hunter Cup behind Smolda and Ohoka Punter and a Cordina Sprint at Menangle.

My Hard Copy is a son of American Ideal which is currently the sire of 768 winners in North America which between them have earned $95,777,000 and includes 267 $100,000 earners.

American Ideal is also the sire of more than 500 Australasian winners which, in addition to My Hard Copy, include another millionaire WA Pacing Cup winner in Soho Tribeca.

My Hard Copy’s dam Readallaboutit is a full-sister to the grand-dam of the Gary Hall trained Run Oneover which was a brilliant winner of two heats of the 2016 Inter Dominion held in Perth when he beat Lennytheshark and Smolda in successive starts.

Bill Hayes’s has handled a number of stallions at Highlight Lodge over the years including Fastease, Champagne Happy, Orange Sovereign and Resurgent Dragon but My Hard Copy will be a little different in the way he is managed.

Broodmare owners won’t have to be bothered taking their mares to the stud, rather the semen will come to them.

“I will be operating as a semen collection station and will happily send the semen to wherever is required in Western Australia or the Eastern States for that matter,” Bill explained.
WASBA NEWS

PLENTY OF WESTBREDS WINNERS THIS YEAR

For the third year in a row Westbreds have won more than 50% of races in the January to July timeframe – with 56% of the races won by Westbreds in 2019. We certainly hope you were one of those winners. While there are less Westbred-only races under HWOE, the winning results of previous years are still being replicated. Probably more relevant to connections is that the stakemoney paid to Westbreds over the 7 month period ending July 2019 is over $1 million higher than the previous year.

After an early concern with filly and mare results and some necessary changes made to races and concessions, the results for fillies and mares over the same 7 month period has increased to 28.6% female winners to races, consolidating a 1% increase in each of the last 3 years. These results are encouraging, and along with around $1.7M in Westbred and First Win Bonuses paid out in this and the previous two seasons, we look forward to the 2019/20 racing and breeding season to see continuing good results.

As always we are happy to take any concerns forward to discuss with the RWWA office and MrH Kerry Hanks. We certainly appreciate the support provided by Kerry to get/retain some targeted races into the program to support the mares and our WA bred progeny.

Over 80 Westbreds have won more than $30,000 this year. With over $100,000 in stakes are 7yo gelding Vultan Tin (breeder Phil and Denise Costello), 6yo gelding Irn Soky (breeder Harry Capararo), 5yo entire Handsandwheels (breeder Mike Howie), 3yo gelding Patrickthepiranha (breeders Kevin and Annette Charles), 2yo gelding Major Martini (breeder Steve Johnson) and the fillies 2yo Double Expresso and 3yos Has No Fear (breeders Kevin and Annette Charles) and Typhoon Tiff (breeder Colleen Lindsay). Others with over $60,000 for the season to date include 2yo geldings Manning and Aristocratic Star, 3yo geldings Theo Aviator, Gee Jay Kay and Shockwave, 5yo gelding Chiaroscuro, 6yo gelding Thereugo, 7yo gelding Charlie El and the girls 2yo Some Copper Beach, 3yos Delightfulreaction and Mandy Joan, and 4yos Lady De La Renta and The War Nurse.

A good number of the Westbreds earning over $30,000 for the season were available to purchase at their respective yearling sale – something to keep in mind for the upcoming 2020 APG WA Yearling Sale scheduled for Sunday 1 March 2020.

HOW GOOD ARE THESE?

Some of the noteworthy WA bred winners this season include the top filly Double Expresso (Sweet Lou) winner of the $100,000 2YO Fillies Sales Classic, $100,000 2YO Fillies Westbred Classic, and 7 wins all up. Has No Fear (Western Terror) won the $50,000 3YO Fillies Sales Classic and the $150,000 WA Oaks. Handsandwheels (Mach Three) won 2 FFAs, the $50,000 RWWA Cup and the $50,000 4 and 5YO Championship. Vultan Tin (Dawn Ofa New Day) won 5 separate FFAs as well as winning the $50,000 City of Perth Cup. Major Martini (Art Major) excelled in the $100,000 2YO Colts and Geldings Sales Classic and the $100,000 2YO Colts and Geldings Westbred Classic. Probably a little unlucky this season, nevertheless the Steve Johnson bred Manning (Sportswriter) won the $100,000 Pearl Classic for his Trotsynd owners.

In an interrupted preparation, Typhoon Tiff (Bettors Delight) won the $50,000 Dainty's Daughter Classic and the $100,000 3YO Fillies Westbred Classic. In a stellar season Patrickthepiranha (Four Starzzz Shark) won the $40,000 Caduceus Club Classic, the $50,000 3YO Colts and Geldings Sales Classic and the $100,000 3YO Colts and Geldings Westbred Classic. Stepping up a level for his connections this season was Westsired Theo Aviator (Mr Aviator) who impressively won the $50,000 3YO Pearl Classic and the 3YO Westsired Classic.

Mandy Joan (Art Major) won the $30,000 3YO Fillies Dainty's Daughter Classic at Pinjarra, Some Copper Beach (Somebeachsomewhere) won the $30,000 2YO Fillies Gold Bracelet and Poisedtopounce (Bettors Delight) won the first running of the $50,000 2YO APG Championship.

Tommy Be Good (Jeremes Jet) was successful in the $30,000 Parliamentarians Cup, Major Rush (Art Major) won the $30,000 Northam Cup for his owner breeders Graham and Wendy Gilbert, Fake News (Alta Christiano) was another filly winner of the $30,000 Country Derby and
Sarah Goody (Rich And Spoilt) won the $30,000 Golden Girls Mile, both of these races at Pinjarra.

One of the most exciting horses to watch over the last two seasons has been the very flashy Im Soxy (Rich And Spoilt) who has gone from a Kalgoorlie winner to Free For All company, with over $110,000 earned this season as a 6yo and $40,000 last season, without winning a feature race, showing the benefit of being allowed the time to mature at the lower speed tracks. Others to do exceptionally well with over $80,000 this season without a feature race win were Lady De La Renta (Well Said) breeders Kevin, Annette and Kody Charles, Gee Jay Kay (Western Terror) breeder Highlight Lodge and Delightfulreaction (Auckland Reactor) breeder Mike Howie.

Some excellent performances also, were the winners of the WASBA races this season. The vastly improved The War Nurse (Advance Attack), under the guidance of Debra Lewis, won the $30,000 Westbred 4YO and 5YO Mares Pace as well as stepping out at Pinjarra to win the $14,000 WASBA/Allwood Stud Farm King-Lethbridge Memorial Westbred Pace. Debra did it again with Sea Me Smile (Cams Fool) an excellent winner of the $14,000 WASBA Allwood Stud Farm Virgil Queen Celebration Pace at Northam. At Bunbury in a very exciting finish, My Prayer (Renaissance Man) was the winner of the $25,000 WASBA Country Oaks for the Howlett family, and Debra Lewis made it 3 from 3 with a win in the $14,000 Bob Humphries Memorial Westbred Mares Pace with Restrepo’s full sister Innocent Affair (Art Major). The Kody Charles bred Chiaroscuro (Art Major) also tipped the $100,000 this year with a win in the $30,000 4YO and 5YO Westbred Final.

There is a lot of depth in our WA bred horses, from a variety of sires (locally based and elsewhere) and dam lines. You can read more about all these winners and other breeding news on our facebook page https://www.facebook.com/WesternAustralianStandardbredBreedersAssociation and on our website www.wasba.com.au.

Remember that if you are racing a Westbred or a mare, we are here for you! Some of the outside mares like Maczaffair NZ, Eden Franco NZ, Our Alfie Romeo NZ, Miss Sangrial and the filly Majorpride NZ produced some excellent wins in the Group races, and should make great broodmares.

**STALLIONS IN WA**

Stallions standing in WA for the 2019/20 season are listed in another article. Also worthy of mention is the double Westbred win Bonus that applies to winning Westbred-Westsired progeny. A number of the WA based sires are Group 1 winners and/or strong performers at stud, with very reasonably priced service fees. With the quality stallions now in WA, including at least two first season stallions, they are certainly worth considering for the upcoming breeding season, which commences on 1 September.

WA located sires of Westsired winners of Listed or Group races in 2018/19 are Advance Attack (The War Nurse), Follow The Stars (Aristocratic Star) Indomitable Saab (Infinite Symbol) and Renaissance Man (Fifty Five Reborn and My Prayer).

For the full list of stallions see the Owners & Breeders Tab on the HRA website or go to link www.harness.org.au/ausbreed/studs/INDEX2.HTM

*Image: 2018/19 Gloucester Park Pacer of the Year was the Westbred IM SOXY*
WHAT WE DO

WASBA believes there should be sufficient incentives for owners and breeders of mares and WA bred horses to support the WA racing industry. Incentives such as the Westbred, and Double Westbred Bonuses, Breeder Bonuses, the $25,000 Westsired and $100,000 Westbred Classics and the WA EPONA Mares Credit Scheme are key strategies to encourage and support WA breeders.

"Everybody benefits from a strong local breeding industry"

As well as actively participating in discussion with RWWA to improve the outcome for our mares and WA bred horses, WASBA supports the annual yearling sale and provides over $16,000 to support the industry in the form of annual breeding Awards, race stakes, breeder bonuses, trophies, rugs, garlands and rehoming and show sponsorship. Our Annual Stallion Service Raffle and Annual Stallion Tender (the 2019 Tender is up and running until 5pm on Monday 9 September 2019) help to support these activities.

The following races were all initiated by WASBA and supported by RWWA and the relevant Club:

- At Gloucester Park: - $50,000 WASBA Breeders Stakes, $50,000 3YO Dainty's Daughter Classic, $50,000 3YO Pearl and Diamond, $30,000 4YO and 5YO Westbred Mares, $30,000 Kerry Clarke 4YO and 5YO Westbred Final, and the new race run in August the $30,000 WASBA 4YO and 5YO Mares Pace;
- At Bunbury: - the $25,000 WASBA Country Oaks, $14,000 WASBA Bob Humphries Memorial;
- At Pinjarra - $30,000 Golden Girls Mile, $14,000 King-Lethbridge Memorial Westbred Mares
- At Northam: $30,000 Virgil Queen Celebration Westbred Mares Pace

We have wonderful support throughout the year from our regular sponsors and we would sincerely like to thank those sponsors - studs Alabar Bloodstock, Allwood Stud Farm, Cobbity Equine Farm, Egmont Park Stud, Henty Brook Standardbreds, Woodlands Stud, Yirribee Stud; and our other sponsors Ramsays Horse Transport, Budget Stockfeeds, Decron Horse Care, Larkhill Vets, Milne Feeds, Pacing WA & Girl Power In Pacing, PSC Bloodstock Services (for all your horse insurance needs), Fresh Express and Vision Produce.

WASBA members receive 20% discount on the full service fee for stallions at Cobbity Equine and most of the stallions at Yirribee Stud (except for Lazarus and Fear The Dragon USA), both studs in NSW. Many of the studs including Yirribee, Cobbity, Alabar Bloodstock, Woodlands Stud and Allwood Stud WA offer multiple mare discounts.

Allwood Stud and Alabar offer loyalty discounts for some of their stallions to those breeders who have supported their stallions in recent years. No matter what stallion you are interested in, speak to the stud concerned and see what they are happy to offer you.

You are encouraged to join WASBA and actively support Western Australian Harness Racing. Our membership year commences in September and all memberships receive industry notices and a monthly Newsletter containing industry news and current activities. Contact WASBA by email info@wasba.com.au, phone 0447 053 040, mail to WASBA, PO Box 3237, East Perth WA 6892 or message us on facebook. Our bank details are Westpac BSB 036 043 account no. 129810, account name WASBA.

Image: Roc N Roll World

Image: The War Nurse
Jim Snooks was born on 27th April 1933 in Inglewood and grew up in the nearby suburb of Maylands as did his cousin John K Watts of football and broadcasting fame.

At high school Jim’s classmates included Russell Roberts and Phil Coulson and thus began his association with harness racing.

Jim’s fathers and uncles ran a building company in Perth and among the buildings that Snooks Brothers built were the original Aquinas College buildings and the Wembley Hotel.

The Wembley Hotel site was owned by W S Cranley whose son Dr Pat Cranley was to later become the honorary doctor at Gloucester Park.

Despite a teacher’s assertion that he wasn’t cut out to be involved in the building industry Jim Snooks went on to join the family construction company and to later become a senior figure with Civil and Civic when the family business was bought out by that company.

Jim Snooks was the project manager on Stage One of the construction of the Alcoa Alumina Refinery at Kwinana and later the Public Offices Building (now renamed Dumas House) in West Perth.

From 1980 until 1993 Jim was the WA Director of the Australian Federation of Construction Contractors and was also Construction Manager for the Plunkett Group.

Jim became a member of the WA Trotting Association (Gloucester Park Harness Racing) in 1955 as a 22yo with his nomination for membership being seconded by none other than the Association’s President J P Stratton.

He met his future wife Nena at Gloucester Park in 1962 and in 1977 Jim was elected to the Committee of the WA Trotting Association and he was made a Life Member of the Association in 1984.

After a couple of year’s break Jim was re-elected in 1986 and served as President between 1987 and 1989.

Jim was at the microphone introducing the Governor of Western Australia, Professor Gordon Reid, to make the presentation to the connections of Jodies Babe which took out the 1989 Inter Dominion final when all hell broke loose.

The two women who jointly owned Jodies Babe decided to have an argument over who should assist the Governor’s wife with rugging the horse and Mrs Reid was given a hip and shoulder that nearly put her on the track.

Jim Snooks was ropable and took the matter up with then Chairman of Stewards Des Jones who gave the pair one almighty dressing down and ordered they apologise.

Fortunately Mrs Reid graciously accepted the apology and this averted any further angst.

During his time on the committee of the WATA Jim Snooks served on the Boards of the TAB, Fairplay Print, Racecourse Development Trust, Betting Control Board, Appeals Tribunal and Radio 6PR.

Jim was actively involved in the introduction of the computerised tote at Gloucester Park, the enclosure of the under-croft area, creation of the Pure Steel Room (now Quinnys) and the establishment of the Golden Nugget Room.

Jim Snooks died on 6th August 2019 after a long period of illness and the President, committee and staff of Gloucester Park extend their deepest sympathies to his wife Lena, daughters Stacey and Natalie and all members of the Snooks family on their sad loss.

Vale Jim Snooks
Vale Nancy Watson

As a story on the contribution of women trainers to harness racing in Western Australia was being prepared for his edition word came through of the passing of 92yo Nancy Watson.

An absolutely delightful woman, Nancy Watson was a regular at Gloucester Park until a couple of years ago and she never bothered about the betting aspect of a night at the trots – she just loved the horses.

Nancy Watson took out a trainer’s licence in the late sixties and trained 33 winners with her first two winners just a week apart courtesy of Dillon Byrd in a heat and final of the Summer Gift.

She had been given the horse to train by Les Poyser as he had serious leg problems and Nancy’s patience and access to the beach were the only way the horse could make a comeback.

As a child, growing up in South Fremantle, Nancy Wilkinson was always with horses as her father’s green-grocery required a horse and cart. The spare stables were let to trotting trainers and horse-mad Nancy spent every spare minute “down the back” with the horses.

She learnt to ride and rode horses in their work along the nearby beaches or swam them in the Indian Ocean, near the old Robb’s Jetty. School was an irritation between her twice-daily sessions of stable chores helping trainers like Stan Andrews and Charlie Murphy.

Nancy would cycle anywhere for the opportunity to ride horses and it seemed inevitable that she would end up in the Porter stables in Osborne Road.

Headed by patriarch Howard Porter, the stables were amongst the strongest in the State. In 1942 the WA Pacing Cup was won by the Ron Porter driven Black Bertha.

In 1947 the Porters won a second WA Pacing Cup with Winsome Bobbie which was strapped by 19yo Nancy.

“Ron Porter was an outstanding driver and I still believe that he was the best there has been”, she said.

“The Porters did the bulk of their training on the old Richmond Raceway track which was different to what I had been used to. People like “Pop” Johnson did most of his work away from the track and even used to hopple his horses and work them on the beach”.

“Fremantle was literally full of horses and fast-work at Richmond Raceway was like a race-meeting with upwards of 100 horses there. I can remember driving one and leading another down Canning Highway to get to the track”.

It is said that our earliest memories are the strongest and one horse stuck in Nancy’s mind as the best she ever saw.

“I saw Grand Mogul win from 108 yards behind for Keith Anderson and he was the best I have seen..”

One morning, while working for Porters, Nancy Wilkinson met Doug Watson at trackwork at Richmond Raceway.

After the couple were married they moved to Gosnells to manage a stud farm for Norm Duncan who had the stallion Telluride. Like so many couples starting married life it was tough. While they loved their horses they both went back to more mundane jobs after a couple of years.

“Doug went back to work for Porters and I went to the Mills & Wares biscuit factory where I remained for some 16 years”.

The Watson’s bought their home in Forrest Street in 1962 from Bob Williams. They loved the idea of their own stables in the backyard and within walking distance of Richmond Raceway. Nancy was still living in the family home in 2019.

When Doug Watson died in 1980 his ashes were scattered on the track the couple loved so dearly.
Vale Ralph Dowding

Born in 1938 in Kellerberrin, Ralph Dowding died in his home town on August 14th at the age of 81 years.
As a small child he would ride his bike to the trotting track on what is now the town airstrip to watch the Kellerberrin Trotting Club meetings.
When not watching the local trots Ralph could be found at the stables behind the Kellerberrin Hotel where the Perth and Kalgoorlie trainers stabled their visiting horses.
Ralph was a student at Guildford Grammar School in Perth for a couple of years before returning to Kellerberrin to start work in his father’s business Dowding Motors.
Before and after work Ralph would ride his bike to the stables of Fred Doy to further his education in the finer points of training and driving.
It was at a time when most country towns had trotting races associated with the local show and Ralph had his first drive as a 16yo in a 20 horse field at the Kellerberrin Show.
Unfortunately for Ralph the stewards discovered his true age and he had to stop race-driving until he turned eighteen.
It wasn’t long after Ralph turned eighteen that he drove his first winner behind Brown Fury at Merredin on 23rd October 1956 and he repeated the dose at the next Merredin meeting a week later.
But Ralph had been well and truly bitten by the trotting bug and he spent all his spare time helping out at the Doy stables and training his father’s horse Frasquita.
Frasquita was sent to Bernie Cushing’s stables in Perth and she won six races in the city before returning to Kellerberrin where she proved a more than handy broodmare for the Dowding family with her best winner being Reasonic.
Reasonic won five races for Ralph on North Eastern tracks before being sold and she won a further five races for Val Pereira including three in the city.

Ralph’s biggest thrill as a trainer/driver came when he won the 1980 North Eastern Derby at Northam with the Captain Hook colt Captain Verity which was owned and trained by his father Wally.
Naturally enough it didn’t take Ralph long to become involved with the running of the Kellerberrin Trotting Club and he was a member of the Club’s committee for close to 40 years.
His involvement with club busy bees spanned a period greater than the club’s equipment.
Ralph helped install wooden light poles for the track lights and when they started to fail he helped install the metal replacements. He was also involved in the work to install two sets of running rails, a sight fence and new stables.
He was the youngest President of any trotting club in Western Australia when he was first elected as President of Kellerberrin in 1971. This was a time when the club held nine meetings each season and hosted a North Eastern Districts Derby.
Ralph was the Kellerberrin club’s delegate to the North Eastern Districts Trotting Council and later became a Council delegate to the WA Country Trotting Association.
He had a second term as President of the club between 1990 and 1993 at a time that the club changed from being a non-TAB to a TAB club and a time when he made countless trips to Perth on unpaid trotting business.
In 1998 the Kellerberrin Club recognised Ralph’s work for the club by awarding him Life Membership.
Ralph is survived by his wife of 60 years Doreen and their children Debra, Gregory and Murray.
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- For Fillies which qualify in heats
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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.

BARRIER DRAWS
(Revised 12 March, 2019. Policy to be effective 12 March, 2019)
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.

1. GPPBD/HWOE
A Grouped 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) Horses nominating out of their group will be drawn together with the lowest group.
   d) Where the conditions of a race include a preferential barrier draw on HWOEL2 then horses on the same value will be subject to a random barrier draw within their values. All other horses will be allocated a barrier sequentially based on their HWOEL2
   e) Horses using a concession will be drawn in their original group not a reduced group using the concession value.
   f) Standing start races will have 10-metre handicapping increments

2. PBD/HWOEL2
This is a STRAIGHT sequential Preferential Barrier Draw on HWOE/L2.
Horses with the same HWOE value will be subject to a Random Draw within their values.
The rest are straight sequential using HWOE.
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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) 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 1st September 2019 all overseas horses will be assessed as if all their wins had been under the HWOE system.
RACING POLICIES AND GENERAL RACING INFORMATION

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 (RWWA) 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 RWWA 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;

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 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 www.harness.org.au/media-room/racing-office/. Preferences will NOT 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 stakemoney may be granted a start in a race of lesser stakemoney at the same meeting. If there is a scratching from

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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 10.00am 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.
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 RWWA.

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 RWWA 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) 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.

3) 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.

4) 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.

5) 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.

6) A novice concession can only be claimed in a race where the conditions of the race stipulate.

7) 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.

8) A horse driven by a Novice Concession Driver claiming a concession shall have its HWOE reduced as determined by the concurrent total of the Driver’s race wins being:
   a) A $6,500 HWOE (Provincial/Country) or $3,000 HWOE (Community) concession for Novice Concession Drivers with 0 – 200 lifetime wins ***
   b) A $15,000 HWOE (Metropolitan) concession for Novice Concession Drivers with 0 – 50 lifetime Metro wins ***
   c) *** for the purposes of calculating a novice concession, a dead-heat for first placing shall not count as a win

9) 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.

10) 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.

11) 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.

12) 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.

13) 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.

14) 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.

**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:**

Owners 87.5%
Trainers 7.5%
Drivers 5%

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.

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.

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.
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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

A RWWA Official Trial Supervisor or RWWA Steward must be present for all Official Trials.

An Ambulance and Clerk of the Course (Catcher) must be present for all Official Trials.

Drivers are required to wear full race attire including approved vests and helmets, registered colours and white driving pants.

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

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.

A horse is not eligible to trial if it is currently under a stand-down, such as for a veterinary certificate.

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.

All horses competing in official trials must have their freeze brand checked against their Registration Certificate or official records of RWWA.

Any horse whose identification cannot be established will be withdrawn from the trial.

Nomination for trials

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,

A minimum of four horses must contest the trial, unless otherwise approved by the Stewards.

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.

The horse must then complete the trial in a competitive manner running the qualifying times below, displaying satisfactory manners.

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.

hen 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.

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)

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.

Only the horse’s first trial on any day shall be counted as one official trial toward the bar being removed.

Where a horse is barred to more than one satisfactory trial, the satisfactory trials must be completed consecutively before the bar will be removed.

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.

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.
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**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 RWWA Stewards for the ODM or ODS to be removed.

**Allocation of Field Selection Points**

1) To determine a horses 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 horses Total Field Selection Points used.

2) Horses will be allocated Field Selection Points (FP) in accordance with the following table:

3) A horse will be awarded 6 Field Selection Points for any ballot it receives.

4) 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 horses Form Points.

5) 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.

6) 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

7) No Ballot points shall be allocated where a horse is balloted from a Metropolitan Stakes race.

8) 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.

**Field Selection Points Selection Table**

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1) 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.

2) 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.

3) Preference in the selection of a horse under sub-clause 2 (b) will be given to the horse with the highest point score and the longest period in excess of 28-days between race starts.

4) 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 the RWWA Handicapping Panel. The Automatic Field Selection System and the Unfulfilled Engagement rule are not applicable.

2) A Field Selection Panel will be established to select fields for all races rated Group One or Group Two.

3) When selecting fields for Group Races, unless otherwise stipulated in the conditions for the race preference in field selection will be given to the:
   a) Four horses with the highest win dollars for the current season.
   b) Four horses with the highest stakemoney 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) All other races 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.

5) Unless otherwise permitted by RWWA, a horse shall only be selected to start in one race at a meeting where TAB betting is permitted.

6) A horse shall not be selected to start at more than one race meeting on any day.

7) Trotters will not be selected to compete in races with pacers.

8) 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.

9) 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

10) 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.

11) A horse must be nominated for a race by the prescribed time to be eligible for selection in the field.

12) 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.

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 1st January to 31st March
   ii. Nine (9) acceptors for the period 1st April to 31st 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, with 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 will
be selected for the first race.

6. The same principle will apply if there are sufficient
nominations to draw a third race.

7. The selection of a horse for a position in a field when two
or more horses have the same HWOE will be decided by the
highest dollars won in last five starts and then by ballot.

8. The following procedure will apply in the separation of horses
where a race is advertised as being for heats of a final;
   a) Horses will be listed in descending order of Field Selection
      Points and numbered accordingly
   b) If there are two heats horses 1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,19,21,23 will
draw in heat one and numbers 2,4,6,8,10,12,14,16,18,20,22,24
will draw in heat two.
   c) If there are three heats horses 1,4,7,10,13,16,19,22,25,28,31,3
4 will draw in heat one, horses 2,5,8,11,14,17,20,23,26,29,32,35
in heat two and horses 3,6,9,12,15,18,21,24,27,30,33,36 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 has defined handicaps which roughly
reflect a win for each 10 metres at the particular 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.
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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 August 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 1st January.
4) Races restricted to 2 year-olds will be programmed at not less than 50% of meetings after 31st January to 31st August 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 nine (9) acceptors
2) Races for horses aged 2 years old will be conducted with not less than:
   a) Five (5) acceptors for the period 1st January to 31st January
   b) Nine (9) acceptors for the period 1st March to 31st August
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 and The Village Kid 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, Bunbury and Northam there shall be 7 runners on the front line and 5 on the second line.
10) In a mobile start race restricted to 2 year olds and conducted between 1st January and 31st 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, Bunbury and Northam 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 1st June the field sizes for two year olds racing at
   a) Pinjarra, Bunbury and Northam 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.

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**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**


1. To be eligible for a Country Council Derby, Country Oaks and the Country Derby a horse must be:
   a) Westborn, and
   b) Only trained outside the “prescribed-radius” from the 1st September of the Derby season as determined by Stable Returns lodged with RWWA.
   c) Driven by a licensed driver who is domiciled outside the “prescribed radius”.

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 1st, 2nd or 3rd 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 stakemoney 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 race courses/training centres; Bunbury, Bridgetown, Busselton, Collie, Harvey 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. Subject to clause 1 (c) of this policy 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 1st September of the Country Derby 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.


8. Definitions
   a) “Prescribed Radius” means a radius of 50 kilometres from the Perth GPO.
   b) “Westborn” means a horse foaled, notified and branded in Western Australia.

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 and WestBred subscriptions (where applicable) associated with the foaling notification and naming have been paid.

For eligible horses foaled in the 08/09, 09/10 and 10/11 seasons a WestBred bonus is payable in any open 2 or 3 year old race where it is placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd where the race stake is between $4,501 and $14,999 or 1st 2nd, 3rd or 4th where the race stake is between $15,000 and $19,999.

1. Bonuses are paid as follows;

a) Where the total advertised stake is between $3,001 and $14,999.

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b) Where the total advertised stake is between $15,000 and $19,999

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2. The standard trainer and driver percentages are also payable on the bonuses.

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 $2000.


5. The Breeder and Owner first win bonus (as explained in point 3 and 4) are not subject to any trainer and/or driver percentages.

6. 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. Such amount is over and above the WestBred Bonus and is therefore not subject to any trainer and/or driver percentages.

7. Unless otherwise stated in the conditions of a race, the following races do not carry a WestBred bonus where the races are restricted to:

a) WestBred eligible horses,

b) WA Sires Series eligible horses,

c) Australian Breeders Crown races,

d) Heats of the WA Sales Classics and

LOCATION OF HORSES – STABLE RETURNS

Trainers and owners are reminded that RWWA and the Stewards must at all times know the whereabouts of registered horses. This is done by the lodgement of a stable return.

Rule 25(1) states:

A stable return containing true and correct particulars must be lodged with the Controlling Body by the connections of a horse within the time and in the manner and form determined by the Controlling Body and the connections shall ensure that all particulars on the stable return are true and correct.

Please note this rule means that once a registered horse enters or leaves the care of a Trainer, a stable return (or amendment) must be lodged. The rules makes no reference to whether the horse is named or un-named and does not specify that a stable return is only lodged for horses being prepared to race.

Therefore, a trainer must lodge a stable return for any registered horse in their care (named or un-named) regardless of whether the horse is being prepared for racing, is being pre-trained, being broken in or being spelled under the care of the trainer.

The above rule makes reference to a stable return being ‘lodged within the time determined by the Controlling Body’.

- Once a registered horse enters or leaves the stable - within 48 hours.
- If the horse is engaged to race – immediately.

Please also note that Rule 119B states:

Unless the stewards otherwise approve, a horse shall not be eligible to be nominated for a race unless the horse has been trained by a licenced trainer for not less than 28 days immediately prior to the date fixed for nomination.

Stewards will use stable return information to determine if a horse has been trained by a licenced trainer for not less than 28 days prior to nomination. Stewards continue to monitor nominations and stable return information and any trainer that fails to lodge a stable return and/or amendment within the timeframe detailed above will be penalised.

DEREGISTRATION

Rule 96A (3) Where a registered horse has been retired from racing or a decision has been made to not race the horse, the owner or trainer of the horse at the time of its retirement must, within one month of the horse’s retirement, notify the Registrar by lodging the relevant form prescribed by the Registrar.

There have been a number of instances where horses have been re-homed by connections, post racing or breeding careers, in good faith – only to learn that the horses have actually been acquired by persons who have on-sold them via horse sales where, unfortunately, their destiny is not always assured.

These horses had not been deregistered and subsequently continue to be registered with the last known owner who maintains responsibility under the Australian Harness Racing Rules – subjecting the connections to potential disciplinary action.

The traceability of horses throughout their lifecycle is an important element of the harness racing industry’s equine welfare reform agenda and it is in everyone’s best interests to know where our Standardbred horses are at all times, as well as being aware of the various options which exist post racing or breeding. Deregistration provides crucial information about when the horse left the racing pool that will assist in future program planning and also in welfare initiatives to develop positive outcomes for horses that have exited the industry.

While connections are reminded to deregister their horses once retired from racing and or breeding, it is important to note that this deregistration does not alter the horse’s status or inclusion in the Stud Book. Further, it does not adversely affect their eligibility to participate in any other equestrian disciplines, including shows and non-racing competitions.

Deregistration Form R25-A should be completed and sent to State Controlling Bodies as soon as the decision to retire a horse is made, or a horse leaves your care, so that an accurate record is kept of the horse’s movements and whereabouts at any given point.
PRIORITIES REGARDING HORSES TO BE DRIVEN

Rule 152 provides that a driver (who is also an owner or trainer) shall not drive any other horse in a race except with the permission of the stewards.

If a driver owns or trains more than one horse in a race (and wants to drive in that race), they must observe the following order of priority:

1. The person shall drive the horse the person owns and trains
2. The person shall drive the horse which the person owns but which is trained by someone else
3. The person shall drive the horse trained but not owned by the person.

Please note that if a driver is temporarily in charge of a horse in a trainer’s absence on raceday, that driver is deemed to be the trainer and if they wish to drive in the race in which that horse is engaged, they will be required under the Rules to drive that horse.

TEMPORARILY IN CHARGE OF A HORSE

Rule 119A(1) states:

Where a trainer intends to leave his horse with another licensed trainer or another person the trainer must obtain approval from the Stewards prior to doing so.

The trainer must also provide a written authorisation to be submitted to the stewards at the race meeting.

Therefore, if trainers are unable to attend a race meeting and they wish to leave their horse with a licenced trainer or driver, they must seek permission from the stewards prior to the race meeting. Trainers should not assume that permission will automatically be granted as stewards will take into account a number of factors including whether the licenced person is connected to the stable, the other commitments of the licenced person at the races, the age and licence category of the licenced person. Trainers who fail to seek prior permission may be subject to fines.

Please note if permission is granted and the person in charge is a driver, and they wish to drive in the race in which that horse is engaged, they must drive that horse, as per Rule 152 (detailed above).

TRAINERS OBLIGATIONS

TRAINERS WITH MULTIPLE RUNNERS IN ANY ONE RACE

Trainers with multiple runners in any one race are required to attend the stewards’ room upon arrival on course to advise the intended driving tactics to be adopted for their runners.

HORSE UNATTENDED

Horses are not to be left unattended at any time on a racecourse. Rule 211 states:

A trainer or other licensed person for the time being in charge of a horse shall not leave the horse unattended at a racecourse whether in a stable or elsewhere.

An unattended horse is a welfare issue. If a horse is selected for pre-race swabbing and is unattended, it can interfere with the timing of that swab sample which may result in the horse having to be detained on course two hours post race for the sample to be obtained.

OBLIGATION TO REPORT

Participants are reminded of their obligation under Rule 89(1) which states:

After the running of any race and for a period of 7 days thereafter if the owner, trainer, driver, stable hand or any person in charge of a horse is aware of or has knowledge of anything which may have affected the horse’s performance in that race, he or she shall report it immediately to the Stewards.

Things that may have affected the horse’s performance can include:

• Casting a plate
• Broken gear
• Flat tyre
• Gear that is not activated
• Contacting its own sulky wheels
• Poor post race recovery
• Injury or illness post-race
APPROVED GEAR

Any gear used on a horse must be approved. Rule268 states:

Gear used in connection with racing shall be approved by the Controlling Body.

A list of approved gear is provided on the Harness Racing Australia website. To view this list, access the harness.org.au website.

- Click on the ‘Services’ tab
- Click ‘Rules’
- Click ‘Approved Gear List’
- Click ‘Approved Gear List Orthodox or Unorthodox’

If connections wish to use gear not on this list, home made gear or gear used not in the usual manner, they must seek permission from stewards beforehand.

LOG BOOK

Trainers are reminded of their obligation regarding Log Books. Rule states:

190B. (1) A trainer shall at all times keep and maintain a log book:

A trainer must enter details of the treatment administered to any horse on the day of administration and must produce their Log Book for inspection by stewards upon request.

A trainer must list all therapeutic substances in their possession.

When recording details of treatments administered it must include:

- The name of the horse
- The date and time of administration
- The name of treatment (brand name and active constituent)
- The route of administration
- The amount given
- The name and signature of person administering or authorising treatment

Treatment includes:

- All Controlled Drugs administered by a Veterinarian(Schedule 8)
- All Prescription Animal Remedies (Schedule 4)
- All Prescription Only Medicines prescribed and/or dispensed by a Veterinarian for all label use (Schedule 4)
- All injectable veterinary medicines
- All Pharmacist only medicines (Schedule 2 and Schedule 3)
- All veterinary and other medicines containing other scheduled and unscheduled prohibited substances
- All alkalising agents
- All herbal preparations
- Shockwave therapy
- Acupuncture (including laser treatment)
- Chiropractic treatment
- Use of electrical stimulation devices
- Magnetic field therapy
- Ultrasound
- Any form of oxygen therapy including hyperbaric oxygen therapy
FINE FOR FAILURE TO PRODUCE A RECORD OF TREATMENT/S

The requirements for the recording of treatment records are set out in Rule 190B and are also described in the Prohibited Substances section of this magazine. Trainers should ensure that they are familiar with this rule and requirements.

Currently there are no set penalties applied for a breach of this rule.

Trainers are now advised that, in order to encourage compliance, commencing 1 September 2015 a minimum mandatory fine of $300 will be applied by Stewards for any first offence breach of 190B.

GROUP RACING AND DEFERRMENT PENALTY POLICY

Effective from 1 June 2016 the following policy and procedure shall apply to application of penalties for driving infringements (whip offences, interference, crossing, jostling, unacceptable drives etc) issued by Stewards.

1. Stewards shall apply a higher level of base tariff for any suspensions or fines imposed in relation to infringements of the rules in relation to driving offences arising from all Group races. Accordingly such penalties shall be higher and not less than an additional 10-days to the starting tariff. (Eg. If the normal starting point for the penalty would be 21 days, the Stewards will apply a starting point of at least 31 days subject to any mitigations that then apply which will be calculated on the normal tariff that applies)

In assessing any fines, where the offending Driver has subsequently proceeded to win or be placed, the Stewards will be entitled to take into account the Driver percentages that are to apply in determining the quantum of fine.

2. In instances where the offence is deemed in the opinion of the Stewards to be egregious, excessive, flagrant, resulted in a fall (or Driver dislodged) or where the offending Driver has subsequently proceeded to win or be placed in such event, the penalty shall also attract an additional premium above that of the higher base tariff. This shall also apply where as a result of the matter concerning the offence the Driver has either directly or indirectly benefited from the event with respect to the final finishing position of the horse.

3. Any suspensions incurred in Group races shall not be deferred for a period greater than 5-days. Such limited concession is provided in the interests of connections to avoid difficulties in finding replacement drivers at short notice for race meeting in the immediate days ahead where other drivers are already engaged. Accordingly it would be expected that Driver’s will fulfil their engagements (i.e within 5 days) unless there are some rare and exceptional reasons why this is not appropriate.

4. A Driver who does not have a good record at the time when any penalty is being issued arising from any race, will not be granted a deferment of the commencement of such penalty where such deferment would include a Group or other feature event.

Drivers with good records may be granted such deferment at the discretion of the Stewards, however deferments will not be granted in any circumstance where in the opinion of the Stewards the offence was egregious, excessive, flagrant (or Driver dislodged) or where as a result a fall occurred.

(For Example; If a Driver is not deemed to have a good record as per the Harness Stewards Penalty Guidelines Document and incurs a suspension on Tuesday in some regular race, then such penalty will not be deferred to include the Friday, if the same Driver is due to drive in a Group or feature event on that day.)

5. A Good record shall be one where the Driver has not been suspended within the last 6-months for any driving related offence provided that he has driven in no less than 100 race starts in that period.
DISPUTE RESOLUTION

From time to time RWWA customers seek assistance in resolving disputes regarding horse ownership or the training of a horse etc. Notwithstanding the wide powers RWWA and its officials, particularly the Stewards, have under the Rules those powers do not extend to dispute resolution to the extent that the Stewards can compel a party to act in any way not specifically outlined in the Rules themselves. Neither do the Stewards have the authority to force a person to sign away or forsake a share or interest in an animal, which has been afforded to them in accordance with the relevant Rules of Racing, or make any orders with respect to compensatory payments. This should not deter a person contacting RWWA officials who will provide advice in terms of the Rules and RWWA procedures and policies and ensure these are being complied with. Matters that cannot be resolved through the application of the Rules and polices, become a civil dispute between the parties which must be resolved accordingly.

Unless a dispute involves an alleged breach of the Rules, RWWA and its officials will not become directly involved. The exception is where a dispute is the subject of proceedings at law, in which case RWWA and its officials will be guided by any decision of a court.

Any complaint against a person for an alleged breach of the Rules must be made in writing and directed to the Chief Steward of the respective racing code.

WHIP RULE (FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2018)

Rule 156. - Whips

(1)  (a) A driver shall only use and be in possession of a whip by the Controlling Body.

(b) A whip, once approved -

(i) shall not be modified in any manner;
(ii) shall be maintained in a satisfactory condition;
(c) A whip that does not comply with sub paragraph (b) may be confiscated by the Stewards.

(2) A driver shall only apply the whip in a flicking motion whilst holding a rein in each hand with the tip of the whip pointed forward in an action which does not engage the shoulder.

(3) A driver shall not use a whip in an unapproved manner.

(4) For the purposes of sub-rule (3) a driver shall be deemed to have used the whip in an unapproved manner in the following circumstances which are not exclusive:-

(a) If the whip is applied excessively, continuously and/or without allowing the horse time to respond.
(b) If the whip is applied when the horse:-
(i) is not visibly responding;
(ii) is not in contention;
(iii) cannot maintain or improve its position;
(iv) is clearly winning;
(v) has passed the winning post at the finish of a race.

(c) If the reins are lengthened so as to result in loose reining regardless of

(5) A driver shall not use the whip in a manner which causes injury to a horse.

(6) A whip shall not be used so as to obstruct, strike or endanger another driver or horse.

(7) A driver shall not allow a whip to project outside the sulky.

(8) A person who fails to comply with any provision of this Rule is guilty of an offence.
The presence of prohibited substances in racehorses is viewed very seriously and punishments in this area are generally severe. Therefore Racing and Wagering WA would like to draw the attention of trainers to Harness rule of Racing 190, which states in part: “A horse shall be presented for a race free of prohibited substances”.

All trainers are reminded of the strict provisions of HR 190 and of their responsibility for not only the condition, but also the care of their horses, especially in the period leading up to racing. Therefore trainers are urged, in their own interests and in the interests of racing, to take proper precautions in regard to the feeding and safeguarding of horses that are to race, and to ensure that any person having contact with these horses is fully aware of the serious consequences that could flow should a ‘positive’ sample be returned.

For advice on the use of products that may contain prohibited substances trainers should consult their veterinarian, or contact the RWWA Veterinary Department (08) 9445 5459 or 0419 933 719.

**INDUSTRY NOTICE – THRESHOLDS FOR COBALT**

Cobalt is a naturally occurring trace element which may normally be present in horses at very low levels as a result of the ingestion of feedstuffs that contain it in trace amounts. Cobalt is also present in the structure of vitamin B12 (cyanocobalamin). However, it is known that excessive amounts of cobalt can have an effect on the blood system and therefore it can also be considered as a prohibited substance according to the Rules of Racing when it is at levels above those naturally occurring or as a result of routine nutritional sources, thus a threshold level was introduced into the Rules of Harness Racing to control the use of cobalt in race horses.

Please be aware that:

In the RWWA rules of Harness Racing the current threshold for cobalt is 100 micrograms per litre (μg/L) in urine and 25 μg/L in plasma.

Therefore trainers are advised:

- To avoid the simultaneous use of multiple supplements containing cobalt and vitamin B12.
- That administering products that are inadequately labelled, that make claims to enhance racing performance or to be ‘undetectable’, or which are marketed over the internet is extremely unwise.
- To comply with the one clear day restriction on the injection of any substance prior to racing.

Whilst the threshold has been set at a level to allow for normal levels of cobalt supplementation through routine nutritional sources, trainers are advised that the administration of certain registered vitamin supplements, particularly by injection, close to racing may result in a level of cobalt in a subsequent sample that exceeds this threshold. Trainers are therefore advised to avoid the use of these supplements close to racing.

Examples of injectable vitamin supplements that contain cobalt and/or vitamin B12 include, but are not limited, to V.A.M. injection, Hemo-15 and Hemoplex.

Please direct any inquiries to the RWWA Veterinary Department or the Stewards.

**RWWA HARNESS INDUSTRY NOTICE – RULE HR 196B**

Trainers and other Harness racing industry participants should be aware of Australian Harness Rule of Racing 196B that became effective in Western Australia from 1st September, 2015. This Rule prohibits the use of injections of any type in horses during the One Clear Day prior to racing.

**Implications of HR 196B**

This rule makes it an offence for any person (including a trainer, anyone else in charge of a racehorse or a veterinarian) to insert a hypodermic needle into a horse within the one clear day prior to a race.

By way of example, if a horse is racing on a Friday, the last time that the horse may be injected is midnight on the Wednesday prior to the race. The horse must not be injected on the Thursday or at any time on the Friday prior to the running of the race. For the purpose of proving a breach of HR 196B, it is not necessary to establish what (if any) substance was injected, or was attempted to have been injected, into the horse.

The one clear day ban on injections prior to competition includes, but is not limited to, the administration by injection, whether intravenously, intramuscularly, subcutaneously or any other route, of the following medications and substances:

- intravenous infusions, fluids and electrolytes;
- vitamin and mineral supplements;
- all Schedule 4 Prescription Animal Remedies and Prescription Medicines for injection, including those specified in AR 178B(2) such as antibiotics, mucolytic agents and anti-arthritic agents; and
• any other agents for administration by injection.

For the purpose of this rule “injection” means, but is not limited to, the insertion of a hypodermic needle into a horse. Under the amended rule, a person also must not insert a needle into a horse for the purpose of blood sampling for health and fitness assessment during the one clear day prior to competition. The obvious exception to the Rule is the collection of official pre-race or out of competition blood samples at the direction of the Stewards for the purpose of drug analyses.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR HARNESS TRAINERS AND VETERINARIANS REGARDING THE DETECTION OF THE CORTICOSTEROID DRUG DEXAMETHASONE**

Harness trainers and Veterinarians should be aware that the screening limit applied for the corticosteroid drug dexamethasone changed in Western Australia as of the 1st May 2015, and this will result in a longer detection time for the drug in urine.

**Background**

The Australian Racing Board (ARB) notified RWWA that as of the 1st May 2015 the Thoroughbred Rules of Racing were amended in order to adopt the new International Screening Limit (ISL) for dexamethasone of 0.2ng/mL in urine. This new screening limit was implemented by Australian racing laboratories for samples from Thoroughbred horses with effect from 1 May, 2015.

In the interest of consistency across both horse racing codes within Western Australia, Racing and Wagering WA have advised the ChemCentre WA that as of the 1st May 2015, this new International Screening Limit for dexamethasone of 0.2ng/mL in urine must be applied to all equine samples collected during competition from both Thoroughbred and Standardbred horses.

This screening limit has since been adopted into the Harness Rules of Racing in 2019.

This will have important implications for the detection of dexamethasone following its administration to racehorses, and will lead to a prolongation of detection times for this corticosteroid drug.

By way of example, the ISL was applied to the analysis of samples collected during an administration trial involving a short-acting dexamethasone preparation (dexamethasone sodium phosphate) given intravenously and conducted as part of the Equine Therapeutics Research Australia (ETRA) project and published by the Rural Industries Research Development Corporation (RIRDC). The published ETRA data sheet for dexamethasone reports a detection time of three days for the dosage regimen and pharmaceutical preparation used in the ETRA trial, and is valid for the new ISL to be applied by the Australian racing laboratories.

It should be noted that this three day detection time for dexamethasone sodium phosphate is longer than the detection time of 48 hours previously reported in the Australian Equine Veterinary Association (now Equine Veterinarians Australia – EVA) publication ‘Detection of Therapeutic Substances in Racing Horses’ (‘The White Book’), using the analytical methodology at that time.

Therefore veterinarians are advised that recommended withdrawal periods for treatment with dexamethasone sodium phosphate (for example, in products including Colvasone, Dexadreson, Dexamapent, Dexamson, Dexol-5, Dexone-5) must be based on the new ETRA data sheet detection time of three (3) days and not on the previous advice provided in the EVA publication, and that trainers are warned accordingly.

It is important to note that a withdrawal (or withholding) period is not the same as a detection period. Any withdrawal period should be calculated based on the published detection time, with the addition of a suitable safety margin based on the circumstances of the administration, including dose, route of administration, preparation administered.

There have been no studies conducted on the detection of long-acting forms of injectable dexamethasone in relation to the ISL, and due to their long and unpredictable excretion, their use in racehorses should be avoided.

**NEW RULES PERTAINING TO THE BANNING OF ANABOLIC STEROIDS IN THE WA HARNESS INDUSTRY APPLICABLE FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER 2014**

Harness Racing Australia has introduced Rules completely banning the use of anabolic steroids in Standardbred racehorses.

There are many implications arising from these rules, and to assist trainers and veterinarians in their compliance, the following explanatory note is provided.

**Which steroids are banned under these rules?**

The new rules ban the use of “anabolic androgenic steroids” in Standardbred horses at any time from birth until retirement. “Anabolic androgenic steroids” include those that are currently registered in Australia by the APVMA for use in horses, such as boldenone, ethylestrenol (in Nitrotain), methandriol, nandroline, stanozolol and testosterone.

Exogenous anabolic androgenic steroids that are banned also include but are not limited to those listed in the WADA prohibited list, such as 1-androstenediol; 1-androstenedione; bolandiol; bolasterone; boldione; calusterone; clodestol; danazol; dehydrochlorimethyltestosterone; desoxymethyltestosterone; drostanolone; fluoxymesterone; formebolone; furazabol; gestrinone; 4-hydroxytestosterone; mestanolone; mesterolone; metenolone; methandienone; methasterone; methyldehydroepiandrosterone; methyl-1-testosterone; methyltestosterone; metribolone; mibolerone; 19-norandrostenedione; norboletoine; norclomiphen; norethandrolone; oxabolone; oxandrolone; oxymesterone; oxymetholone; prostanolone; quinbolone; stenbolone; 1-testosterone; tetrahydrogestrinone (THG); trenbolone; and other substances with a similar chemical structure or similar biological effect(s).
Endogenous anabolic androgenic steroids are also banned when administered exogenously, and include but are not limited to: androstenediol; androstenedione; dihydrotestosterone; prasterone (dehydroepiandrosterone or DHEA); and testosterone; and their metabolites and isomers.

Which horses are affected by these rules?

The use of anabolic androgenic steroids will be banned from birth. There are no time or therapeutic exemptions of any kind. The ban applies to all unregistered and registered Standardbred racehorses until their retirement as a racehorse. Standardbred horses can be tested at any time and this includes when spelling and in training and racing.

Can I have anabolic steroids present in my stables or on my property even when prescribed by a veterinarian?

No – the possession of any anabolic androgenic steroid, including oral paste preparations such as Nitrotain, at any premise used in relation to the training and racing of horses will be considered an offence under the new rules.

Further any person who either administers or attempts to administer an anabolic androgenic steroid to a Standardbred horse at any time commits an offence under the new rules.

How will compliance with this ban be enforced by Controlling Bodies?

Compliance with these rules will be enforced by Controlling Bodies through regular stable inspections, inspections of medications and medication records and regular out of competition testing of Standardbred horses, as well as through routine race day sampling.

Any registered horse that tests positive at any time for a banned anabolic androgenic steroid will not be eligible to trial or race for 12 months from the date of collection of the sample.

Any unregistered horse that tests positive at any time for a banned anabolic androgenic steroid will not be eligible to trial or race for 12 months from the latter of a) the date on which the horse, having been registered, is allowed to start in a race or b) the date of collection of the sample.

RULES RELATING TO THE TREATMENT OF RACEHORSES

Trainers and Veterinarians should be aware of the implications of HR 188A (3) and HR 193 (3) which have an impact on the way racehorses can be treated before racing.

HR 188A (3) specifies a limited number of therapeutic substances that have been exempted from the provisions of the Prohibited substances rule – HR 188A (1).

HR 188A (3) states:

(3) The following are not prohibited substances:

- antimicrobials (antibiotics) and other anti-infective agents but not including procaine penicillin
- antiparasitics approved and registered for use in horses
- ranitidine
- omeprazole
- ambroxol
- bromhexine
- dembrexine
- registered vaccines against infectious agents
- orally administered glucosamine
- orally administered chondroitin sulphate
- altrenogest when administered to fillies and Mares

These substances listed in HR 188A (3) effectively are no longer considered as prohibited substances according to the Rules of Racing when administered in the manner specified. Note: the antiparasitic agent levamisole, which is contained in some sheep and cattle drenches, is not approved or registered for use in horses, and would therefore be considered a prohibited substance. The detection of levamisole and/or its metabolites, artifacts and isomers in a race day sample would be a contravention of the Harness Rules of Racing.

The administration of altrenogest to a male horse or gelding, and its subsequent detection in a sample from that animal would be a contravention of the Harness Rules of Racing.

The introduction of HR 188A (3) does not imply the unrestricted use of these substances prior to racing. Their administration will still be considered as medication according to the Rules, and therefore their administration to a horse is not permitted on race day prior to the horse running in its race.
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TESTING OF NON-RACE DAY (ELECTIVE) SAMPLES

Trainers should be aware that unpredictable and prolonged excretion times can result from the therapeutic use of certain, specific prohibited substances including long-acting corticosteroids (particularly Depo-Medrol - methylprednisolone acetate) and procaine, from the use of procaine penicillin.

Elective testing is strongly recommended for the above drug categories as reliable detection times are difficult, and in some cases impossible, to provide.

Through the Stewards, the Racing Chemistry Laboratory (RCL) will analyse non-race day elective urine samples for certain long-acting therapeutic drugs.

The purpose of this service is twofold. It allows trainers to determine the suitability for racing of an animal after the administration of long-acting medications; or where an animal has been transferred from the premises of another trainer.

The following long-acting drugs can be tested for under the program:

- Corticosteroids (i.e. Depo-Medrol)
- Procaine (from procaine penicillin)

Trainers and veterinarians are encouraged to use this service; however, it does not remove the responsibility, under the Rules of Racing, for a trainer to present all animals under their control free of any prohibited substances on race-day.

For further information contact the RWWA Veterinary Department 9445 5459 or Stewards.

RULE REQUIRING COMPULSORY TREATMENT RECORDING IN RACING STABLES

Trainers and other industry participants are reminded of the provisions of HR 190B which makes it compulsory for trainers to keep accurate records of any and all treatments administered to racehorses in their care. HR 190B in part reads:

190B. (1) A trainer shall at all times keep and maintain a log book:-
(a) listing all therapeutic substances in his or her possession
(b) recording all details of treatment administered to any horse in his or her care and including as a minimum requirement:
   (i) the name of the horse;
   (ii) the date and time of administration of the treatment;
   (iii) the name of the treatment (brand name of active constituent);
   (iv) the route of administration;
   (v) the amount given;
   (vi) the name and signature of the person or persons administering and/or authorising treatment.

190B. (2) For the purposes of this rule treatment includes:
(i) all Controlled Drugs (Schedule 8) administered by a veterinarian
(ii) all Prescription Animal Remedies (Schedule 4)
(iii) all Prescription Only Medicines (Schedule 4) prescribed and/or dispensed by a veterinarian for off label use
(iv) all injectable veterinary medicines (intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous, intra-articular) not already included above
(v) all Pharmacist only (Schedule 3) and Pharmacy Only (Schedule 2) medicines
(vi) all veterinary and other medicines containing other scheduled and unscheduled prohibited substances
(vii) all alkalinising agents
(viii) all herbal preparations
(ix) shockwave therapy
(x) acupuncture (including laser treatment)
(xi) chiropractic treatment
(xii) the use of any electrical stimulation device (including transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS))
(xiii) magnetic field therapy
(xiv) ultrasound
(xv) any form of oxygen therapy including hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

190B. (3) Details of the treatment administered to any horse must be entered into the log book on the day of the administration.

These records must be retained for at least 2 years and be produced if requested by the Stewards, for example, during a stable inspection or at an official Stewards’ inquiry.
**VETERINARY NOTICES**

Provided the required details as specified in HR 190B are entered for each treatment, there is currently no prescribed format for the recording of treatment.

Suggested methods include the use of an A4 day-to-a-page diary where the required treatment details are entered daily for each horse on the corresponding page. Columns on each page would include racing name of horse, treatment administered, route of administration (oral, IV, etc), amount given, name and signature of person administering treatment, and name of person authorising treatment.

**HERBAL REMEDIES**

Trainers are reminded that herbal remedies and medicines, including those obtained over-the-counter at a pharmacy, may contain prohibited substances. Trainers are strongly advised to avoid their use close to racing because the constituents of many of these preparations are unlisted or unknown. Specific examples of preparations that should be avoided include those containing guarana, kava and valerian.

**OVER-THE-COUNTER PHARMACY MEDICATIONS**

Trainers should be aware that some “over-the-counter” human and/or veterinary preparations may contain prohibited substances. Examples include but are not limited to: Enerselen which contains heptaminol, DADA 250; Dadal; Heptenal & Tridenosen which contain DADA (di-isopropylamine dichloroacetate.

Trainers are advised to avoid administering these preparations close to race-time. Furthermore trainers are advised to discuss the use of any human or animal over-the-counter pharmacy medications purchased for use on racing horses with their veterinarian as they may contain prohibited substances and their use should be avoided close to racing.

**UNREGISTERED AND IMPROPERLY PRESCRIBED/ SUPPLIED MEDICATIONS**

Trainers, veterinarians and other industry participants should be aware of HR 194, LR194 and LR19A.

These Rules make it an offence for a trainer (or anyone else in charge of racehorses in training) to have in their possession prescription medicines (whether veterinary or human) that have not been properly prescribed; or unregistered veterinary chemical products. It is also an offence to supply such products.

Trainers and others are officially warned of the dangers of administering to horses that are in work and racing:

- Unregistered medicines (veterinary and human)
- Over-the-counter pharmacy medicines
- Restricted human prescription (schedule 4 or 8) medicines
- Registered veterinary medicines not intended for use in horses
- Registered veterinary prescription (schedule 4) medicines

that are not prescribed for a specific horse or are otherwise improperly labelled

The use of these preparations could lead to the risk of a treated horse returning a positive to prohibited substances when sampled on race day, and in some situations, may constitute a contravention of Commonwealth and State regulations regarding the supply and use of these preparations.

Industry participants are urged to examine their stable medicine supplies for unregistered medicines, prescription (S4) medicines that are not properly labelled by a veterinarian and medicines beyond their expiry date, and dispose of such products appropriately. Trainers should consult with their veterinarian or the RWWA Veterinarian if they are unsure as to whether a product is registered or not. Trainers are reminded to always seek professional advice whenever any racehorse is treated with any veterinary medicine or other preparation that may contain a prohibited substance.
**ARSENIC - NOTICE TO HORSE TRAINERS**

Trainers and industry participants are reminded that Arsenic is a prohibited substance under both the Harness and Thoroughbred Australian Rules of Racing, when found at a level above the threshold value of 0.30 milligrams per litre in urine.

Arsenic is a chemical element which occurs in many minerals and trace amounts may be present commonly in feeds and in groundwater in the environment.

Registered veterinary products that contain Arsenic -based compounds include:

- Arcyl Solution for Injection
- Ferrocyl injection
- Troy Invigorate Injection
- Jurocyl Injection.

Horse trainers are therefore reminded to avoid using these preparations close to racing, and a useful guideline is not to administer them following a single dose within a 5 clear day period before racing. Multiple administrations will prolong this period, so extreme caution must be exercised if administering them on consecutive days. The administration of any of these preparations must be recorded as treatment in a trainer’s medication log book.

A recent Australian study concluded that it is possible that Arsenic levels in horse urine may be elevated following the ingestion by a horse of Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA) treated pine timber, a common component of horse stables and paddock fencing.

Consequently, RWWA Stewards advise that it would be prudent for trainers and industry participants to conduct an environmental audit of their facilities to ensure they eliminate access of the racehorses in their care to CCA treated pine timber products, or any other product that may present a similar risk of an elevated arsenic level in any race day sample.

RWWA Stewards recently concluded several inquiries into matters relating to the presentation of horses by trainers with Arsenic levels above the threshold. In those matters a conviction without penalty was recorded and the horses concerned were disqualified. RWWA provides notice to trainers and industry participants that future action taken by RWWA Stewards, in matters relating to the presentation of horses with Arsenic levels which exceed the threshold, may result in penalties being imposed, regardless of any evidence relating to ingestion of CCA treated timber products or any other source.

Queries can be directed to your Veterinarian or the RWWA Veterinary Department on (08) 9445 5459.


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**NOTICE TO TRAINERS RE ALTRENOGEST PRODUCTS**

RWWA advises WA horse trainers and veterinarians to take note of the following information concerning potential contamination of certain batches of altrenogest products;

It has recently discovered that certain batches of altrenogest products may contain low level traces of trenbolone and/or trenidione.

Trainers and veterinarians should avoid using injectable products containing altrenogest, and as a precaution, should not administer oral altrenogest products within at least one clear day prior to racing.

Trainers are reminded of the requirement for all treatments to be recorded by midnight on the day on which the treatment was given.
HARNESS RULE OF RACING - ADMINISTRATION OF ALKALINISING AGENTS

Trainers should take particular note of Harness Rule of Racing 196C that bans the administration of alkalinising agents to a horse, both on the day of a race and during the one Clear Day prior to the day of the race.

The purpose of this notice is to explain the rule and to assist trainers and veterinary practitioners in managing compliance.

This rule makes it an offence to administer, attempt to administer or cause to be administered, both on the day of a race and during the one clear day prior to a race, any substance that meets the below definition of an alkalinising agent.

For the purposes of Rule 196C, an alkalinising agent is defined as any substance that may elevate the plasma total carbon dioxide (TCO2) of a horse when administered by any route.

One Clear Day is defined within the Rule to mean a twenty four hour period from 12:01 a.m. to 12 midnight. For practical purposes, a clear day restriction means that the calculation of the number of days for which the procedure/treatment is banned does not take into account the day of treatment nor the day of racing.

For example, the restriction on the administration of alkalinising agents is one clear day. This means that if a horse is racing on a Friday, the last time it may be administered alkalinising agents, is midnight on the Wednesday. In this case, the Clear Day is the Thursday.

A clear day is not the 24 hour period prior to the time of racing. Alkalising agents that must not be administered either on the day of the race or within the one clear day prior to racing include, but are not limited to: bicarbonates, citrates, succinates, acetates, propionates, maleates, lactates and trometamol (e.g. THAM, tris buffer or trometamine) and also include products marketed as urinary alkalinisers and hind gut buffers.

Products that contain alkalinising agents and which fall within this definition include proprietary formulations such as: Sodium Bicarbonate (“bicarb”), sodium citrate, Baladene®, Lang’s Solution® for intravenous use, Neutra-Syrup®, Neutraika®, Neutroline®; Neutroline Plus® and Neutradex® and any other products that are marketed as lactic acid buffering or neutralising products. These products must not be administered to a horse on the day of the race prior to racing, or within the one clear day prior to race day.

This rule does not prohibit the use of balanced, commercial electrolyte supplements or feeds which may contain some alkalinising agents, but which can be demonstrated to have negligible effects on plasma TCO2 when administered in feed according to the manufacturer’s recommendations for normal daily use. These commercial balanced electrolyte supplements may be fed in normally recommended amounts within the one clear day.

Examples of normal balanced electrolyte products would include such proprietary preparations as: Applyte Gel®, Electromix®, Electro Paste®, Electrovite Paste®, Equyte®, Endura-Max®, Endura-Max Paste®, Equicharge®, Horsport®, Humidimix®, KelatoLYTE Electrolyte Replacer®, Ranvet Electrolytes®, Recharge®, Restore®, Salkavite® and Vetsense®.

Regardless of the operation of this rule, in the event that an elevated level of TCO2 beyond the threshold is detected from any sample taken by the Stewards, the rule does not provide a defence to a charge laid against a person under the Rules. Consequently even if a product that is described or may be described as a ‘balanced electrolyte supplement’, such as the examples above, is fed/administered and a horse returns an elevated level of TCO2 greater than 36.0mm/L, the absolute and strict liability operation of the ‘presentation’ rule remains and an offence is committed.

NO MEDICATION ON RACE-DAY

Trainers should be aware of HR 193 (3):

(3) A person shall not administer or cause to be administered any medication to a horse on race day prior to such horse running in a race.

For the purposes of this rule medication means any treatment with drugs or other substances; whether they are prohibited substances or not. Veterinary advice should be sought at all times.

There are a number of implications arising from this Rule:

- HR 193 (3) effectively prohibits all treatment of horses with drugs and other substances by injection, stomach tubing, oral syringe, topical application, inhalation or other means on race day prior to racing. Essentially, only normal feeding and drinking will be permitted in this period.

Trainers should contact the RWWA Veterinary Department or the Stewards if they have any queries about the meaning of this Rule.

CONTROL OF RACE DAY TREATMENT/MEDICATION OF RACEHORSES

With a number of Rules now restricting medication and treatments of various kinds before competition, the following are guidelines regarding medications/treatments that may be approved by the Stewards on veterinary advice when a request is made to the Stewards for permission to treat a horse on race day.

Guidelines for treatments/medications that can be permitted on race day prior to the race – prior approval of the Stewards not required

Topical application of hoof oils/dressings/grooming products

The application of routine, non-medicated hoof oils/dressings is
permitted on the day of racing. The exception is those products that contain medications or herbs that claim therapeutic effects such as analgesia or anti-inflammatory actions.

The application of commercial baby oil or petroleum jelly preparations to lubricate/prevent chaffing of a body area, or a grooming product, is permitted to be applied pre-race. Any product so used must be kept in its original container that has applied to it the original product label, must not be altered or modified by the addition of any other substance/s, and must be available for inspection by the Stewards and official veterinarian. The Stewards may take possession of any such preparation for testing for prohibited substances.

**Shampoos and fly sprays**

Shampoos, including those that are antiseptic or contain an antifungal agent, are permitted to be used on race day prior to racing. Fly sprays are permitted to be used on race day prior to racing.

**Physical therapy as treatment**

Vibratory massage systems may be used in the stable on the morning of the day of the race but are not permitted on the racecourse.

The application of ice/cold water to musculoskeletal structures

The application of ice or chilled water to, or the use of whirlpool boots or systems such as “Game Ready” on musculoskeletal structures are permitted in the trainer’s stables on the morning of race day but are not permitted to be used pre-race in the race day stalls on-course.

**Treatments/medications permitted on race day before the race – prior approval of the Stewards required**

**Other topical preparations**

While creams, ointments and powders for topical use are considered to be medications, circumstances may arise when a horse suffers a minor wound that does not affect its suitability to race but would benefit from the application of a topical antibiotic or antiseptic treatment. Such a preparation must be a registered veterinary preparation or human therapeutic good which contains only an antibiotic or antiseptic as its active ingredient, and which is clearly stated as such on its product label. Any product so used must be kept in its original container that has applied to it the original product label, must not be altered or modified by the addition of any other substance/s and must be available for inspection by the Stewards and official veterinarian. The Stewards may take possession of any such preparation for testing for prohibited substances.

Trainers must apply to the Stewards for permission to administer a topical antiseptic/antibiotic preparation before a race on race day. Horses having received such permission for the application of a topical medication must be inspected by an official veterinarian on arrival at the racecourse.

**Treatments/medications prohibited on race day prior to the race**

**Routes of administration**

Unless excepted in the guidelines above, any substance administered by injection, by stomach tube, by paste, by dose syringe, by topical application or by inhalation will be considered to be a treatment and must not be administered on race day prior to the race. Furthermore, there are other pre-competition restrictions on certain treatments/procedures imposed within the Harness rules that trainers must be aware of.

**Clay poultices**

Clay poultices may be applied to the legs no later than the day before racing but must be removed the morning of the race and must not be re-applied on race day before the race. All traces of clay poultices must be removed prior to arrival on-course.

**Glycerine and Vicks Vaporub®**

The application of Glycerine and/or Vicks Vaporub® by any means is not permitted prior to racing on race day.

**Physical therapy as treatment**

The following physical treatments are not permitted to be used at any time before racing on the day of a race:

- acupuncture
- laser and infra-red treatments
- chiropractic manipulations
- magnetic field therapy
- transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) and any other form of electrical stimulation

**Extra-corporeal shock wave treatment (ESWT)**

Shock wave treatment of racehorses is prohibited for seven clear days prior to racing.
CONTROL OF RACE DAY MEDICATION INFORMATION

A fundamental principle of Australian Racing is that horses must race free of the pharmacological (or toxicological) effect of drugs or other substances.

To assist in maintaining this principle, it is not permitted to administer any medication to a horse on race day prior to it running in a race.

“Medication” means any treatment with drugs or other substances.

As a general principle, any substance administered with the intent or hope of achieving a pharmacological effect / therapeutic effect will be considered as a medication under the Rules.

Products that claim to provide pharmacological effects and to be undetectable. There are numerous products, often herbal or homeopathic preparations, that claim to provide significant pharmacological effects such as a diuretic action, analgesia, anti-inflammatory actions or bronchodilator actions and also claim to be undetectable by laboratory testing. These types of products fall within the definition of a medication and are not allowed to be administered to a horse on race day prior to a race.

ROUTES OF ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION NOT PERMITTED ON RACE DAY

Any substance administered to a horse on race day prior to racing by injection, stomach tube, paste, dose syringe, topical application or by inhalation, amongst any other routes of administration, will be considered a medication.

Only normal feeding and supplementation, according to Manufacturer’s recommendations for normal daily use, that can be achieved by the horse voluntarily eating or drinking the feedstuffs can be considered acceptable on the day of racing.

PHYSICAL THERAPIES NOT PERMITTED ON RACE DAY

The following physical treatments are not permitted, by order of the Stewards, to be used at anytime before racing on the day of racing.

Physical Treatments which are not to be given on race day include, but are not limited to:

- Acupuncture (including laser and infra-red treatment)
- Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation (TENS)
- Magnetic Field Therapy
- And any other form of electrical stimulation

Extra: Cardiorespiratory Shock Wave (ESWT) treatment of racehorses is prohibited for seven (7) clear days prior to racing.

PERMITTED ON RACE DAY

APPLICATION OF ICE / COLD WATER TO MUSCULOSKELETAL STRUCTURES

The application of ice or chilled water, whirlpool boots or systems such as “Game Ready”, to musculoskeletal structures is permitted on the morning of race day in the stables but is not permitted on the racecourse prior to a horse running in a race.

Seek permission — Topical Applications

While topical applications are considered to be medications, circumstances may arise when a horse may suffer a minor injury, that does not affect its suitability to race but would benefit from the prophylactic application of a topical antibiotic or anti-sieptic.

In such circumstances, a trainer must apply prior to the stewards for permission to administer the medication.

If you are unsure please contact RWWA Veterinary Department (08) 9445 5459 or Stewards (Harness (08) 9445 5357) (Thoroughbred (08) 9445 5570)

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### VETERINARY NOTICES

#### HARNESS RACING CLEAR DAY RULE CHARTS

The charts below relate to HARNESS RULES of RACING which prohibit the administration of substances or treatments for a number of days and/or clear days prior to a race or official trial.

These charts seek to assist the trainer by visually showing the days on which substances or treatments cannot be administered.

The yellow highlights represent clear day or which the substance or treatment can not be administered. The green highlights represent the day of the race or official trial. The red highlights represent the last day the substance or treatment can be administered. Substances or treatments cannot be administered on the day of a race or official trial, prior to that race or official trial.

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#### 48 HOURS FROM THE COMMENCEMENT TIME OF RACE — STOMACH TUBING & ATOMISERS/FACE MASKS (HR 193)

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#### EXEMPTED SUBSTANCES (HR 188A (3))

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The following orally administered substances are exempted from the provisions of Rule hr188a, and may be administered up to but not including the day of a race:

- **Antimicrobials (Antibiotics) – But not Procaine Penicillin**
- **Antiparasitics approved and registered for use in horses**
- **Omeprazole (e.g. Gastrocil®, Omoguard®)**
- **Chondroitin Sulphate (e.g. Cosequin Equine®, Glucosamine (e.g. Joint Guard®)**
- **Altrenogest when administered to fillies and mares (e.g. Regumate®)**

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If you are unsure please contact RWWA Stewards (08) 9445 5157 or Veterinary Department on (08) 9445 5459

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Racing and Wagering WA have resolved that the RWWA Rules of Harness Racing 2004 be amended. In accordance with section 45 (1) (b) of the Racing and Wagering Western Australia Act 2003 the Board of Racing and Wagering WA resolved that the below mentioned amendments be adopted accordingly into the RWWA Rules of Harness Racing.

Amendments to Rules effective 29 March 2019

Harness Racing Australia (HRA) has given notice of amendments to the Australian Harness Racing Rules (National Rules) as follows;

**DICTIONARY**

Amend definition of “Therapeutic substance”

“Therapeutic substance” means a prohibited substance to which a screening limit applies and which is promulgated as such from time to time by Harness Racing Australia and published on the websites of Harness Racing Australia and a Controlling Body”

**MEETING AND RACES**

Appointed times

Amend Rule 41(1)

41.

(1) A horse entered to race at a meeting shall be within the stabling area of the race course at which the meeting is to be conducted 60 minutes before the scheduled start time of the race or such other time as determined by the Controlling Body.

**HORSES**

Registration certificate – deregistration of a horse

Amend Rule 96A(4)(b)

96A. (4) The owner, or trainer of the horse at the time of its death shall:

(a) In the case of a horse which dies within 14 days of being entered for or participating in a trial or race notify the Controlling Body of the death within 24 hours of its occurrence.

(b) In any other case notify the Controlling Body of the death within 7 days of its occurrence.

Changes the notification requirement in section (b) from 28 days to 7 days.

Medical and surgical procedures

Amend Rule 100(2)

100. (2) Notification under sub rule (1) shall be given within 7 days of the gelding or other procedure occurring, in writing or such other form as the Controlling Body may determine and, if the horse is named, notification shall be accompanied by the horse’s registration certificate.

Changes the notification requirement for the gelding of a horse from 28 days to 7 days.

**BLEEDING ATTACKS**

Add new Rule 101C

101C. (1) If a horse suffers cardiac arrhythmia after a race the trainer shall immediately and in any event within 24 hours notify the Stewards.

(2) If the Stewards are satisfied that a horse has suffered cardiac arrhythmia the Stewards shall:

(a) After the first attack stand the horse down from racing for a period of 14 days, require the horse to undergo an ECG prior to a trial and then trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards.

(b) After the second attack stand the horse down from racing for a period of 28 days, require the horse to undergo an ECG before trialling and then trial on two occasions to the satisfaction of the Stewards.

(c) After the third attack, bar the horse for life.

New rule that deals with horses that suffer cardiac arrhythmia.

**Temporary transfer of horse**

Amend Rule 119A(2)

119A. (2) The period in which a horse may be left with another licensed trainer or another person shall not exceed 14 days from the date of approval.

Changes the period a horse can be left with another trainer from 6 weeks to 14 days.

**STARTING**

False Start

Amend Rule 141(1)

141. (1) In mobile start races the starter may declare a false start if at or before the starting point a horse causes interference to another runner, falls, breaks gear or scores up in front of the gate or in an incorrect barrier position.

Adds the option to declare a false start if a horse is in an incorrect barrier position.

**DRIVERS**

relating to matters at the start and during the race

Amend Rule 163(2)

163. (2) If a driver’s horse or sulky shifts inside the line of marker posts, the driver shall restrain the horse and, without interference to another runner, return to a position outside the line of marker posts at the first opportunity.

Formerly stated “regain position in the true running line”

relating to production of licence

Repeal Rule 172 (1), (2)

172. (1) A driver shall produce his driver’s licence to the Stewards on demand.

(2) A driver who fails to comply with sub rule (1) is guilty of an offence.

Rule to be repealed as Drivers are no longer required to produce
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a licence.

OBJECTIONS AND PROTESTS

Lodgment

Add new Rule 176(6)

176. (6) Where a protest has been lodged in accordance with this Rule and a horse or its driver causes interference to another horse or its driver and the Stewards are of the opinion that the horse interfered with would have finished ahead of the first mentioned horse had such interference not occurred they shall place the first mentioned horse immediately after the horse interfered with.

PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

Determination of prohibited substance

Amend Rule 188A(1)(a)

188A. (1) The following are prohibited substances:

(a) Substances capable at any time of causing either directly or indirectly an action or effect, or both an action and effect, within one or more of the following mammalian body systems:-

the nervous system
the cardiovascular system
the respiratory system
the digestive system
the musculo-skeletal system
the endocrine system
the urinary system
the reproductive system
the blood system
the immune system
the integumentary system
the ocular system

Adds two new mammalian body systems.

Add new Rule 188B

188B.

(1) In relation to the testing for the presence of a therapeutic substance in a sample taken at any time from a horse there must be an initial screening test or screening analysis of the sample.

(2) As a minimum requirement, the initial screening test or screening analysis is to be conducted as follows:-

(a) A biological matrix, equivalent in volume to the sample, is to have added to it a quantity of the therapeutic substance, or its specified metabolite, sufficient to bring its concentration to the screening limit specified for that therapeutic substance. This is known as the spiked sample and is to be analysed concurrently with the sample.

(b) The sample is then to be tested to ascertain whether or not it contains a quantity of the therapeutic substance, or its specified metabolite, that exceeds the screening limit by making a direct comparison with the spiked sample.

(c) If the screening limit is not exceeded, the detection of the therapeutic substance is not to be reported.

(d) If the screening limit is exceeded then the sample is to be further tested in accordance with normal laboratory procedures designed to certify the presence of the therapeutic substance in the sample.

(3) A therapeutic substance for the purpose of this Rule and the screening limit applicable to it or its specified metabolite shall be promulgated from time to time by Harness Racing Australia and published on the websites of Harness Racing Australia and a Controlling Body.

(4) The screening limit testing provided for in this Rule is not intended and does not operate to mean that for the purpose of the Rules the therapeutic substance only becomes a prohibited substance if and when the screening limit is exceeded.

(5) It shall not be a defence to any charge under Rules 190, 190A, 190AA, 195 and 196A that the result of any initial screening test or screening analysis should have been below the screening limit for the therapeutic substance in question.

Adds rules similar to those in thoroughbreds with regard to Screening Limits.

Out of Competition Testing

Amend Rule 190A(2)(c)

190A. (2) For the purposes of sub-rule (1), the following substances are specified as prohibited substances:-

(c) growth hormones and their releasing factors;

Unregistered Substances

Amend Rule 194

194. A person who administers, sells, supplies, distributes or attempts to administer, sell, supply or distribute any substance or preparation that has not been registered, labeled, prescribed or obtained in compliance with relevant State and Commonwealth Legislation is guilty of an offence.

Rule previously had the words “who procures or attempts to procure or has in his possession or on his premises or under his control”.

Administering Substances

Amend Rule 196C(3)

Amend Rule 196(C)(4)

Renumber existing Rule 196C(4) to 196C(5)

196C. (3) Where the Stewards are satisfied that a horse has or is likely to have been administered any alkalinising agent contrary to sub-rule (1) the horse shall either be withdrawn or disqualified from the race.

(4) Alkalinising agent:-

(a) Means any substance that may elevate the plasma total carbon dioxide (TCO2) of a horse when administered by any route.
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(b) Includes but is not limited to substances that are bicarbonates, citrates, succinates, acetates, propionates, maleates, lactates and trometamol (THAM, Tris Buffer or Trometamine) and also include products marked as urinary alkalinises and hind gut buffers.

(c) Does not subject to sub-rule (d) hereof include substances that are alkalinising agents which are contained in commercial feeds and/or balanced commercial electrolytes supplements which when fed and consumed according to the manufacturer’s recommendations for normal daily use, which Stewards are satisfied have a negligible effect on plasma TCO2.

(d) Any exemption from the definition of alkalinising agent granted under this rule does not constitute a defence to a charge laid against a person following the detection by an official racing laboratory of a TCO2 concentration in a horse in excess of the threshold described by Rule 188.

(5) For the purposes of this Rule:-

one clear day means the twenty four (24) hour period from 12:01 a.m. to 12 midnight.

Clarifies what Alkalinising agent means.

GENERAL OFFENCES

Racecourses

Amend Rule 202

202. A person shall not drive a horse unless that person holds a driving licence, training licence or a stablehand licence or other licence authorising that activity.

Removes the wording “on a racecourse or training track”.

Amend Rule 203

203. A person shall not train a horse unless that person holds a training licence.

Removes the wording “on a racecourse or training track”.

Amend Rule 204

204. A person shall not carry out the duties of a stablehand unless that person holds a trainer’s, driver’s or stablehand’s licence.

Removes the wording “on a racecourse”

Horses

Add new Rule 218A

218A.

(1) A person shall not mistreat a horse.

(2) For the purposes of this rule “mistreat” means to abuse or treat a horse badly, cruelly or unfairly.

Add new Rule 218B

218B.

(1) A person in charge of a horse presented to race which on the racecourse has been found to be suffering a condition or received veterinary treatment shall not be removed from the racecourse without the express permission of the Stewards.

(2) A trainer, or the person in charge, who removes a horse from the racecourse in contravention of sub-rule (1) is guilty of an offence.

Association with disqualified persons

Amend Rule 230

230. Except with the consent of the Controlling Body a person shall not associate or communicate for purposes relating to the harness racing industry with a disqualified person or a person whose name appears in the current list of disqualifications published or adopted by a recognised harness racing authority.

Illegal betting

DISQUALIFIED PERSONS

Restrictions

Amend Rule 259(1)(a)

Add New Rule 259(1)(k)

259. (1) A disqualified person or a person whose name appears in the current list of disqualifications published or adopted by a recognised harness racing authority or a person warned off cannot do any of the following -

(a) associate or communicate with persons connected with the harness racing industry for purposes relating to that industry;

(k) associate with licensed persons connected with the thoroughbred or greyhound racing industry including but not limited to entering any premises owned or occupied by such licensed persons.

Add further elements to the effects of disqualification.

Disqualification by conviction

Amend Rule 267(2)

267. (2) Where a person is convicted of a crime or offence in any State or Territory of Australia or in any country and sentenced to a period of imprisonment the Stewards shall disqualify that person for a period that is at least equivalent to the actual sentence imposed.

EQUIPMENT AND COLOURS

Offences

Amend Rule 273(2)

273. (2) A person shall not present to start or start a horse in a race in gear which in the opinion of the Stewards is:-

(a) Incorrectly fitted

(b) Insecure

(c) Of inferior quality

(d) In poor order or condition

(e) Of insufficient strength and quality to cope with the stresses likely to be imposed on it in a race.

Itemises the types of race gear that a horse is not to be presented with.

Amendments to Local Rules effective 29 March 2019
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Amend Local Rule 90 as follows;

LR 90. Application for Trainers Licence not granted

(a) Subject to the provisions of subsection LR90(c) where an initial application for a Trainers Licence is not granted by the Controlling Body no further application shall be considered for a period of 6 months from the date the first application is not granted. The provisions of this sub-rule shall not apply where the applicant is specifically invited by the Controlling Body to apply for a Trainers Licence.

(b) Subject to the provisions of subsection LR90(c) a person who has had a second application for a Trainers Licence not granted by the Controlling Body within 12 months of the initial application shall have no further application considered for a period of 12 months from the date the second application is not granted. Should that or any subsequent application not be granted any further application shall not be considered for 12 months thereafter. The provisions of this sub-rule shall not apply where the applicant is specifically invited by the Controlling Body to apply for a Trainers Licence.

(c) The Controlling Body may refuse to consider any application for a Trainers Licence until it is satisfied that any direction or condition that it may require as a prerequisite to the granting of such licence has been satisfied.

The current Local Rule 90 sets out criteria that persons who apply for a trainers licence which is not approved/granted may not re-apply for a period of six months thereafter and in the event that the second application is not granted within 12 months of the initial application they cannot re-apply for a further period of 12 months. The equivalent RWWA Rules of Greyhound Racing and Thoroughbred Racing include all applications for licence, not just specifically trainers, and this distinction is now also be made within the Local Harness Rule.

Add new Local Rule 235B

LR235B. Rule 235B shall not apply.

National Rule 235B will not apply in Western Australia.

This change will result in the current Local Rule 235B being renumbered to LR235AB.

Update to Regulations Relevant to the RWWA Rules of Harness Racing 2004

These Regulations have been updated as follows;

Reg.90.2. Stable hands licence

(2) A stable hand’s licence shall not be granted to a person younger than 15 years
MICROCHIPPING OF STANDARDBRED FOALS

The Board of Harness Racing Australia introduced compulsory microchipping of all Standardbred foals born in Australia from 1 September 2017, with implementation by all states commencing with the new season's foal crop. Microchips provide a lifetime permanent method of identification for horses and will assist with the tracking and traceability of all Standardbreds throughout their lifecycle. Microchips also will ease identification problems for HRA, Stewards and Veterinarians by eradicating errors that can occur with freeze branding application or reading freeze brands.

The cost of the individual microchips for the WA industry will be covered by HRA for the first three years of the program and will be provided free of charge to the breeder. The payment of costs of the microchip will be reviewed after this three year period.

Therefore in line with the new national requirement, all foals registered in WA from 1 September 2017 will be microchipped once their registration fees have been paid to RWWA.

Freeze branding of foals will continue in conjunction with the microchipping but will be performed as a separate function to microchipping/DNA collection.

The new foaling process from 1 September 2017 will now be:

1. RWWA's Certificate of Service will be mailed to the Studmaster / Breeder where a service was registered by a West Australian sire.
2. The Certificate of Service is to be signed by the Studmaster and forwarded to the breeder of the mare serviced (once all monies owed have been paid to the Stud by the breeder). The breeder will then sign & forward the Certificate of Service to RWWA with the registration fee.
3. Upon registration at RWWA, the foal will be freeze branded by RWWA's contracted freeze brander.
4. Once the freeze brander returns the paperwork to RWWA, the breeder will then be sent instructions with a HRA registered microchip and RWWA's Approved Veterinarian List.
5. The breeder will contract a Veterinarian from the RWWA Approved Veterinarian List (also available on RWWA's website), to insert the microchip and collect hair samples for DNA confirmation. This should occur only when the freeze brand has become visible so the Veterinarian can correctly identify the foal. The Vet will complete the DNA card details and RWWA's paperwork & return all paperwork to RWWA along with the foal's hair sample. The cost of the Veterinary services will be borne by the breeder.

Upon receipt, RWWA will forward the DNA to HRA's contracted laboratory for foal ID verification.

6. In July 2018 RWWA will send the breeder (or new owner) the Naming form to register the foal's name by 1 September 2018.

RACING COLOURS WITH LOGOS

Applications for registration of Racing Colours with Logos may be lodged provided they comply with the following strict criteria.

The use of numerals, letters, words, offensive motifs and use of commercial property or logos promoting or displaying a company, business or commercial undertaking are restricted.

The use of a business/company logo (with or without the display of its business name) may be used under the following circumstances:

- That the logo design does not resemble any registered Trade Mark.
- That the logo design is solely associated with a harness racing-related business/company, ie; Racing Stable, Public Syndicator of Race Horses, Stud farm etc, (excluding any wagering operators).
- That the business/company must be registered with an active ABN/ACN, and in the case of a Public Syndicator of Race Horses, a Dealer’s Licence and Registration must have been issued by ASIC/RWWA.
- That any wording is specifically that of the registered Business/Company name.
- That the logo is not offensive, or in breach of standards of good taste (exercised by RWWA in its discretion).
- That the logo does not breach any Australian laws in relation to advertising.
- That once approved the logo cannot be altered in any way without the prior permission of RWWA.

Any application for the registration of colours using a business/company logo, must contain all documentation required to substantiate the criteria contained in the regulations.

RWWA reserves the right to refuse any application that does not satisfy the specific criteria listed in the Regulations.

Application forms are available to download from the RWWA Website. Please direct any queries to the Licensing & Registration Department on 9445 5558.
NOTICE TO ALL RACING PARTICIPANTS

Transfer of Ownership

Funds are often withheld at the request of the ‘new’ owner when a transfer of ownership has taken place, as the outgoing owner has not submitted the paperwork within the correct time. There are specific rules that apply to each code in the treatment of transfers. These being:

Harness Rule 109 - the paperwork must be submitted within 7 days of entering into a lease or prior to the horse next racing, whichever is earlier and Rule 111 in respect to a transfer of ownership.

Thoroughbred AR.34 – in respect to a lease the Principal Racing Authority may refuse to accept for registration any lease, and may insist on the inclusion in a lease of provisions it considers essential.

Greyhounds R117 – within ten (10) days lodge a prescribed transfer of ownership form and Rule 119 in respect of a lease.

These rules will now be enforced so that the owner recorded with RWWA at the time of racing will be paid any monies earned. Payments will no longer be held due to paperwork not being lodged within the required time.

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

Trainers are advised not to lodge a Stable Return for a horse unless they are in possession of the horse's Registration Certificate.

The brand on the Registration Certificate should match the brand on the horse and should be the brand written on the Stable Return.

It is a requirement of the Rules that the Registration Certificate must accompany a horse when it is transferred to another trainer.

Where a trainer takes control of a horse without the Registration Certificate, it is the responsibility of the trainer to make every reasonable effort to obtain the Registration Certificate from the previous trainer.

A trainer should contact the Stewards or the Registrations Department when his/her efforts to obtain the Registration Certificate are unsuccessful.

NAMING POLICY - HARNESS

Following queries regarding the existing policy requiring that only original documents as being acceptable in relation to transacting Harness registration, a review has been conducted of the existing protocols in this regard. As a result the following amendment has been made to internal policy in relation to the naming of Standardbred horses. Unless indicated to the contrary, RWWA will now accept electronic documents for all transactions.

This policy also relates to the naming of Standardbred horses, and the relevant documentation submitted by applicants. It does not alter RWWA’s policy with respect to documentation associated with notifications of foaling which prescribes that RWWA will not accept a Certificate of Service unless the Certificate is lodged on the correctly completed original document, within the correct timeframe and accompanied by the correct fee.

Once a foal is branded by the RWWA contracted freeze brander, microchipped, and the subsequently collected hair sample has been processed and the parentage confirmed, Licensing and Registrations will prepare and issue a Branding Notification Advice / Application for Naming – Harness form to the owners/managing owner of the foal. This form must be retained until the owners wish to name the horse.

When making application for naming, the issued Branding Notification Advice / Application for Naming – Harness form must be correctly completed, signed and returned to RWWA with the correct fee. Licensing and Registration will accept a correctly completed facsimile copy of both sides of the form with accompanying credit card payment details as a means of commencing the naming process. Please contact RWWA Licensing & Registration department on 9445 5558 to obtain details of current fees. Where the Branding Notification Advice/ Application for Naming contains two or more owners, then only the correctly completed document with payment will be accepted to commence the process of naming.

In all circumstances, applicants are advised to allow at least 10 working days for the processing of a valid naming application. At any time there are a number of applications received daily which require some time to properly validate and process, which includes reference to the HRA. Applications will be processed as expeditiously as possible as they are received but will not be elevated in priority under any circumstances. Person’s expecting to make application and have the transaction completed on the same day or similar are advised that such event is highly unlikely and staff will not circumvent protocols or afford any individual applications amended priorities ahead of earlier received applications.
ATTENTION ALL BREEDERS/STUD MASTERS LATE FEES 2018/2019

There is currently a range of fees relating to late notifications with respect to the timely submission of documents to RWWA relating to Breeding. The failure to lodge many of these documents in the manner prescribed does constitute a breach of Rules, in some cases National Rules.

Mares that are not properly identified prior to being served will incur a penalty fee of $150.00 for each unregistered Mare served appearing on the Stallion Summary Sheets, or on related paperwork submitted to RWWA.

Persons potentially affected by the increases or application of the prescribed late fees can avoid them entirely by ensuring they lodge their documentation and conduct their activities in accordance with the Rules.

Where events beyond a person’s control arise that may cause a late notification, prior notice to RWWA Registrations may lead to the late fee being waived. Each application of a late fee will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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FREEZE BRANDING

Owners please be advised that due to an increase in the workload associated with freeze branding owners may be charged a fee by a stud or veterinary practice when the stud or veterinary practice provide staff to handle the foal at the time it is branded.

CLEARANCE OF HORSES - DOCUMENTATION AND FEES

Where a horse requires clearance into WA, all relevant documentation and fees must be lodged and processed by RWWA before any transaction for the horse will be processed (Documentation includes ownership transfers, GST/Banking details, Stable Returns and Gear Notifications etc. Leases from interstate Controlling Bodies are NOT accepted).

DNA & MICROCHIPPING

Once a foal has been freeze branded and notification received to RWWA a microchip and DNA kit will be issued.

Brands must be visible at the time of microchipping with a RWWA approved vet to complete the implanting and DNA collection.

21. NOTIFICATON 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.

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNERS

“APPROVED PROMOTERS”

The following named persons are the only persons approved by RWWA and licensed by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) to promote ownership shares in horse racing schemes.

Prospective owners should be mindful that any person promoting shares in a racehorse must hold a current Australian Financial Services Licence (AFSL) with the *conditions shown below.

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Australian Financial Services Licence *Conditions
1. This licence authorises the licensee to carry on a financial services business to:
   (a) provide financial product advice for the following classes of financial products:
      (i) interests in managed investment schemes limited to:
        (A) horse racing schemes only; and
        (b) deal in a financial product by:
        (i) issuing, applying for, acquiring, varying or disposing of a financial product in respect of the following classes of financial products:
        (A) interests in managed investment schemes limited to:
        (T) horse racing schemes only; to retail clients.
GUIDELINES TO APPLY FOR A TRAINERS LICENCE

Please read this information carefully.

TRAINER'S LICENCE GRADES

Grade “A” is licensed to train any horse.

Grade “B” is licensed to train a horse which the person owns or partly owns or which is owned by the person’s spouse, other domestic partner, parent, sibling or child.

A probationary B grade trainer’s licence is the starting point for a person wishing to train horses to trial and/or race. After a person has held a current B grade licence for 12-months they may make application for the licence to be upgraded to an “A” grade licence.

Grade “C” is licensed to prepare, educate and exercise a horse but cannot trial or nominate it to race. (Referred to as Breaker’s Licence)

To qualify for registration as a trainer the applicant must have at least 6 months experience in the racing industry and hold a current licence at the time of application.

Furnish copies of three (3) months of Bank Statements with a consistent minimum, each month, of $3,000 in savings.

Furnish three references from industry participants.

Furnish two credit references from suppliers (preferably from within the racing industry ie; Feed Merchants, Veterinary Surgeons etc)

Provide evidence of suitable stabling arrangements. (Stables will be inspected by the Stewards to ensure suitability)

Provide a valid National Police Clearance dated no later than 2 months prior to application.

Furnish a Medical History and RWWA Medical Examination Report

Complete a theoretical test of the applicant’s horse knowledge and understanding of the RWWA Rules, Regulations and Policies.

Provide a sample of urine for testing for Drugs of Abuse.

If required submit to an interview with the Licence Application Review Sub-Committee.

Should you have any other queries regarding your application please contact Licensing and Registrations (08) 9445 5558, or email licreginfo@rwwa.com.au.

GUIDELINES TO APPLY FOR A HARNESS RACING DRIVER'S LICENCE

Please read this information carefully.

DRIVER'S LICENCE GRADES

(a) Grade “C” is licensed to drive at trials and to carry out track work on registered tracks including pre race warm ups.

(b) Grade B has the driving licence rights mentioned in (a) and is licensed to drive at graduation meetings and other than in races of metropolitan class at country or provincial meetings, including country or provincial class meetings at metropolitan sites;

(c) Grade A has the licence mentioned in (a) and (b) and is licensed to drive at any meeting.

The driver’s licence issued to a first time applicant is a Grade “C” driver. A Grade “C” driver’s licence shall not be granted to a person younger than 15 years old.

Holders of a Grade “C” driver’s licence are required to complete at least 30 satisfactory trial drives at official trials and enrol in and complete the relevant units from the Racing Training Package as prescribed by RWWA.

Upon application for any driving permit/licence, if a period of 12 months has elapsed since last providing a RWWA Licence/Permit – Medical Examination Report the applicant must submit a new medical report.

To qualify for registration as a ‘C’ class driver the applicant must

1. Have at least 6 months experience in the racing industry and have held a current driving stable hand licence for at least 6 months unless otherwise waived by the Stewards.

2. Provide a written curriculum vitae detailing experience within the industry including racing industry employment history.

3. Complete a theoretical test of the applicant’s horse knowledge and understanding of the RWWA Harness Rules, Regulations and Policies.

4. Undergo a driving assessment by the RWWA Driving Master or Steward

5. If required, submit to an interview with the licensing steward.

6. Enrol in the required units from the Racing Training Package as specified by RWWA

7. If a period of 12 months has elapsed since last providing a sample of urine for testing for Drugs of Abuse the applicant may be requested to submit a further sample.
Requirements upon Approval being granted:

1. Upon notice of approval being forwarded to Licensing and Registrations by the Stewards, the driver is approved as a “C” grade driver and eligible to drive in trials. During this time the driver must maintain a Trial Driving Record to be signed by RWWA Driving Master or Stewards.

2. In any circumstance, the maintenance of a Grade “C” driver licence requires the holder to complete 10 satisfactory trial drives per year, signed by the RWWA Driving Master or Stewards, evidence to be forwarded at the time of renewal.

3. A minimum of 10 satisfactory Trial drives must be completed within a 12-month period as part of the required minimum 30 satisfactory trial drives in order to be eligible to apply for upgrade of licence to Grade ‘B’. Satisfactory trials constitute driving a variety of horses in both stand and mobile trials demonstrating competence in applying race driving techniques to the satisfaction of the Driving Master and Stewards.

4. Grade “C” drivers designated as trainees are required to wear a reflective vest (supplied upon granting of license) in all trials and also attend RWWA Driving Master review and education sessions as required.

5. It is necessary for at least 4 drives on 4 separate occasions to be at Byford or Gloucester Park unless otherwise directed by the Stewards.

6. Grade “C” drivers designated as trainees are required to have attended to the satisfaction of the Stewards during their time of such registration as indicated:
   (a) Observed Stewards race related Inquiry and/or Protest
   (b) Observed starts with starter for standing and mobile
   (c) Observed race with Judge
   (d) Witnessed equine sample collection process and procedure
   (e) Driven in a number of pre race warm-ups

To qualify for registration as a ‘B’ grade driver the applicant must

1. Have satisfactorily met all the requirements outlined above in relation to requirements of Grade “C” drivers within 12-months of commencing such registration.

2. Have held a Grade “C” drivers licence for a minimum of 6-months, or received approval for variation from the Chief Steward (Harness).

3. Applications for upgrade in excess of 12-months from commencement may be granted at the discretion of the Stewards, but will require a stewards interview and may require the resitting of the theoretical test.

4. Submit a fully completed and signed application “Application for Upgrade to Grade “B” Driver and relevant fee.

5. If a period of 12-months has elapsed since last providing a sample of urine for testing for Drugs of Abuse the applicant may be requested to submit a further sample. (The cost of analysis must be paid at the time the application is lodged.)

6. If required, submit to an interview before the Licensing steward to assess suitability for approval to Grade “B”. Assessment to include knowledge of race driving, relevant rules etc.

To qualify for registration as a ‘A’ grade driver the applicant must

1. Have completed a minimum of 100 Satisfactory race drives and have driven in at least 25 races in the previous racing season.

Should you have any other queries regarding your application please contact:

RWWA Driving Master  0434 609 604
Licensing and Registrations 9445 5558

GUIDELINES TO APPLY FOR A STABLEHANDS LICENCE

Please read this information carefully

The holder of a stablehands licence allows the licensee to perform duties related to the every day care of the stables and horses. It also allows them to drive track work on any registered training track.
STABLEHANDS LICENCE GRADES

(a) STABLEHAND DRIVER is licensed to drive track work on any registered training tracks and perform regular stable duties

(b) STABLEHAND NON-DRIVING is licensed to perform regular stable duties but is not permitted to drive at any registered training track

(STABLEHAND DRIVING) applicant must

1. Be employed by a licenced trainer and hold a current licence to work in the Racing industry
2. Provide a National Police Clearance dated no later than 6-months prior to applications
3. A signed parent consent form if under 18 years of age
4. Furnish a Medical History and Examination Report.
5. Complete a practical test of the applicant’s horse handling competency.
6. Provide a sample of urine for testing for Drugs of Abuse (The cost of the analysis must be paid at the time the application is lodged).

(STABLEHAND NON DRIVING) applicant must

1. Be employed by a trainer
2. Provide a National Police Clearance dated no later than 6-months prior to application
3. If under 18 years of age a signed parent consent form

If you have any queries regarding your application please contact: (08) 9445 5558 (Harness Licensing Officer)

LICENSEES AND CLUBS

Details of the Australian Harness Racing National Risk Protection Program (Insurance) may be accessed on the HRA web site at the following address:


TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OR LEASE AGREEMENTS - CONTINGENCIES

The current practice of denoting contingencies upon transfers with the intent that the controlling body thereafter shall take steps to ensure such contingencies are fully discharged is not a practice that is recognised in either of the other codes nor the majority of other racing jurisdictions.

These agreements between buyers and sellers, eg $2000 to be paid from the first win, are only agreements between the two parties and it is inappropriate for RWWA to adjudicate on what is in essence a contractual dispute between the parties should such an event arise. Effected parties should appreciate that RWWA does not recognise a contingency clause on horse ownership notification of transfer documents and will not become involved in a dispute which arises out of a contingency contained in a previously notified transfer of ownership.

Whilst the recording of such contingencies is provided as a means of ensuring a written record between the parties, it does not extend to RWWA enforcing in any way the terms of the clauses nor is any assessment made by RWWA with regard to the legality of the clauses. Any and all such questions that may arise are civil matters between the parties that must be determined accordingly.

TRANSFER’S OF OWNERSHIP – POLICY ADVICE

It is a requirement under the Rules of Racing for the name or names of every person or persons having any share or interest in the ownership or lease of a horse to be declared to RWWA prior to racing. Back-dating transfers or similar where such dates retrospectively affect the ownership of a horse in a race already run is therefore contrary to these principles. Furthermore once payments have been correctly made by RWWA based on recorded ownership details, it is impractical to attempt to re-allocate stakes to revised owners after the event.

Industry participants, in particular those involved in horse ownership, are therefore advised when completing the required Application to Transfer (or similar document that alters the official recorded ownership) the Date of Transfer cannot be dated prior to the horse’s last race start. The practice of back-dating the Date of Transfer so as to include dates where the horse has already raced will not be accepted and instead the Date of Transfer will be given the effective date of processing. Where race starts are not included in any back-dating then the indicated Date of Transfer will be recorded. This policy shall be consistently applied across all codes.

In circumstances where the ownership of a horse already engaged to compete is subject to change prior to racing, then the onus is on the incoming owners to advise RWWA Racing Accounts of the impending change so that monies are not released until the transfer is completed. Payments will no longer be held pending the processing of the Transfer or Lease. RWWA will not be liable for retrieval or re-allocation of stakemoney already paid where adequate notice to RWWA Racing Accounts of the impending change of ownership has not occurred.

PHOTOS TO BE PROVIDED

All licencee’s new and existing have been asked to provide a photo for our records and the upgraded licence card. Headshot, shoulders up on a white background. The photo can be taken with your phone and text to 0418 104 309 with your name or emailed to licreginfo@rwwa.com.au.
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LICENSING, REGISTRATIONS & OWNERSHIP

ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS FOR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP & LEASES

RWWA will now accept the submission of scanned/emailed or faxed copies of Harness Horse Registrations, however we remind participants that it is a requirement that any changes to the documents must be initialed by all parties in relation to transacting Harness Namings, Transfer of Ownerships or Lease Agreements. Transactions will not be processed without the correct paperwork received into our offices, and all documents should be sent and received at RWWA’s offices in sufficient time to allow the transaction to be processed. No exception shall be made to this rule and all documents must be submitted prior to a horse being nominated to trial or race.

STANDARDBRED RACEHORSE SYNDICATION

Any person wishing to promote or buy shares in the syndicated ownership of a racehorse should refer to the PUBLIC PROMOTERS OF SYNDICATION section on the RWWA website. This section has details of the obligations of persons wishing to promote the syndication of racehorses. Prospective buyers of syndicate shares should read the documents in this section before buying a share in a syndicate.

OWNERS NOTE SYNDICATES & PARTNERSHIPS

All current and prospective syndicate or partnership members should be aware of the ramifications of buying shares in a racehorse.

The promotion of a scheme which sells shares in a racehorse is subject to Corporations Law and there are significant penalties for schemes that are found to be operating contrary to the law.

Importantly the laws are in place to provide protection for persons who may purchase an ownership interest in a racehorse which is offered in such a scheme.

A horse racing syndicate must be registered with the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) before it can operate if it is a “managed investment scheme” (MIS) for the purposes of the Corporations Act. This will generally be the case if the syndicate:

- has more than 50 members; or
- is promoted by a person in the business of promoting syndicates unless the investors in the scheme are “wholesale clients” for the purpose of the Corporations Act.

The promoter is required to have an Australian Financial Services Licence (AFSL).

A promoter of a syndicate can avoid the requirement to register a managed investment scheme with ASIC if it registers as an approved promoter with RWWA. Once approved by RWWA, the promoter can then apply to ASIC for an AFSL.

RWWA is a Lead Regulator and as such is required:

(a) to keep a register of all promoters of horse racing schemes to which the co-regulation arrangements applies;
REPLACEMENT LICENCE CARD

A replacement card will only be issued where the licensee provides a statutory declaration detailing the circumstances in which the original card was misplaced. Such declaration must also be accompanied by a card replacement fee.

NEW WA LICENSES

When applying for a new licence in WA, participants must complete an application form. A GST Declaration Form is not always completed as part of the application process. As a result, this leaves RWWA unable to make payments or calculate GST. It will be required that a correctly completed GST Declaration Form be submitted as part of the licence application process. This will ensure that any payments due are made on time to the licensee.

These changes are planned to be introduced 1st August 2012.

RECORD OF GEAR

Trainers are advised that it is their responsibility to ensure that the Record of Gear displayed in the race-night office is correct for each horse engaged at a meeting. Any discrepancy must immediately be advised to the stewards.

Horses must not be presented in the parade ring with or without any gear contrary to that published in the official race day gear sheets unless specifically approved by the stewards.

CHANGES TO LICENCE APPLICATION CHECKLIST FOR TRAINERS

Following a review of licensing criteria the RWWA Stewards have introduced some changes to the Licence Application Checklist which are applicable for all Trainer licence applications.

These changes being that the following must be lodged with any application:

- A copy of three (3) months of Bank Statements with a consistent minimum, each month, of $3,000 in savings
- Three references from industry participants
- Two credit references from suppliers (preferably from within the racing industry ie; Feed Merchants, Veterinary Surgeons etc)

The current Harness Licence Application Checklist can be viewed in the Harness Licensing and Registration section of the RWWA Website.

FOALING NOTIFICATION FEES FOR 2018/2019

Correct payment MUST accompany the Foaling Notification for the document to be processed. Please remember that the lodgement of a Foaling Notification later than 21 days after the birth of the foal will incur a late Foaling Notification fee which comprises the normal cost of the Foaling Notification, plus an additional fee of $50 for each month elapsed after the birth of the foal.

For foals born in the 2018/19 season that are notified after 31st August 2019, an additional fee of $1000 will apply to the normal Foaling Notification fee. Once a foal reaches the age of 2 years without having its Foaling Notification lodged with RWWA with the appropriate fee and a Statutory Declaration (on RWWA’s website), the registration of that horse may not be approved.

Please note that Licensing & Registrations department have a new fax number 08 6314 4792.

All L&R documents can also be sent via email to RWWA Licensing Registrations & Stakes licreginfo@rwwa.com.au, via post, dropped in the mailbox at Gloucester Park or Ascot Offices (internal courier service daily), or through reception at Head Office 14 Hasler Road, Osborne Park.
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