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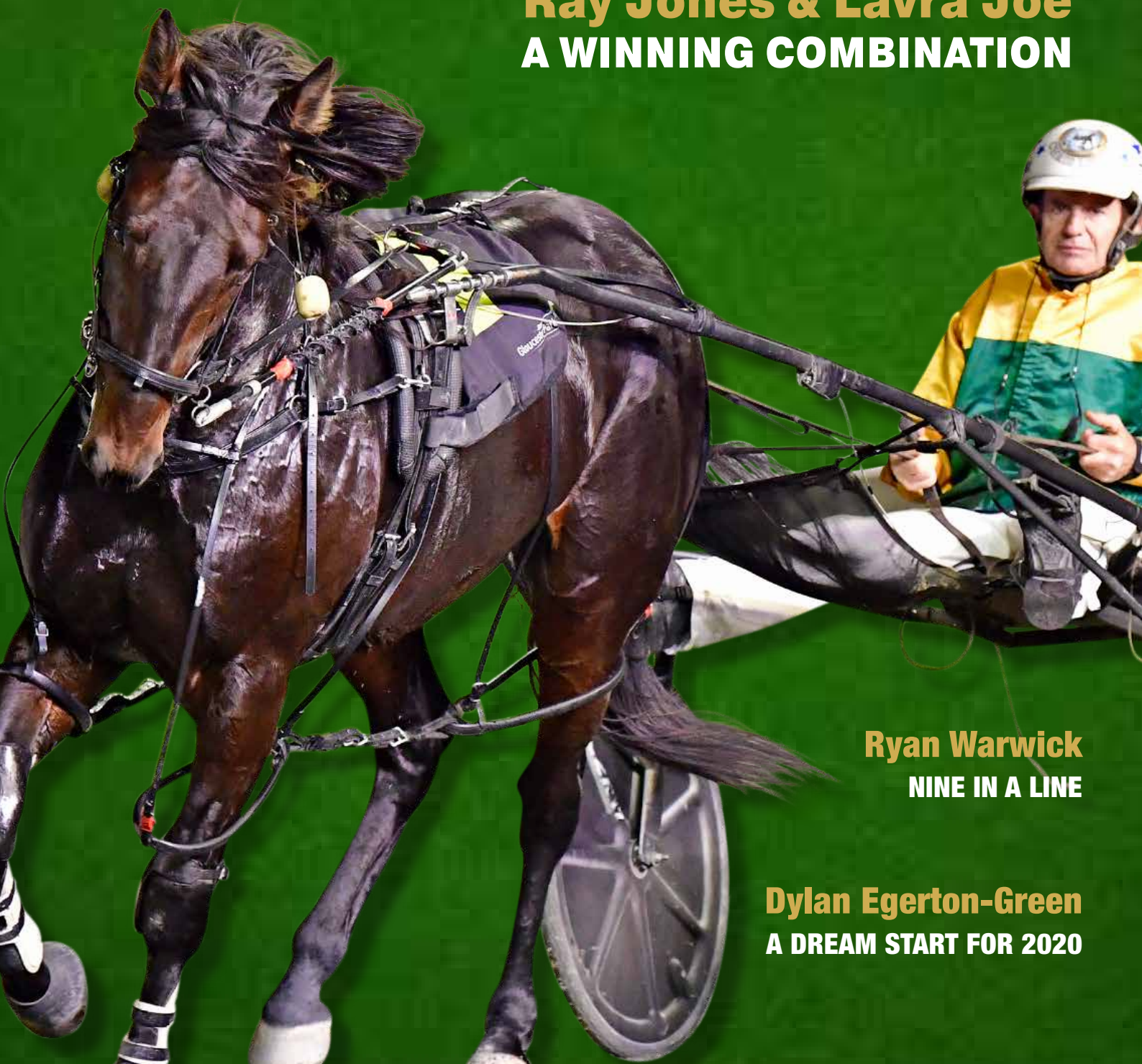


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# RAY JONES & LAVRA JOE

## *A Winning Combination*

BY MICHAEL HEATON

Veteran trainer Ray Jones has unearthed another promising two-year-old, some 20 years on from preparing former Australian 2YO Pacer of the Year, Disco Force.

Lavra Joe, a son of Roll With The Joe, has made an auspicious start to his career by winning five of his first eight race starts, including the \$40,000 Group 2 Champagne Classic (2130m) at Gloucester Park on April 24.

Jones, who has been involved in the trotting industry for more than 40 years, has only two horses in training at his rural base in Greenbushes, located more than 240 kilometres south of Perth.

The experienced horseman came to acquire Lavra Joe at the culmination of his search for a yearling in 2019, however, the young colt wasn't the horse the initially had his eye on.

"I actually bought him after the yearling sales last year," Jones said.

"I went to Kevin Charles' place to look at another horse and, that one I didn't like too much, but Lavra Joe was just running around the next paddock next door.

"I asked which one he was, and he told me.

"I said, 'what if I pay to get him broken in and, if I like him, I'll buy him'.

"The deal was that, if I didn't like him, I'd give the horse back to him and he could've got him broken-in for nothing.

"We agreed to that, so it was perfect."

Jones sent the young colt to complete his breaking preparation under the tutelage of south-west trainer-driver, Ashleigh Markham, and it wasn't long before Markham knew the horse had natural talent.

"Ash did a good job," Jones said.

"I said to him, 'what do you reckon, should I buy him?', and he said I should.

"He made the call because he was so impressed with him.

"The horse did everything right, broke in nicely and paced really well.

"He was always very natural."

Whilst it took Lavra Joe until his fourth race start to land his first win, the progressive type continued to improve sharply with each experience.

He recorded back-to-back Gloucester Park wins in March before failing at his next outing when running fifth, however, he rebounded strongly to score three-consecutive victories after that.

Asked if the colt's dominant performance when taking out the Group 2 Champagne Classic (2130m) by more than 10 metres on April 24 cemented his decision not to geld him, Jones says keeping him as an entire was always his plan.

"I like colts," he said.

"It's more because they're a little bit stronger, especially young horses, and they recover better.

"He's quite boisterous and carries on a bit, but his recovery is really good and he can travel to Perth and back and it doesn't knock him around much.

"I think he's won a few more races because he's very mature and a bit stronger.

"He looks like a four-year-old."

While Lavra Joe has Jones excited about what the future holds, the colt still has a long way to go to emulate the feats of the best horse he has ever put a sulky on.

After all, Jones trained the country's best juvenile in 2000, who went on to win 27 of its 99 race starts.

"I had a really good one about 20 years ago, called Disco Force," Jones said.

"He was Australian Champion Two-Year-Old of the year.

"He was undefeated from eight races as a two-year-old and won all of the classics.

"Lavra Joe and him are very similar, but Disco Force was a real boisterous colt and carried on like a pork chop all of the time and this bloke only carried on about half the time.

"It's hard to compare, though, because Disco Force was unbeatable.

"He'd win his races by 20 or 30 metres and was just outstanding."

Jones has scaled his operation back to having only two horses in training, however, Lavra Joe's lesser-credentialed stablemate, Rock In A Box, is also racing in a rich vein of form.

The Pet Rock four-year-old has scored three wins and five second-place finishes from his last 12 starts, whilst also proving to be the perfect companion for Jones' star colt.

"He's the mate for Lavra Joe," he said.

"When I go to Perth, I take the two of them and he keeps Lavra Joe company.

"If I don't have him in the float with him, he kicks and carries on but, when Rockinthebox is with him, they stand like two little lambs.

"He's one I bought with Shannon Suvaljko a few years ago at a yearling sale.

"He had him for the first 12 months and I've had him since then."

Whilst Rockinthebox races predominantly on the country circuit and Jones feels that the gelding is unlikely to reach any great heights in his racing future, he dares to dream that Lavra Joe can take the next step.

Disco Force's unbeaten record as a two-year-old included victory in the Group 1 Pearl Classic, a race that Jones hopes to aim Lavra Joe towards at Gloucester Park on June 12.

"He's certainly a nice horse and I'm very lucky to get him," he said.

"But, as his last race showed, if you draw barrier seven and the horse in barrier one has a fair bit of ability like Mighty Ronaldo, it's very hard to beat him.

"It was still a great run and, if you turn around the barriers, he probably wins.

"Basically, whoever draws barrier one in these two-year-old races are winning 90 per cent of them.

"The barrier draw is just so important because all these two-year-olds can run very quick last quarters and they're running times that only five years ago were unheard of.

"There's some nice two-year-olds this year, I think they're a reasonably-level lot."





# Ryan Warwick

## Nine in a Line

By Michael Heaton

Unbeknown to leading reinsman Ryan Warwick at the time, his recent streak of nine-consecutive victories earned him an Australian pacing record.

The talented driver dominated meetings at Bunbury, Pinjarra and Gloucester Park over the space of four days in early May, breaking a previous national record of seven which was believed to be held by Ben Emmett since 1952.

Warwick began the unprecedented streak with a clean sweep from his three drives at Bunbury on May 2, steering race-favourites Weewah (\$1.30), Poisedtopounce (\$1.20) and Nikasa (\$1.80) to victory for the supreme training combination of Greg and Skye Bond.

However, despite having what appeared to be three strong winning chances on paper, Warwick says he didn't go into the meeting overly confident.

"It was a bit different because, normally when you're going to have a good night, you think beforehand, 'I'm going to have a good night,'" Warwick said.

"But, the whole weekend, I didn't really think about results.

"I thought Poisedtopounce would win, but the rest I didn't even really think about.

"I just did the form and didn't put any real expectations on it, I guess.

"I never thought from the Saturday to the Tuesday that I was going to have an overly good week."

Two days later at Pinjarra, Warwick produced a masterclass in the sulky to taste success with each of his five drives, comprising of Jett Star (\$1.90), Rocko Fitz (\$2.10), Miss Play (\$4.90), Parmesan (\$1.20) and The Bird Dance (\$2.20).

The conclusion of the day saw Warwick sit on a hot streak of eight-straight wins, however he wasn't aware of his record-breaking achievement until a phone call from The West Australian journalist, Ernie Manning, the following day.

"I never really put much thought into it before Pinjarra, but I didn't think I'd go five for five, that's for sure," Warwick said.

"After Miss Play, Mike Williams said to me, 'you'll go five for five today'.

"I just laughed it off and kept going but, when I came back after the last one, he said, 'I told you'.

"Then Ernie rang me on the Tuesday afternoon and said they'd tried to find the record.



Image: Jett Star 04 May 2020



Image: Missplay 04 May 2020

"I knew I'd gone six for six before at a Kellerberrin card.

"In my head eight for eight was pretty cool, and I knew once before I'd gone 21 from 27."

Warwick would go on to score another winning double aboard Flying Mister Ideal (\$1.16) and Weewah (\$2.90) for the Bonds' at the Tuesday night Gloucester Park meeting, however, his brilliant streak came to an end after the victories were split either side of a drive on rank outsider, Impressive Signs (\$126), who finished at the tail of his 12-horse field.

"I was pretty confident both of the horses for Greg and Skye would win," he said.

"I wasn't nervous going into the first one because I was pretty confident.

"It was just a matter of doing it all properly and getting it done."

It comes as no surprise that eight of Warwick's 10 wins in the 11-race period were for the powerhouse Bond training operation, a stable whom Warwick is the number-one driver for.

The dominant husband-and-wife force are on track to train the most winners in Western Australia for the fifth time from the past six seasons, whilst Warwick also currently leads the state's leading driver tally.

Asked how the trio became the driving force in WA harness racing that they are today, Warwick says a chance opportunity in 2012 was the start of his unexpected progression.

"I was working for myself in a truck and Greg approached me to ask if I wanted a job, but I'd just bought my own truck and started that," he said.

"Then Toll came in and were trying to cut our rates and get work from under us, so I rang Greg and asked if the job was still there.

"He said he'd speak to Skye about it then called me back the same day and said yes."

Fast-forward seven-and-a-half years and Warwick, who is the stable's long-time foreman as well as its leading race-day driver, says he never thought he'd be in the position he is today.

"I guess it was a stablehand role initially, but they probably expected a bit more from me because of the experience I had," he said.

"It was only a couple of days before they upgraded me to foreman status, which was pretty cool.

"We never actually spoke about driving, it wasn't even a number-two driver role.

"Obviously Greg's not someone to just throw you in, I had to prove myself for a little while.

"Colin Brown was doing the driving then and their stats were really good.

"Being number one was never something I looked at, that's for sure, because Colin was doing such a good job."

Whilst Warwick is given the honour of driving the Bonds' first-seed pacer in each race, he has had mixed fortune in feature events in recent months.

Most notably, he endured a luckless run aboard race-favourite Galactic Star in the Group 1 TABtouch WA Pacing Cup (2936m) on January 17 when finishing fifth behind a Bond stable trifecta comprising of Mighty Conqueror (Dylan Egerton-Green), Vampiro (Colin Brown) and Our Jimmy Johnstone (Bailey McDonough).

Asked if he has bittersweet emotions when his stablemates win, Warwick says he still feels very proud.

"When I look at those wins — yeah, you'd love to drive them — but it's still a team effort," he said.



Image: Rocko Fitz 04 May 2020



Image: The Bird Dance 04 May 2020





Image: Parmesan 04 May 2020

"Especially the Pacing Cup, I got real satisfaction out of that because a lot of work had gone into Mighty Conqueror and he was a real headache for the two-to-three months leading into it.

"It didn't bother me that I didn't drive him, it was still pretty satisfying to get it done from a team side of things."

With 144 wins from his 437 in the season to date providing him with an unrivalled winning strike-rate of almost 33 per cent, Warwick is widely regarded as one of the country's best reinsman.

Reflecting back on his achievements with the Bonds', who themselves possess a winning strike-rate of more than 31 per cent this season, he says their philosophy is to focus on quality, rather than quantity.

"We've achieved really good things this season," Warwick said.

"We pride ourselves on strike-rate and one thing we've also prided ourselves on is our record in standing starts in the last couple of years.

"We're averaging 50 standing-start winners a year, which is a pretty cool stat.

"We'd rather place the horses better and, if we have to miss a meeting, that's okay.

"It's a long day when you're working all day and then you have to jump in a truck and drive somewhere then come back.

"On a personal level, I thought 150 winners was a good target for me this year and I'm not far off that at the moment."

Asked what he wants to achieve moving forward, Warwick says he is delighted with the way things are going but would still like to find his equilibrium.

"One thing I wanted to do was not get suspended," he said.

"I wanted to spend more time doing what I do.

"I've got a really good home-life which makes work easier, but I probably also need to get the home-life, work-life balance better.

"Work-life probably gets a bit more attention and I need to balance that out more.

"I think if I do that, my driving will become better, as well."





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# Dylan Egerton-Green

## a dream start to 2020

By Tim Walker

A WA Pacing Cup, a WA Derby, a WA Oaks and a Sales Classic.

It's hard to think of a better start to a calendar year than that.

It's a feat that's never been done before from a driver's point of view. Enter 27-year-old Dylan Egerton-Green.

He teamed up with Mighty Conqueror, Patronus Star, Sports Package and Talks Up A Storm to take out the features.

Off the back of winning four of the first six Group 1 races in 2020, as well as going perilously close to winning the last Group 1 of 2019, TABradio's Tim Walker caught up with the white-hot driver.

**Q: Four Group 1s. Can you believe what's happened over the last few months?**

A: Definitely not. It's pretty out there. Once you've won your first one, you never know when your second one is going to be. It was actually pretty nerve-wracking going into the last one (WA Oaks) because a few people said something about how I'd won the other races. I wasn't the favourite in it so I didn't have to be too nervous.

**Q: You told Harness WA last year that your best win was a three-year-old maiden at Northam in December 2018. Has that changed?**

A: That's still up there as one of the great nights I've had because I bred, owned and trained that. Winning a Pacing Cup and not really knowing that I'd won, that was good. They're all good and they're all quite fitting. I've driven for Greg and Skye for a long time and obviously it was good to win for them. The 2YO Sales Classic for Murray was great because he's a really good fella. I can't say that one is better than the other. At the end of the day, probably what everyone strives for is a Pacing Cup. They're all pretty hard to win though.

**Q: The two that you drove for Greg and Skye in the Pacing Cup and the Derby, you were on the so called 'second stringers'. Do you have confidence with them though that if these horses get anywhere near the right amount of luck they're just going to be too good?**

A: I wouldn't say too good but you do get a great deal of confidence driving those sort of horses. They're quality horses and they're prepared well. They can't be looked after any better going into a race. You pretty much have to drive them right. Driving the so called 'second stringer', I'm probably the one that's less thought about going into a race. It's unfortunate for Ryan (Warwick) because he has the pressure on him with everyone thinking he's on the better horse in the race.

**Q: When you win a Group 1 with a two-year-old that just looks to have a stack of ability for someone like Murray Lindau who**

**probably hasn't got the prominence of the Bond team, what does that mean to you?**

A: It's really fitting. Because Murray purchased the horse from the yearling sales. He broke it in and educated it with our horses at the track. So I had a bit of a background on the horse. He always worked with the better ones we had and he'd actually do a really good job. Going into the race. Murray probably lacked a bit of confidence in his horse, which is probably a good thing because then you don't over drive him. It's great to drive the winner for Murray though because you get to see him and his partner Clare in the days and months after and there's still a buzz around.

**Q: The other Group 1 in the Oaks was for Terry Ferguson who bred, owned and trained the filly, like you did with your winner back at Northam in 2018. You know that thrill, so to deliver that for someone else in a Group 1 race, how special is it?**

A: It's great. I actually drove that horse as a two-year-old at trials. So it started there and she ran some really good races. This preparation Terry bought her back through Albany to get her through and I drove her earlier in the season at Bunbury and she wasn't quite right. Credit to Terry though, he got her peaking at the right time. She won the Country Oaks and that was a credit to Shane Young who drove her there. All round it's been a team effort. I was lucky enough to capitalise on the right night.

**Q: The four Group 1s you won you did it leading with the two-year-old, in the breeze with Mighty Conqueror, three back on the pegs with Patronus Star and leaders back with Sports Package. Is there anything in winning from all different positions in big races?**

A: I hadn't looked at that. The aim of the game is to get the horse in the best possible position to win the race. I was fortunate enough to be in those positions and lucky enough on the night that the horses were good. Obviously being in the breeze and winning the Pacing Cup that's more horse ability.

**Q: The drivers you beat in close finishes in the Pacing Cup, Derby and the Oaks were Colin Brown, Gary Hall Jnr and Chris Lewis. You're mixing it with the very best. Do you have to pinch yourself?**

A: I definitely know I'd beaten Colin because he let me know he had never won a Pacing Cup the next day. He's getting older and times running out. After I beat him by a head he told me 'why don't you let me take some of the joy?' Someone like Chris has been the best of the best in WA and also Australia. To get over the top of him in a big race, it is a pretty good feeling to be honest. It's not something you think of until you sit back and have someone mention it to you. Then to chase down Junior I can say that I've chased them all. I'm probably just a bit lucky that



those drivers happened to be the ones in front that I was chasing. It's a big thing to beat them but I'm just happy to win the race.

**Q: Looking at the Golden Nugget, you were second to Shockwave with Patrickthepiranha and if you win that it's almost the perfect season. Do you look at that as the one that got away, or do you look at it as being everyone gets their moment and that was it for Aiden De Campo?**

A: It was good someone that you know and is a friend that beats you. The way I look at it though is that it does probably make you that little bit hungrier. That was the first big one I was close to but just not close enough. I was happy enough with the horse on the day but he probably just got beaten by a horse on the way up. Hopefully one day I can win one of them.

**Q: You've won four of the biggest races in WA this year and driven almost 600 winners. If you had to stop driving now would you be happy, or are you still as hungry as ever?**

A: There's always something more you want to strive for. I can never be content with what I've got or what I've done. I'm one of those people that want to get to the next level. If I get content with what I'm doing or what I've done, then I probably shouldn't be driving. I still love to win an R0 as much as a Pacing Cup. I love to win and be competitive. That's the whole aim of the game. If I lose touch with that then someone needs to tap me on the shoulder.

**Q: What's next on your bucket list from a Harness point of view?**

A: There's a lot of feature races around WA that you'd like to win. You have to be at the right place at the right time to get that opportunity. I think everyone in Australasia is driving to win an Inter Dominion. That's the dream you always have when you're a kid. You want to get a horse that's good enough to compete in the best races that are available.

**Q: You told Harness WA in the September/October edition last year you wanted to make hay while the sun shines. How much longer can it keep shining?**

A: No one ever knows. It can all come crashing down from underneath very quickly. My theory is to work hard as long as you can and hopefully good things happen. If you do the right thing by everyone I can't see why good things shouldn't happen.

You still do start from the bottom and work your way up. That's the way I think. I do have to thank the people who supported me early on to get to where I am. Making the move up here with Colin (Brown) has definitely helped and improved my driving full-time. I'm still really grateful for everyone who puts you on. People think when you win big races that you get a big head and don't want to drive people's horses. I'm grateful for any drive I get.

I don't think I'd ever have as good a season as I have this year. I definitely haven't driven the same amount of winners as this time last year, which is my best season in terms of my number of wins to date. This season was a slow take off with winners and was running a lot of seconds.



# Bob Fowler

## Allwood's Awesome April

By Michael Heaton

**Whilst COVID-19 has brought challenges to the numerous interests of well-known Perth businessman Bob Fowler, the Managing Director of Fowler Group of Companies, he has enjoyed better fortune on the track of late.**

Fowler is the owner-operator of Western Australia's largest harness stud, Allwood Stud Farm, which produced 12 individual winners in April, including five sired by the stud's resident stallion, Follow The Stars.

Fellow Allwood Stud Farm stallion Fly Like An Eagle, a newcomer to WA, also sired promising New South Wales types Chasing The Wind and Eagle Commander to recent back-to-back victories.

Reflecting back on the pleasing results, Fowler says he is quite excited about some of Follow The Stars' local progeny in particular.

"Follow The Stars did a good job," he said.

"He was a leading sire most of the two-year-old season last year and got pipped on the post to run second as the first-season sire.

"As a juvenile sire he's in the top five, so he's doing a good job.

"My favourite filly I have at the moment is Star Fromthepalace, I think she's been a bit unlucky with draws.

"Aristocratic Star is in the Pearl Final three-year-old leg next week, too, and I would think that he's a contender.

"You like them all, but I suppose they're my favourites, so-to-say."



Image: Bob and Marilyn Fowler



Asked how he came to acquire Fly Like An Eagle, the son of the ill-fated champion sire Mach Three, Fowler says he had his eye on the stallion for a while.

"He came from a very small crop in New South Wales beforehand," he said.

"He stood two seasons in the eastern states before I was able to buy him.

"I did try to buy him off the American owners a couple of years ago, before they put him to stud, but they believed they could get a better deal and serve more mares at stud.

"He didn't have a great success where they stood him with 10 other stallions over at Yirribee.

"Then I was able to buy him and, to the benefit of Western Australia, he's beautifully bred.

"In that time, Mach Three passed away and I supposed he's one of the leading contenders to take over Mach Three's position."

Another promising addition to Fowler's breeding arsenal is Rock N Roll World, a son of American super sire, Rocknroll Hanover, and from the former US 2YO and 3YO Filly of the Year, Worldly Beauty.

Standing at a service fee of \$4,000 including GST, Fowler believes the regally-bred entire will be a wonderful inclusion to the local breeding industry.

"I'm thrilled with Rock N Roll World," Fowler said.

"He's the best-credentialled stallion I've ever bought, and I've bought a lot of good stallions over the last few decades.

"He ticks all the boxes and I'm very chuffed about him and I think he will play a big part in harness racing in Australia.

"I have actually put my eye on another stallion and, I don't know if I'll get him this season, but I'm still in the game.

"We've got three stallions now, but there's another bloodline I'd like to carry on and put into my band."

Fowler is also excited about the rebound in results at Australian harness yearling sales in recent years.

He says the strength of Perth's Australian Pacing Gold sale in March is apt recognition for the lucrative Westbred bonuses on offer for locally-bred horses.

"We had one sell for \$57,500 and we had some other good prices," he said.

"The market in WA is definitely growing and I think people are more and more aware of the Westbred bonuses available.

"It's a very good stake system throughout Australia and I think a lot of the trainers and owners are realising there's good value in some well-bred horses in Western Australia.

"Shockwave would be an example, and there's a whole lot of others, but Shockwave is a perfect example of a Westbred that's up and matching some of the best horses in the land."

Whilst the harness industry is clearly Fowler's passion, the tycoon oversees multiple businesses, including two holiday parks, a winery and a brewery.

However, he has also spent close to five decades in the motor vehicle industry and is still the Principle Dealer of Westside Auto Wholesale in Bentley.

"I've appointed a CEO in the car business now," Fowler said.

"I had a young executive come over and he's been with me for a couple of months.

"I actually expected to step back from the car business as of the 30th of June, but the virus has certainly sent us back a little bit and I most probably need to stay a bit longer.

"There's a certain amount of upheaval with all businesses and, I've been in the car business for decades, and it's just delayed my retirement from that area because I think I'm needed at the helm under these circumstances.

*"It's very difficult for all businesses at the moment"*

Fowler, who has also been a key contributor on RWWA's board of directors since 2016, has his tenure due to end in the coming months.

However, in what is music to the ears of members of the harness industry, he says he hopes to extend his stay for another term.

"I've spent four years on the board and I've thought about it, and I have put my hat back in the ring," he said.

"The Harness Racing Director has to be voted on by five bodies and a couple of them have already asked me to stand again, so I hope I will get their support.

"I think there's work I can still do to assist harness racing in WA.

"When you're a director on the board, you're a director for all three codes, but I am the Harness Director and that's where my passion is, so I give it my best."

While the world is full of uncertainty and angst as it prepared to rebuild from the damage inflicted by the COVID-19 pandemic, Fowler is confident there is light at the end of the tunnel for the racing industries.

"All I can say is, I understand the racing fraternity is going through a difficult time with the 20 per cent cut in stakes," he said.

"We just need to be very, very aware with social distancing and doing the right thing so that we do get out of this sound and return to full stake.

"It's very difficult for RWWA with pub TABs closed, the gambling dollar has been cut in half and if it wasn't for a mobile app, we would be absolutely sunk.

"We're trying to convert people from old habits of mixing in the pub and going to the TAB, to using the app.

"With the lifting of the virus in WA playing a good part in getting back early, I'm looking forward to resuming full stakes and the industry picking back up where it was."

# WELCOME *Dale Putland*

Pinjarra Paceway have made some staff changes; Former General Manager Sian Hughes has elected to continue working in a part time capacity, to allow sufficient family time to care for her young daughter.

The workload of the Manager at Pinjarra requires full time commitment and accordingly, the Club has appointed Mr Dale Putland as the new Harness Racing Manager – Dale commenced working with the club this week.

Dale was kind enough to provide the following bio at very short notice:

## Involvement in Harness Racing

My family has a history of being involved with Harness Racing going back to about the 1950's where two of my uncles were trainer and driver, along with my father who went to reinsman school for a short time, at the same time as the legendary Phil Coulson.

My earliest memories of getting to love Harness Racing was going to Richmond Raceway and watching Pure Steel, Gammalite and other champions.

From there my eldest brother Phil (now deceased) bought a few pacers and then bred his own from a mare he owned called Supatrim from Young Symbol; Phil's horse, called Harry Gunn, went on to win a Golden Nugget along with a number of other races.

Phil also owned Allo Rene who won a Battle of Bunbury and many others. This further increased my interest and I part owned a number of pacers including:

- Satans Dispute, who I claimed and on sold to the USA before he raced for me
- Armbro Cornell
- Our Star Butler
- Jivein
- Bank Vault
- Machine Gunn Kelli
- Vintage Concerto, who I claimed and won 1 race before injury enforced his retirement to a riding school

## The Basics

- I'm turning 53 in August
- Married to my wife Debbie for almost 31 years
- Son named Jayden who is 29
- Moved to Mandurah 1 year ago after 25 years living in Leeming
- Spent some of my youth living in Busselton where I met my wife
- During my time in Busselton I worked at the Busselton Harness Racing complex for a short time allocating stalls to horses for race night

My interests include:

- Horse racing
- AFL (West Coast Eagles supporter)
- WAFL (East Perth supporter)
- Cricket – still playing for Leeming Spartans
- Family
- Entertaining
- Dining out
- Getting out in my boat enjoying the beautiful waters of Mandurah

## Career

I'm passionate, approachable, contactable, willing to engage with all members, owners, trainers and the general public to discuss any issues or ideas.

In terms of my previous work history I have been in Sales Management, National Sales Management and General Manager roles for more than 20 years typically in the Pre-Fabricated building industry.

When the opportunity arose to apply for this position, I was excited about the opportunity where I can use my skill set gained in sales, HR, OH&S and management to build on the success of the Pinjarra Harness Racing Club and Harness Racing in WA in general in challenging times caused by Covid 19, along with the many sporting options the general public have to choose from.

My goal is to work with the team at Pinjarra Harness Racing and the racing industry in general to ensure we strengthen our industry's profile and increase awareness and the public participation in Harness Racing moving forward by building on the great work done by all current and previous industry stakeholders.

*RWWA extends a warm welcome to Dale.*





# STOP!

For the continuation of racing and the protection of our participants it is imperative that all on course entrants adhere to the following health and safety precautions:



**Social distancing**

Keep 1.5 metres away from other people



**Sneeze and cough**

into your elbow and don't touch face or shake hands



**Dispose**

of used tissues in a closed bin



**Washing hands**

for minimum of 20 seconds with soap and water



**Use hand sanitiser and disinfectant**

wipes to clean equipment

These precautions are important to the protection of our people and our racing product.

Abuse of any kind towards our staff or each other will not be tolerated.

**Non-compliance with these guidelines will result in your immediate removal from the venue and referral to the stewards.**

# DESTINATION NORTH AMERICA

by Tim Blee

The recent coronavirus induced shutdown of all Harness Racing in North America could well see a dramatic slowdown in the export of Australian horses to America. Favoured by a very attractive exchange rate, there has been a constant flow of quality horses from both Australia and New Zealand to the Northern Hemisphere, highlighted in the past 12 months by the much heralded, award winning Tin Tin In America mare Shartin, and the mighty Lazarus.

From WA, horses such as Bettors Fire, Saying Grace, Maczaffair, American Boy, Runoneover, Rock Diamonds, Ana Malak, Bill Haley, Our Corelli, Walkenshaw, Major Pocket and Ideal Tyson (to name just a few) are some of the many high class performers who have been recently exported to continue their careers Stateside, and the topic has generated considerable debate amongst the Harness Racing fraternity. However, it is far from a new development. Mention famous Western Australian horses such as the amazing Mount Eden and Mister Karamea, not to forget New Zealand's greatest ever export and harness racing's first millionaire, the incomparable Cardigan Bay, to any casual harness racing follower and they will all be familiar with their deeds. Old time followers may also remember the much celebrated star of the 1960's, State Sprint Champion and record holder for the mile, Pacing Lawn, being feted in America after being afforded a swim in the indoor pool at the Waldorf Astoria with his trainer Phil Coulson prior to his racing campaign at the famed Yonkers Raceway. Many other high profile Eastern States horses such as the great trotter Gramel, Apmat, Adaptor, Ribands, Caduceus, Lucky Creed, First Lee, James Scott and Cocky Raider all ventured to America with varying degrees of success. Many of them had established themselves as genuine stars prior to them heading to the northern hemisphere but they had to endure travel conditions that were far more arduous than those experienced using the modern air freighters of today.

Apmat, an early pioneer being a 1953 son of Wirrason, had won a heat of the Interdominion and been runner up to the mighty Caduceus in the 1960 Final, in addition to multiple Spring Cups and a Summer Cup at Harold Park and Adaptor was a Miracle Mile winner. Ribands annexed a Hunter Cup in addition to multiple Interdominion heat wins and was runner up to Captain Sandy in 1953 Final at Gloucester Park, a genuine super star of the sport. New Zealand Hall Of Famer Caduceus had a record almost unsurpassed, having won just about every major race on the calendar in NZ prior to rewriting the record books in Australia with major feature race wins, culminating in a stunning Interdominion Grand Final win off 36 yards at Harold Park in 1960. Lucky Creed was also a Miracle Mile winner for the flamboyant Wanless family and at one stage, held the Australian record for successive wins. First Lee, like P.J Hall's James Scott, was also an Interdominion Winner and a runner up in a Miracle Mile and Cocky Raider was another very highly credentialed

performer prior to export. All of them were household names as "the Trots" enjoyed the glory days of massive crowds on course and columns of publicity in the various daily newspapers.

The popularity of horse exports to North America has waxed and waned over the years in response to the economic conditions of the day in both continents but during the 1960's and 70's, Western Australia proved to be a fertile source of quality racing stock for cashed up North American connections and adventurous local owners. A search of past records reveals an incredible list of talent, the names of which, and their feats, will be very familiar to many older aficionados and students of harness racing history.

Bronze Whaler was a star for his trainer/driver Ray Sweetman but he had the misfortune of meeting Mount Eden and running second to him when he broke the world record for 11 furlongs in the Western Gateway Pace at Richmond Raceway. He was frequently the "bridesmaid" to the mighty champion but was a serious horse who raced with great distinction prior to leaving WA. Mount Eden was not the only Jack Miles trained horse to venture to America with the well performed Northam Cup winner Bernbon joining his more illustrious stablemate. Maintaining the Mount Eden USA connection, the champions best known opponent was arguably the George James trained and driven No Dill, famously remembered for zooming past Mount Eden in the Christmas Handicap before ultimately finishing second. No Dill was no ordinary horse as his two Bunbury Cups and a Pinjarra and Winter Cup win attest to. Lyle Lindau's Dollars Double was a Fremantle Cup and Golden Slipper winner and was one of just many star performers that he trained prior to their North American careers, including the Mount Eden Sprint, Fremantle Cup and Stratton Cup winner Roscott. Ted Abbott's star 1960's Free For All horses Even Break and Nookanburra had feature race wins in the Easter Handicap Final, the Memorial Day Stakes and the Winter Cup to their credit prior to leaving for the USA where they were trained under his tutelage, and Joe Petricevich's Coneeda was an Interdominion runner up to Binshaw in 1967 at Gloucester Park and also annexed a Fremantle Cup and was 2nd to fellow exportee Carpathian in a State Sprint Championship, the forerunner to the Mount Eden Sprint. Bob Pollock was active in the export industry with star performers such as Chief Attain, a winner of the Christmas Handicap and a runner up to star mare Pyramus in the 1972 WA Pacing Cup, and Sires Produce Stakes winner and Derby runner up Bank Street heading stateside.

Just about every major owner/trainer combination on sold their stock but one of the more significant partnerships was owner Harry Bele, trainer/driver Laurie Robinson and the wonderful sire Admiral Way. Admiral Way sired three Bele bred, Robinson trained horses that carried on successful careers in America, namely the speedy

John Silver, crowd favourite Coolup Way and the talented Placid Way. The Jim Schrader trained and driven Master Clan was a winner of the 2 year old NSW Youthful Stakes prior to being bought to WA by owners Alf and Ken Hampton. He recorded a dominant win in the WA Derby and added many feature wins to his record, including consecutive placings in the Mount Eden Sprint. Another Mount Eden Sprint winner to venture stateside was Bob Sangalli's electrifying little horse Durante along with Jack Retzlaff's Bunbury Cup winner Yardon. Many horses from the Herdesman Parade stables of the leading trainer of the day, Phil Coulson, also ventured north to further their careers including Northam Cup winner Royal Wrack, Christmas Gift winners Whispering Beauty and Juniors Image and Navy Cup Winner Mount Mist. Other notable local fast class performers who were exported include Fred Godecke's Banca, Noel Eddy's New Year Handicap winning and 1972 Pacing Cup place-getter Dark Adair, the talented Northam Cup winner Dark Rauhen, Jim Schrader's Memorial Day Stakes winning Free For all star, First Adventure, Andy Torrent's Navy Cup winning Gallant Nelson, Jim Kinnear's Jetline who strung together a picket fence of city wins, Mick Forward's August Cup winner Good Grattan, Harry Wegner's Rod Starkie reined August Cup winner Royal Relate, Frank Kersley's classy mare Elanora and star juvenile speedster Royal Vance. Other well known names include Tats Cup winner Surfers Guide for Les Poyser, Booth Memorial winner Phillco and the classy Brian Hesse owned Officers Attack, with apologies to many other handy types who provided

great enjoyment to their connections prior to having the passports stamped.

Last but not least, a special mention to the Tony Sangalli trained Tony Hall, a WA bred Brennan Cup winner and Fremantle Cup place-getter. In these modern times with sires such as Bettors Delight, American Delight, Captain Treacherous and Sweet Lou being shuttled between the Northern and Southern Hemispheres to maximize their genetics, the traffic in the 1960's and 70's was definitely one way, with imported stallions from North America coming to Australia and New Zealand to inject speed and quality into the long established colonial lines. Famous names like Dick Adios, Thor Hanover, Deep Adios, Racy Prince and Overtrick complimented long established blood from the likes of Globe Derby, Raider and more latterly, U Scott, Light Brigade and Dillon Hall from New Zealand's best maternal families. It was very rare if not unheard of for the roles to be reversed, with two notable exceptions being established champions Adaptor and Cocky Raider, both of whom served mares in America post their racing careers, with Adaptor being the more successful. However, Tony Hall also served mares in the USA and I wonder if his breeder, Don Harper of Wattle Grove, could have possibly imagined that his 1961 foal by Anthony Hall out of an unfashionable Spanish Glen mare would be one day plying both his racing and breeding trade in North America.



Images: Pacing Lawn in swimming pool



# Millionaire

## Caribbean Blaster to Stand in WA

by Jeanine Diederich

We have Art Major, Mach Three, American Ideal all represented in WA with highly credentialed sons available. Now we have Bettors Delight represented in WA, with Caribbean Blaster 1:52.6 \$1,113,677, the multiple Group 1 winning son of Bettors Delight to stand in WA at Global Breeding Farms.

Apart from being a son of Bettors Delight, he is a millionaire Chariots of Fire and Victoria Cup winner, who raced and beat all

the best of the era including Smoken Up, Im Themightyquinn, Beautide, Restrepo and Christen Me.

He won the 2012 Chariots of Fire in 1:52.6, was an Inter Dominion Heat winner, won the 2012 Victoria Cup in 1:53.7 defeating Mah Sish, Im Themightyquinn, Smoken Up, Washakie and The Gold Ace. He won the Group 1 South Australian Cup



Image: Caribbean Blaster in the Victoria Cup



over 2710m, beating Smoken Up, and competed in and won a Hot To Trot Stampede, running his second quarter in 25.8.

He was unlucky not to win a second Victoria Cup running second, with Christen Me, Smoken Up, Mah Sish, Restrepo and Beautide finishing behind him. He finished 2nd by a nose to Christen Me in the 2014 Hunter Cup. He competed successfully in many open company Grand Circuit races, surpassing most of his stud competitors in this regard.

His female line is second to none, with Kalypso (Safely Kept) 2:00.8 \$30,110 also producing Protikora (Solys Atom) 1:59 \$212,109, Kalypson Kid (Armbro Operative) 1:56.4 \$125,351, and Group winner War Dan (Bettors Delight) 1:52.4 \$175,973. Kalypso is a full or half sister to 9 winners including multiple Group

1 winner Grand Stride (Artiscape) 1:52.4 \$324,658, Sapphire Stride (Artistic Fella) 1:52.2 \$134,115 and Group 3 Tatlow winner Katasopos, dam of the Paleface Adios Classic winner Copper Coast (Modern Art) 1:52.2 \$308,702.

Keeping with the WA link, Willing Greek (Golden Greek), the dam of Kalypso, is out of Group 2 Bathurst Gold Tiara winner Willing Whiz (Armbro Whiz) 1:57.5 \$120,515 with her dam a half sister to Willadios (Deep Adios) 2:00.7 \$180,257, winner of the 1982 Fremantle Cup and a Heat of the 1982 Inter Dominion Caribbean Blaster is an imposing 16h individual so for those wanting a millionaire racehorse sire and a piece of Bettors Delight, contact Mike Hackett at Global Breeding Farms 0423 703 779.



# Soho Tribeca

## to stand stud in Victoria

By Peter Wharton

Soho Tribeca 3, 1:53.8 (\$1,103,854), one of the most impeccably bred and best performed stallions to become available to breeders, is to stand his first season at the first class stud, Northern Rivers Equine, Kyabram in the heart of Victoria's Goulburn Valley.

His service fee is \$3,000 including GST payable on positive test.

Soho Tribeca, a courageous pacer with a lion-sized heart, met and defeated the best pacers in commission including Lazarus, Chicago Bull, Tiger Tara and Lennytheshark before being struck down by injury when at the height of his career.

All told, Soho Tribeca had 59 starts for 21 wins and 24 placings for \$1,103,854 in stakes and took a mile mark of 1:53.8 at three years.

Had he remained sound there seemed little doubt that he would have taken a 1:50 record and added considerably to his bankroll.

During his career Soho Tribeca won three times at Group 1 level, three at Group 2, one at Group 3 and twice in Listed company.

A winner and a Breeders Crown finalist at two, Soho Tribeca really came into his own as a three-year-old, winning eight of his 20 starts including the Caduceus Club Cup, semi-finals of the Breeders Crown and Vicbred and placing in the Bathurst Gold Chalice and Victoria Sires Classic.

As a four-year-old Soho Tribeca proved one of the best his age and sex, winning the \$200,000 WA Golden Nugget with a brilliant front-end display, a heat, semi-final and the \$120,000 final of the Vicbred Series and finishing second in the Fremantle Cup and third in the WA Pacing Cup.

Soho Tribeca set the seal for his greatness in his five-year-old campaign, earning a whopping \$670,544 from 19 starts. He captured two heats of the 2017 Inter Dominion Championship, including a crushing defeat of Lazarus by 11 metres in 1:54.2 over 2130 metres with the last 800 in 54.5 and effortlessly winning the \$450,000 WA Pacing Cup.

Shipped to the East coast, he sliced two seconds off the Kilmore Cup record despite racing without cover throughout the 2690 metres, rating a sensational 1:56, and finished a neck second to Lazarus in a record-breaking A. G. Hunter Cup.

Perhaps Soho Tribeca's greatest performance came in defeat when he sat parked, made the record-breaking 1:46.9 and still finished a close third to My Field Marshal and Jilliby Kung Fu in the 2018 Miracle Mile.

A striking bay horse of 16.1 hands, Soho Tribeca is a son of the former champion pacer American Ideal (1:47.8), the sire of 14 millionaires, 290 \$100,000 earners, 58 on the 1:50 list and the winners of more than \$125 million.

Not only is Soho Tribeca a youthful son of American Ideal – he was foaled in 2012 – but on his distaff side he can claim equal distinctions. His first two dams, Pixel Perfect and Amarillen, were named Broodmare of the Year in 2018 and 2017 respectively.

Pixel Perfect, who was unraced, left six winners – all inside 2:00 – from six foals including three Group winners in the outstanding racemare Carlas Pixel 1:49.5 (\$480,128), winner of five Group races, the Australian Pacing Gold winner Soho Nolita 1:53 (\$233,620), Soho Hamilton (1:54.6) and Soho Tribeca.



The grand-dam Amarillen produced eight winners from 10 foals including the Chariots of Fire and Breeders Crown champion Villagem 1:52.1 (\$626,585), the Victoria Oaks winner Miss Graceland 1:54 (\$244,658) and the APG Final winner Nostra Beach 1:53.5 (\$266,190).

Soho Tribeca, who represents the famed male line of Western Hanover (grandsire of great sires in Rocknroll Hanover and American Ideal) and coming from the prolific family of Topsy with strains of Art Major, Fake Left and Panorama, all proved imports as sires and broodmare sires, has a second to none blood inheritance.

Prominent WA breeder-owner Robert Watson rates Soho Tribeca as the best horse he has raced in a career spanning more than 35 years and is excited to see the impact the stallion can make on the Australian breeding scene.

"I will be sending 20 of my own mares to him including Aussie Made Lombo, Delightful Jade, Soho Tokyo, Soho Angel and Soho Madeleine," Watson said.







# VALE GAVIN LANG







## **Harness racing great Gavin Lang has died, with the sport mourning the loss of a much-loved genius and gentleman.**

Gavin's fight with a rare type of lymphoma has ended at age 61, an outcome that has saddened the many family, friends and admirers that have felt his kindness and witnessed his brilliance.

His passing draws to a close a career that brought delight to many among 6303 victories, second only in the sport to Chris Alford. Renowned for his peerless driving instincts, Gavin won owners almost \$50 million in stakes across more than 32,000 starts and earned the moniker Group 1 Gav for his ability to perform on the grand stage.

Fuelling that reputation were victories in the 2007 Victoria Cup with Robin Hood, two Inter Dominion Trotting Championships and an extraordinary list of Breeders Crown, Chariots Of Fire, Australian Pacing Gold, Vicbred Super Series and New South Wales Derby triumphs.

It is a record with few peers, but Gavin's influence stretched far beyond the winners' circle. Harness racing was a sport he was born to dominate.

The son of fellow Caduceus Club Legend Graeme Lang, in a recent interview Gavin said he had never imagined doing anything than compete in the trots. He would rise early in the morning before catching the bus to school and clean the boxes. When he got home it was off to the shed to "see what father had for me to do, whether it was cleaning gear or organising feed". He would often take days off school to go to the races to help dad, attending the showgrounds every Saturday night to "care for the horses". And it wouldn't be long before he had rein in hand.

Raised among ponies and horses, from age eight he would drive with his brother Chris, saying "I was always comfortable with it, it was always fun back then. Some days it was a bit more of a chore, but I enjoyed it immensely".

At Kilmore on June 2, 1975, Lang registered his first win as a trots driver on Pensive Dream, and some 32 years later he would drive his 6000th victory when steering Tell Me Tales to Vicbred success in another showcase win.

His was a life spent in the sulky, a skillset so fine-tuned that decisions were made with instinct and without hesitation. "It becomes second nature to you, making moves is a reflex action," he said. "You seldom think about it, it just comes to you. It is hard to explain why that happens. You do everything on instinct. If you have to stop and think whether to make a move, by the time you are done thinking it's generally too late."

He was motivated not only by success, but by those he could bring along for the ride, including the trainers and owners, many of whom he would deliver their first Group 1. "I know only too well the time and effort people put into getting their horses to that stage. It's pretty special when you win a race for people like that. Harness racing is an industry, but it is also a lifestyle. There is a lot of sacrifice, but in any industry if you strive to be the best you can be you have to be prepared to do the hard yards. I never envisaged doing anything else."

Footnote: On 14 December 2001, Gavin Lang drove Manifold Bay to victory in the Golden Nugget at Gloucester Park beating home our local favourite The Falcon Strike.

In 2015 Gavin returned to Perth for the Inter Dominion Championships and won heat 3 and heat 4 on Philadelphia Man.

***(Re-printed courtesy of Harness Racing Victoria)***



# FROM THE HARNESS RACING MANAGER

Harness racing has continued to operate in this time of COVID-19 restrictions and it has been the willingness to adapt to the changed environment by our industry participants and supporters that has been instrumental in achieving our racing continuity. We've had to make a sacrifice – three operating race tracks in April and May and a 20% reduction in stake monies and bonuses, but as a sacrifice it seems reasonable and preferable to closing the gates.

With the advent of winter, RWWA considered the implications of inclement weather on the present three race track scenario and determined to bring a fourth racing venue into the rotation in June and July. We will continue to operate with four racing venues for the foreseeable future.

We know the implications of COVID-19 will extend past this season's end. The Board of APG have made the decision to postpone APG Series 29 & 30 by 12 months.

The effect for each Series will be as follows:

## Series 29 (Horses sold at APG Yearling sales in 2018)

- Fully sustained horses will compete in the '3yo leg of the Series' in April/May 2021 at the age of FOUR.
- The 3yo Championship Races will be conducted in July/August 2021 at the age of FOUR

## Series 30 (Horses sold at APG Yearling sales in 2019)

- Fully sustained horses will compete in the '2yo leg of the Series' in April/May 2021 at the age of THREE.
- The 2yo Championship Races will be conducted in July/August 2021 at the age of THREE
- Fully sustained horses will compete in the '3yo leg of the Series' in April/May 2022 at the age of FOUR.
- The 3yo Championship Races will be conducted in July/August 2021 at the age of FOUR

## Series 31 (Horses sold at APG Yearling sales in 2020)

- This Series is NOT affected.

## WINNING OWNER EMAILS

RWWA Harness is introducing a new service that will generate a personalised email to winning owner(s) after a race meeting.

The emails will include a race replay link and there is the ability to include other elements; the design and content will change as new promotions and owners options are introduced.

New South Wales and Victoria were the first States to take advantage of this initiative, issuing their first emails in late April. RWWA is progressing the design work for WA harness. We hope to have this service in place at the commencement of June.

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# UPDATING PRIZE MONEY BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS WITH HARNESSWEB

As part of a continued effort in providing ways participants can perform tasks online, RISE has introduced an option for participants to view and update prize money bank accounts through Harnessweb.

The new Prize Money Accounts feature allows owners and lessees to view the account details for all the ownership entities they are a part of, horses affiliated with those ownership entities and the ownership status of those horses (e.g. leased in or out, owned). Only users who are the managers of ownership entities can update bank details. This will notify all members affected by email. Other non-managing users can view but not edit bank account details.

This feature was put into production on April 30th for all State bodies.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. Who can update a bank account?

Only the manager of an ownership entity can alter bank details. Other non-managing members can still view the bank details and affiliated horses of ownership entities they are a part of. Further, when a managing owner changes these details, all members of the ownership entity will be notified by email.

In addition, we display which horses belong to each ownership entity (for either an ownership or a lease). Users will see value in being able to track their ownership interests across the different entities.

### 2. Will the process in Harvey change for updating bank account details?

No, the new feature is in addition to established methods of updating bank account details. An owner who has updated their ownership entity's bank account details in Harnessweb will behave the same way as if a staff member has updated their details on their behalf after receiving a paper form.

### 3. Is RWWA notified when an owner has updated their bank account details via Harnessweb?

Yes, the system will send an email to Licensing & Registration whenever a WA owner has changed their bank account details.

### 4. Some participants belong to many partnerships and groups that no longer own any horses, will these partnerships be visible in the list?

No, the Prize Money Account feature will only display ownership entities which have at least one horse that is either leased or owned by it.

### 5. How will participants be notified that the feature is available?

Harnessweb will display a feature announcement with instructions when a user logs into their account after it becomes available. The feature announcement will only display the first time a user logs in.

### 6. Will the owner need a Harnessweb account?

Yes, to be able to log in to Harnessweb, participants do require an account. Creating an account is a free and simple process. Of course, owners will still be able to change bank accounts with established methods as appropriate to your administration staff using Harvey.

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## ONLINE TRANSFERS OF OWNERSHIP

Coming soon, WA participants will be able to complete the transfer of ownership process online.

Harnessweb users will be able to submit a new transfer or review an existing transfer.

The online form must be completed by the new (buying) owner of the horse. If the new owner is a partnership or organisation, the form must be completed by the racing manager of that partnership or organisation.

Once the form is completed, HarnessWeb will notify all owners (existing and new) by email where appropriate. All owners must then log in on their own HarnessWeb account and agree to the details of the transfer to complete the ownership transfer.

After all current and new owners have agreed to a transfer of ownership, a staff member of RWWA will review the transfer and accept the details.

We are working through some minor changes to the programming to bring the process in line with WA current practices and are working towards having the system available for use shortly.







## COMMUNITY TAB SUPPORTS HORSEPOWER HORSES THROUGH COVID-19 CRISIS

Community TAB is extending its support of HorsePower Australia to assist the organisation and horse welfare during the suspension of their programs in response to COVID-19.

Community TAB will be matching the first \$5,000 raised through this campaign, helping to ensure the health and wellbeing of HorsePower horses so they can continue to provide their vital service to people with disabilities throughout WA once their programs commence again.

HorsePower Australia is a registered voluntary, charitable not-for-profit organisation in Western Australia that provides equine assisted programs and activities for people with physical, intellectual, emotional and social challenges – Diversabilities.

In accordance with government directives and to ensure our participants, volunteers and local communities were protected from the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) HorsePower made the decision in March to suspend all programs and activities until further notice.

"We support and work with many people who are more vulnerable to infection so we made the difficult decision to close our gates until the situation with COVID-19 improves. This comes at a big price for us, without participants and events such as our Night at the Races Gala Dinner we have no income. Our specially trained assistance horses and ponies still need feed, hay, and essential farrier, vet and dentist visits to ensure their health and wellbeing during this crisis and it all adds up. With no clear idea of when we will be able to resume programs it is difficult to know if we will have enough money to support our horse friends until then," HorsePower Australia Executive Officer, Kelly Mansfield said.

HorsePower Australia currently has 125 specially trained assistance horses and ponies who support 280 children and 160 adults with diversabilities across WA to develop new skills, discover new abilities and define the life they want to live. Research shows that working with horses in programs such as those offered by HorsePower is not only fun but delivers physical benefits, boosts confidence, improves communication skills and helps participants to build relationships.

Community TAB General Manager Matthew Thomas said Community TAB knows the importance of supporting HorsePower through this uncertain time.

"We think it is crucial to ensure our support of HorsePower Australia is extended to assist the organisation and horse welfare during the suspension of their programs in response to COVID-19."

"Community TAB will be matching the first \$5,000 raised through this campaign, helping to ensure the health and wellbeing of HorsePower horses means they can continue to provide their vital service to people with disabilities throughout WA once their programs commence again."

"Throughout our partnership with HorsePower Australia we have seen the tremendous affect the therapy and service has on people's lives in various ways, and we know it will continue to do so through the support of the community."

**Help HorsePower Horses - [horsepower.org.au](http://horsepower.org.au)**

# THANK YOU FROM THE CEO

**A sincere thank you to the WA harness racing industry for your ongoing support and understanding during these uncertain times.**

We still find ourselves in uncharted territory with the effects of COVID-19. However, I want to reassure you that RWWA is working tirelessly to ensure the short and long-term sustainability of our great industry. We are all in this together.

We are aware that the strict bio-security measures currently in place at our racecourses impact the ordinary enjoyment of racing, but we trust you understand these are temporary, yet necessary measures to ensure the continuation of racing.

The WA harness racing industry has over 4,600 participants and more than 3,200 racing animals. We understand participants heavily rely on their income derived from racing to support their families and the animals in their care, which is why we are doing everything in our power to ensure racing can continue during this time.

The national and international public health response has had a significant impact on our income. However, RWWA has made a concerted effort to reduce overall expenditures to sustain the WA racing industry over the longer term. This has involved significant reductions within internal operations, including a number of staff being temporarily stood down and a hold on all major projects.

There has also been a reduction in prizemoney in response to the significant decline in revenue we are facing as an industry.

However, RWWA is actively supporting the continuation of racing at 80% of usual stake levels, through a time where our income has been impacted by at least 50%.

These changes to stakes, together with RWWA's reserves and other internal operational savings we have implemented, will be used to support the racing industry over the coming months.

As a business we are also undertaking considerable financial modelling and planning for a multitude of potential scenarios to ensure we are well prepared for any future hurdles that we may face as an industry.

Together, these initiatives will ensure our industry is in the best possible position when racing is able to resume as normal.

For up to date information on COVID-19 regarding the WA racing industry, I encourage you to visit the dedicated information page on RWWA's website – [www.rwwa.com.au](http://www.rwwa.com.au).

Once again, I would like to thank the WA harness racing industry for the continuous support and patience during this time.

Yours Sincerely,



**Richard Burt**  
Chief Executive Officer Racing and Wagering WA





# WORKING TOGETHER TO RACE SAFELY

From 16 March 2020, we have been working together as an industry to implement a range of strict bio-security measures to ensure the continuation of racing throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then 324 harness races, and counting, have been run safely under strict measures.

The WA harness racing industry continues to take the threat of COVID-19 seriously, with responsibly adhering to requirements and adapting to the necessary changes.

On the track we compete against each other but over the last few weeks we have been on the same team, working together, to race safely.

It is with the commitment of the harness racing industry that the following bio-security measures have been successfully implemented at our racetracks:



#### Essential Persons Only

Essential persons are attending our racetracks.



#### Proof of Identity

Essential participants display their RWWA issued licence card as proof of identity to gain access at racetracks.



#### Consolidated Race Meetings

Participants have reduced their travel with harness race meetings being consolidated with all meetings being transferred to Gloucester Park, Bunbury Trotting Club and Pinjarra Harness Racing Club. Our venue footprint will be extended in June to include the Northam Harness Racing Club.



#### Good Hygiene & Social Distancing

Participants have adapted and are adhering to guidelines around good hygiene and social distancing practices at racetracks as well as at their own private properties.



#### Race Clubs

Harness race clubs have been ensuring general and sensible hygiene practices are maintained.



#### Guidelines

Trainers and stable staff have been adhering to guidelines outlining strict bio-security measures both on and off the track.



#### Restricted Areas

Participants have respected the increased security in restricted areas to ensure social distancing.



#### Stable Staff Restrictions

Trainers and strappers/stable staff have changed their usual processes to observe the restricted number of staff allowed to accompany trainers at racetracks.



#### Race Day Practices Adjusted

Participants have adapted to a number of race day practices that have been adjusted to ensure social distancing, including the gearing up of horses.



#### Equipment

Participants have been cleaning and disinfecting all horse gear regularly and when interchanging who is handling the equipment.



#### Driver Silks

Drivers have not been using the same set of silks more than once at the same race meeting to adhere to good hygiene practices.

Once again RWWA would like to thank the harness racing industry for their continuous understanding and support through these uncertain times.

**We are all in this, TOGETHER.**

## 2019/20 FEATURE RACES

DATE	DAY	RACING CLUB	FEATURE RACE NAME
15/05/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	3YO PEARL CLASSIC MS COLTS & GELDINGS MS
16/05/20	Saturday	Bunbury	4YO+ RWWA WB Feature
17/05/20	Sunday	Pinjarra	3YO Open
22/05/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	MEMBERS SPRINT MS
22/05/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	3YO DIAMOND CLASSIC FILLIES MS
22/05/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	PURE STEEL MS
29/05/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	2YO DIAMOND CLASSIC FINAL MS
5/06/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	ROTARY CLUB FREMANTLE MS
5/06/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	WESTBRED 4YO & 5YO MARES MS
12/06/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	2YO PEARL CLASSIC FINAL MS
12/06/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	WESTSIRED 3YO COLTS & GELDINGS MS
12/06/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	WESTSIRED 3YO FILLIES & MARES MS
13/06/20	Saturday	Bunbury	4YO+ RWWA WB Feature
19/06/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	WINTER CUP MS
19/06/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	WESTSIRED 2YO COLTS & GELDINGS MS
19/06/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	WESTSIRED 2YO FILLIES & MARES MS
19/06/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	3YO COLTS AND GELDINGS WESTBRED MS
19/06/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	3YO FILLIES WESTBRED MS
26/06/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	PAST PRESIDENTS CUP MS
26/06/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	2YO COLTS AND GELDINGS WESTBRED CLASSIC MS
26/06/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	2YO FILLIES WESTBRED CLASSIC MS
26/06/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	THE LOMBARDO MS
3/07/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	2YO FILLIES GOLD BRACELET MS
4/07/20	Saturday	Northam Harness	4YO+ RWWA WB Feature
10/07/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	2YO GOLDEN SLIPPER
13/07/20	Monday	Pinjarra	DAINTYS DAUGHTER CLASSIC
17/07/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	BOTRA CUP SS
17/07/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	CHANDON 3YO+ MS
24/07/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	JOHN HIGGINS MEMORIAL FINAL MS
31/07/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	THE KERRY CLARKE 4 & 5YO CLASSIC MS
1/08/20	Saturday	Northam Harness	VIRGIL QUEEN CELEBRATION 4YO+ WESTBRED MARES
1/08/20	Saturday	Northam Harness	NORTH EASTERN DISTRICTS COUNCIL DERBY 3YO MS
7/08/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	SAN SIMEON MS
7/08/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	MARATHON HANDICAP SS
14/08/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	AUGUST CUP MS
14/08/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	WASBA 4 & 5YO MARES MS
21/08/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	THE BINSHAW MS
28/08/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	THE SCHRADER FILLIES & MARES MS



RACE CONDITIONS	GROUP TYPE	FEATURE STAKES
Colts & Geldings 3YO OPEN (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 9) For Colts & Geldings which qualify in the Heats	G2	\$50,000
Westbred NE HWOE \$25,000+ (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 7)	OT	\$8,000
3YO OPEN (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 7)	OT	\$5,600
FFA OPEN (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 15)	BL	\$20,000
Fillies 3YO OPEN (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 9) For Fillies which qualify in Heats	G2	\$50,000
HWOE LT \$40,000 (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) Not Eligible HWOE LT \$20,000 (Level 9)	G3	\$24,000
Fillies 2YO OPEN (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 9) Restricted to 2yos that qualify in heats	G1	\$100,000
FFA OPEN (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 15)	BL	\$20,000
SPECIAL CONDITIONS (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 9) RESTRICTED TO 4YO & 5YO MARES THAT HAVE NOT WON A RACE WITH RACE STAKES GREATER THAN \$25,000.	G3	\$30,000
Colts & Geldings 2YO OPEN (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 9) Restricted to 2yos that qualify in heats	G1	\$100,000
WestSired Colts & Geldings 3YO OPEN (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 7)	BL	\$20,000
WestSired Fillies 3YO OPEN (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 7)	BL	\$20,000
Westbred NE HWOE \$25,000+ (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 7)	OT	\$8,000
FFA OPEN (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 15)	BL	\$20,000
WestSired Colts & Geldings 2YO OPEN (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 5)	BL	\$20,000
WestSired Fillies 2YO OPEN (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 5)	BL	\$20,000
Westbred Colts & Geldings 3YO OPEN (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 11)	G1	\$80,000
Westbred Fillies 3YO OPEN (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 11)	G1	\$80,000
FFA OPEN (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 15)	BL	\$20,000
Westbred Colts & Geldings 2YO OPEN (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 9) The winner of this race will be exempt from the ballot for the Golden Slipper at Gloucester Park on 10 July 2020.	G1	\$80,000
Westbred Fillies 2YO OPEN (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 9) The winner of this race will be exempt from the ballot for the Golden Slipper at Gloucester Park on 10 July 2020.	G1	\$80,000
Fillies & Mares HWOE LT \$40,000 (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) Not Eligible HWOE LT \$20,000 (Level 9)	G3	\$24,000
Fillies 2YO OPEN (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 5) The winner of this race will be exempt from the ballot for the Golden Slipper at Gloucester Park on 10 July 2020.	G3	\$30,000
Westbred NE HWOE \$25,000+ (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 7)	OT	\$8,000
2YO OPEN (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 9)	G1	\$100,000
Fillies 3YO OPEN (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 7)	G3	\$30,000
HWOE \$20,000+ HANDICAP STAND NOT ELIGIBLE HWOE LT \$20,000 (CONCESSIONS CLAIMS ELIGIBLE) (Level 9) (Concessions for Novice Driver, Fillies & Mares)	BL	\$20,000
HWOE LT \$70,000 (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) Preference to HWOE \$40,000+ Not Eligible HWOE LT \$20,000 (Level 11)	G3	\$30,000
HWOE LT \$40,000 (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) Preference to HWOE \$20,000+ GROUP 3 \$30,000 RESTRICTED TO HORSES THAT QUALIFY IN THE HEATS	G3	\$30,000
Westbred SPECIAL CONDITIONS (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 9) RESTRICTED TO 4YO & 5YOs THAT HAVE NOT WON A RACE WITH RACE STAKES GREATER THAN \$25,000.	G3	\$30,000
Westbred Mares NE HWOE \$25,000+ (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 7)	OT	\$16,000
Westbred 3YO OPEN (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 7) RESTRICTED TO WESTBRED 3YOS TRAINED IN EXCESS OF 50KMS FROM THE PERTH CBD WITH PREFERENCE IN FIELD SELECTION TO PACERS TRAINED IN THE NORTH EASTERN DISTRICTS COUNCIL AREA.. RESTRICTED TO DRIVERS RESIDING IN EXCESS OF 50KMS FROM THE PERTH CBD.	OT	\$8,000
HWOE LT \$40,000 (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) Not Eligible HWOE LT \$20,000 (Level 9)	G2	\$40,000
HWOE \$20,000+ HANDICAP STAND NOT ELIGIBLE HWOE LT \$20,000 (CONCESSIONS CLAIMS ELIGIBLE) (Level 9)	BL	\$20,000
FFA OPEN (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 15)	BL	\$20,000
Mares SPECIAL CONDITIONS (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 9) RESTRICTED TO 4YO & 5YO MARES THAT HAVE NOT WON A RACE WITH RACE STAKES GREATER THAN \$25,000.	G3	\$30,000
HWOE LT \$70,000 (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) Preference to HWOE \$40,000+ Not Eligible HWOE LT \$20,000 (Level 11)	G2	\$40,000
Fillies & Mares HWOE LT \$70,000 (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) Preference to HWOE \$40,000+ Not Eligible HWOE LT \$20,000 (Level 11)	G3	\$30,000



RACING AND WAGERING WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# **RACING POLICIES & GENERAL RACING INFORMATION**



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

### **EMERGENCY RUNNERS**

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

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

### **RACE CONDITIONS**

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

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



## BARRIER DRAWS

(Revised 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.

There will be two types of Preferential Draws:

### 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) **An exception will be applied to Fillies & Mares FFA only races which will see mares in the same Level/HWOE Groups subject to a RBD within their Level/Group.**
- d) **If a race has a "Preference to" clause in the conditions then the preference level will determine the lowest HWOE group applicable for the race.**
- e) **If a race does not have a "Preference to" clause in the conditions then horses in the same Level/HWOE Groups will be subject to a Random Draw within the Level/Group.**
- f) Horses nominating out of their group will be drawn together with the lowest group.
- g) 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
- h) Horses using a concession will be drawn in their original group not a reduced group using the concession value.
- i) Standing start races will have 10-metre handicapping increments

TABLE 1 - Level 1 to 13		
Level	HWOE \$	HWOE Group
15	\$100,000+	FFA
14	NA	
13	\$85,000-\$99,999	LT \$100,000
12	\$70,000-\$84,999	LT \$85,000
11	\$55,000-\$69,999	LT \$70,000
10	\$40,000-\$54,999	LT \$55,000
9	\$32,500-\$39,999	LT \$40,000
8	\$25,000-\$32,499	LT \$32,500
7	\$18,500-\$24,999	LT \$25,000
6	\$12,000-\$18,499	LT \$18,500
5	\$9,000-\$11,999	LT \$12,000
4	\$6000-\$8,999	LT \$9,000
3	\$3000-\$5999	LT \$6,000
2	\$1-\$2999	LT \$3,000
1	\$ 0	MAIDEN

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

**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.

**3. PBD/HWOE**

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

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



## 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).

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

### Determination of HWOE – Transition from previous system

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

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

## NOMINATIONS/ACCEPTANCES

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

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

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

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

## **DUAL RACE MEETING NOMINATIONS**

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

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

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



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

## **SCRATCHINGS**

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

## **HEATS/FINALS**

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

7. Horses will qualify for the Final based on finishing position and mile rate recorded in the Heats.
8. Preference in qualification for a Final will be given to horses which completed the course in their Heat.
9. A horse that is disqualified from a Heat will be ineligible to contest the Final.
10. If any qualified horse is unable to take its place in the Final (or subsequent race of the series), the next highest ranked horse based on finishing position and mile rate will be declared the qualifier.
11. It is the responsibility of the trainer to ascertain whether or not such horse has qualified for the Final.
12. Horses which qualify for a Final will not be permitted to start in any other race on the day the Final is scheduled
13. Fields for Consolation races will be selected on finishing order and mile rate in the Heats.
14. The type of barrier draw applied to the Heats will also apply to the Final, unless otherwise approved by 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. Concession drivers will be divided into three Concession Groups depending upon the number of winning drives they have had.
3. For the purpose of Concession Drivers, race meetings will be categorised into three classifications:
  - a. **Metropolitan Prime** (Gloucester Park, Friday), plus any other race where the stake money is  $\geq \$15,000$
  - b. **Provincial** (includes race meetings classified as Metro Midweek)
  - c. **Community** (includes race meetings classified as Country)
4. A new B Grade Driver commences with a full concession at all venues (but will not be able to drive in metropolitan prime races until they meet the criteria for an A Grade Driver license). This is a **Community concession**.
5. Once a driver has more than 100 winners in total (or 20+ Metropolitan Prime Wins) they lose their concession at Community race meetings. This driver continues to have a concession at Metropolitan Prime and Provincial classified race meetings. **This is a Provincial concession**.
6. Once a driver has more than 150 winners in total (or 35+ Metropolitan Prime Wins) they lose their Provincial concession and can only claim a concession at Metropolitan Prime races. **This is a Metro Concession**.
7. For the purposes of calculating a novice concession, a dead-heat for first placing shall not count as a win
8. A Novice Concession Driver Claim will be for a five-year period and shall apply from the issue date of the licence to drive in races or until a Novice Concession Driver has driven 50 winners at prime metropolitan race meetings or 200 winners in total, whichever comes first.
9. At the completion of the five year period, a driver who has not driven 50 winners at prime metropolitan race meetings or 200 winners in total, may apply to the licensing steward for an extension of up to 2 years provided, if an extension is granted;
  - a) The driver's performance will be reviewed every 6 months, or more frequently if stewards deem necessary,
  - b) The extension may be cancelled at any time if the driver is not demonstrating a commitment to pursuing a professional driving career.

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

*(Effective 28 January 2020)*

## **MARES ALLOWANCE**

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



## STAKEMONEY DISTRIBUTION

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

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

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

### Drivers Percentages & Fees

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

### Trainers Percentage

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

### Owners

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

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

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

## **OFFICIAL TRIALS**

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

### Eligibility to trial

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

### Nomination for trials

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

In order to qualify or re-qualify,

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

Age	Gait	Start	Group A	Group B	Group C
2YO	Pacer	Stand	2:06	2:08	2:10
2YO	Pacer	Mobile	2:04	2:06	2:08
3YO+	Pacer	Stand	2:04	2:06	2:08
3YO+	Pacer	Mobile	2:02	2:04	2:06
2YO	Trotter	Stand	2:12	2:14	2:16
2YO	Trotter	Mobile	2:10	2:12	2:14
3YO+	Trotter	Stand	2:08	2:10	2:12
3YO+	Trotter	Mobile	2:06	2:08	2:10

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

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

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

Re-included in barrier draw

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

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



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

## ALLOCATION OF FIELD SELECTION POINTS

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

**Field Selection Points Selection Table**

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

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

Example:

Horse qualifies and earns 24 points as above

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

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

## FIELD SELECTION

1. All Metropolitan Stakes races will be selected by 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. In selecting fields for Group Races the Handicapping Panel will give consideration to the following:
  - Current season win dollars
  - Stake money earned in last five starts
  - Current form (last 5 race starts)
  - Lifetime performance.

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

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

4. All Provincial and Country classified race meetings shall be selected by the Automatic Field Selection System. Where the race has more acceptors than the maximum field size and none of the acceptors have raced, field selection preference will be based on displayed form in Official Trials.
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.

13. Community Race Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## DELETION OF RACES

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

## DIVISION OF RACES

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

- i. If there are two heats horses 1,4,5,8,9,12,13,16,17,20,21,24 will draw in heat one and numbers 2,3,6,7,10,11,14,15,18,19,22,23 will draw in heat two.
- ii. If there are three heats horses 1,6,7,12,13,18,19,24,25,30,31,36 will draw in heat one, horses 2,5,8,11,14,17,20,23,26,29,32,35 in heat two and horses 3,4,9,10,15,16,21,22,27,28,33,34 in heat three. The same methodology will apply if there are more than three heats.

## STANDING START HANDICAPS

1. Standing Start races shall be run as either a Handicap Stand or a Conditioned Stand
2. Handicap Stands 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.

HANDICAP STAND				
COMMUNITY				
MARK	FROM	TO	CONCESSION	LEVEL
FRONT	0	0	0	1
10 METRES	1	2,999	0	2
20 METRES	3,000	5,999	8,999	3
30 METRES	6,000	8,999	11,999	4
40 METRES	9,000	11,999	14,999	5
50 METRES	12,000	18,499	21,499	6
60 METRES	18,500	24,999	27,999	7
70 METRES	25,000	32,499	35,499	8
80 METRES	32,500	39,999	42,999	9
90 METRES	40,000	54,999	57,999	10
100 METRES	55,000	69,999	72,999	11
110 METRES	70,000	84,999	87,999	12
120 METRES	85,000	99,999	102,999	13
130 METRES	100,000	129,999	132,999	15
+10 METRES	30,000			15

HANDICAP STAND				
COUNTRY/PROVINCIAL 1 & 2/MIDWEEK METRO				
MARK	FROM	TO	CONCESSION	LEVEL
FRONT	0	0	0	1
10 METRES	1	5,999	0	3
20 METRES	6,000	11,999	18,499	5
30 METRES	12,000	18,499	24,999	6
40 METRES	18,500	24,999	31,499	7
50 METRES	25,000	32,499	38,999	8
60 METRES	32,500	39,999	46,499	9
70 METRES	40,000	54,999	61,499	10
80 METRES	55,000	69,999	76,499	11
90 METRES	70,000	84,999	91,499	12
100 METRES	85,000	99,999	106,499	13
110 METRES	100,000	129,999	136,499	15
+10 METRES	30,000			15



HANDICAP STAND				
PRIME METRO				
MARK	FROM	TO	CONCESSION	LEVEL
FRONT	20,000	39,999	0	<b>9</b>
10 METRES	40,000	54,999	69,999	<b>10</b>
20 METRES	55,000	69,999	84,999	<b>11</b>
30 METRES	70,000	84,999	99,999	<b>12</b>
40 METRES	85,000	99,999	114,999	<b>13</b>
50 METRES	100,000	129,999	144,999	<b>15</b>
+10 METRES	30,000			<b>15</b>
NOT ELIGIBLE LT 20,000				

CONDITIONED STAND				
COMMUNITY				
MARK	FROM	TO	CONCESSION	LEVEL
FRONT	0	0	0	1
10 METRES	1	2,999	0	2
20 METRES	3,000	5,999	8,999	3
30 METRES	6,000	11,999	14,999	5
40 METRES	12,000	24,999	27,999	7
50 METRES	25,000	39,999	42,999	9
60 METRES	40,000	69,999	72,999	11
70 METRES	70,000	99,999	102,999	13
80 METRES	100,000	149,999	0	15
+10 METRES	50,000			
NOT ELIGIBLE 150,000+				

CONDITIONED STAND				
COUNTRY/PROVINCIAL 1 & 2/MIDWEEK METRO				
MARK	FROM	TO	CONCESSION	LEVEL
FRONT	0	0	0	1
10 METRES	1	5,999	0	3
20 METRES	6,000	11,999	18,499	5
30 METRES	12,000	24,999	31,499	7
40 METRES	25,000	39,999	46,499	9
50 METRES	40,000	69,999	76,499	11
60 METRES	70,000	99,999	106,499	13
70 METRES	100,000	149,999	156,499	15
80 METRES	150,000	199,999	206,499	15
90 METRES	200,000	249,999	0	15
+10 METRES	50,000			15
NOT ELIGIBLE 250,000+				

CONDITIONED STAND				
PRIME METRO				
MARK	FROM	TO	CONCESSION	LEVEL
FRONT	20,000	39,999	0	9
10 METRES	40,000	69,999	84,999	11
20 METRES	70,000	99,999	114,999	13
30 METRES	100,000	149,999	164,999	15
40 METRES	150,000	199,999	214,999	15
50 METRES	200,000	249,999	264,999	15
+10 METRES	50000			15
NOT ELIGIBLE	LT			

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> January.
4. Races restricted to 2 year-olds will be programmed at not less than 50% of meetings after 31<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March
  - b) Nine (9) acceptors for the period 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> 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 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 2year olds and conducted between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> May the field size shall be restricted to 10 runners with 6 runners on the front line and 4 runners on the second line except at:
    - a) Pinjarra, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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

### PREFERENTIAL BARRIER DRAW WEIGHTING

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



## **DRAW FOR BARRIER POSITIONS**

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

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

## **BARRIER POSITIONS AFTER SCRATCHING**

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

## **COLOURS**

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

1. In the event that two or more horses are scheduled to start in the same set of nominated trainer's colours the following procedure shall be followed in order to ensure no horses start in identical colours
  - a) Firstly, by utilising the trainer's second or subsequent set of registered colours being used on the starter with the highest barrier number
  - b) Secondly, by utilising the registered colours of the owner of the second or subsequent starter – provided that the Harness Office can verify that the trainer is in possession of the colours
  - c) Thirdly, by utilising the registered club colours of the club conducting the race
2. In the event that two or more horses are scheduled to start in the same set of nominated owner's colours the following procedure shall be followed in order to ensure no horses start in identical colours

- a) Firstly by utilising the owner's second or subsequent set of registered colours on the starter with the highest barrier numbers – provided that the Harness Office can verify that the trainer is in possession of the colours
  - b) Secondly by utilising the trainer's colours or second set of trainer's colours
  - c) Thirdly, by utilising the registered club colours of the club conducting the race
3. Notwithstanding the above, the stewards may give such directions as they think fit about the colours to be worn or advertising to be displayed in a race

## **COUNTRY COUNCIL DERBY, COUNTRY DERBY AND COUNTRY OAKS**

The following policy applies to a Country Council Derby, Country Oaks and Country Derby conducted after 1 July 2019.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in a Country Council Derby.
3. Preference in field selection for the Country Derby will be given to;
  - a) Four horses with the highest win dollars for the current season.
  - b) Four horses with the highest 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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
7. No breeding bonus incentive is payable for the Country Oaks or the Country Derby.
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 (pre April 6, 2020)

In light of the national and international public health response to the covid-19 pandemic and subsequent impact on RWWA's income, on 31 march 2020 RWWA advised it would reduce prize money and associated bonuses by 20% effective from Monday, 6 April 2020.

As a result, reference page 31-32 for Revised Westbred Breeding Bonus Conditions

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

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

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

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

### Bonuses are paid as follows;

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

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

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

WestBred Owner Bonus	\$6250	WestBred 12.5% Breeder	\$781.26
1st	\$4.250	1st	\$531.25
2nd	\$1.125	2nd	\$140.63
3rd	\$565	3rd	\$70.63
4th	\$310	4th	\$38.75

- The standard trainer and driver percentages are payable on the Owner bonuses paid 1st-3rd places inclusive.
- Should a Westbred Bonus for 1st place be earned in a 2yo or 3yo race by a Double Westbred eligible horse the Owner and Breeder bonus will be doubled. The Double Westbred Bonus will only apply to the winner and not place-getters.
- 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.
- The race-book Owner of a WestBred eligible horse foaled after 1st September 2008 and winning its first race after 1st September 2014 is entitled to a first win bonus of \$2000.



5. The Breeder and Owner first win bonus (as explained in points 3 and 4) are not subject to any trainer and/or driver percentages.
  6. Westbred Bonus will NOT be paid on Breeders Crown races.
  7. In the event of a dead-heat for a placing affecting Westbred Breeding Bonus payments the dollar value paid for the number of places affected will be totalled and divided equally with each eligible dead-heater receiving the applicable amount.
- These provisions do not apply for a First Win Bonus which is payable in full irrespective of a dead heat for first placing.

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

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

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

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

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

## AUSTRALIAN DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP REPRESENTATIVES

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

#### Selection Criteria

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

## AUSTRALIAN FEMALE DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP REPRESENTATIVES

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

### Selection Criteria

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

## AUSTRALASIAN YOUNG DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP REPRESENTATIVE

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

### Selection Criteria

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

*(Effective 6 February 2020)*

## POLICIES IMPACTED BY COVID-19

### WESTBRED BREEDING BONUS CONDITIONS (effective 6 April 2020)

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

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

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

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

#### Bonuses are paid as follows;

- Where the total advertised stake is less than \$14,399

WestBred Owner Bonus Amount	\$3,000.00	WestBred 12.5% Breeder Bonus	\$375.01
1st	\$2,040.00	1st	\$255.00
2nd	\$540.00	2nd	\$67.50
3rd	\$270.4.00	3rd	\$33.80
4th	\$149.60	4th	\$18.70

- Where the total advertised stake is between \$14,399 and \$19,999

WestBred Owner Bonus Amount	\$5000.00	WestBred 12.5% Breeder Bonus	\$625.00
1st	\$3,400.00	1st	\$425.00
2nd	\$900.00	2nd	\$112.50
3rd	\$452.00	3rd	\$56.50
4th	\$248.00	4th	\$31.00

- The standard trainer and driver percentages are payable on the Owner bonuses paid 1st-3rd places inclusive.
- Should a Westbred Bonus for 1st place be earned in a 2yo or 3yo race by a Double Westbred eligible horse the Owner and Breeder bonus will be doubled. The Double Westbred Bonus will only apply to the winner and not place-getters.
- 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 \$1,600.
- The race-book Owner of a WestBred eligible horse foaled after 1st September 2008 and winning its first race after 1st September 2014 is entitled to a first win bonus of \$1,600.
- The Breeder and Owner first win bonus (as explained in points 3 and 4) are not subject to any trainer and/or driver percentages.
- Westbred Bonus will NOT be paid on Breeders Crown races.

8. In the event of a dead-heat for a placing affecting Westbred Breeding Bonus payments the dollar value paid for the number of places affected will be totalled and divided equally with each eligible dead-heater receiving the applicable amount.  
These provisions do not apply for a First Win Bonus which is payable in full irrespective of a dead heat for first placing.

<b>WESTBRED REALITY</b>				
Total Amount of Money Available On the Race (Including Stakes and Westbred Bonus Payments)				
Effective Race Stakes				
Base Stake	Westbred Bonus	Westbred Bonus + 1st Win Bonus	Double Westbred	Double Westbred +1st Win Bonus
\$3,600.00	\$6,978.01	\$10,175.01	\$9,270.01	\$12,470.01
\$ 6,000.00	\$ 9,375.01	\$ 12,575.01	\$ 11,670.01	\$ 14,870.01
\$ 14,400.00	\$ 20,025.01	\$ 23,225.01	\$ 23,850.01	\$ 27,050.01

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

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

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> \$4,000
- 2<sup>nd</sup> \$2,400
- 3<sup>rd</sup> \$1,600