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NOTES FROM THE HARNESS RACING MANAGER

Base Stakes & Bonus Payments

The last three months have been hard for our industry. We've been forced outside our comfort zone and routine; the first impact of COVID-19 was the severe reduction in the number of operating racing venues. Every change in circumstance can bring about winners and losers and this change was no different. There were trainers who were not too disadvantaged or unhappy by the reduced racing circuit and there were others, predominantly those domiciled in the North Eastern and Great Southern regions, who travelled long distances across regional borders to race their horses.

The article in this edition of HWA on Ravensthorpe based Trainer, John Fagg, and his daughter Coralie tells the story of the impact of COVID-19 on country racing and highlights the determination, resilience and passion of our country fraternity.

The greatest losers this last three months were the owners. Understandably, owners and the general public were denied access to the race track to protect our industry participants from infection but then there was the application of a 20% reduction in base stakes and bonus payments - all necessary steps to ensure the continuation of racing and acquiesced to gracefully by our owners; our owners have made a huge contribution in financially difficult times.

RWWA has now announced there will be a return to 100% base stakes and bonuses as of 1 August 2020.

Racing Venue Footprint

Following the announcement by the WA Government regarding Phase 4 of the roadmap to ease COVID-19 restrictions in WA, race meetings and trials are able to re-open to the public under certain conditions from Saturday 27 June.

As a result, our racing venue footprint, which was reduced to three race clubs in March and extended to include racing at Northam in June, will be expanded to include racing at other clubs as per the original 2019/20 racing calendar.

This means the Wagin Trotting Club's meeting which was previously transferred to Northam has been transferred

back to Wagin for the race meeting on Friday 10 July 2020 and the Central Wheatbelt Harness Racing Club's meeting, also previously transferred to Northam has been transferred back to Central Wheatbelt for the race meeting on Sunday 26 July 2020.

Extension to 2019/20 Racing Season

Harness Racing Australia has extended the 2019/20 racing season through until 31st December 2020 to assist clubs in the eastern states with running their programmed feature races in this season. The inter and intra State border restrictions that were put in place by the various states jeopardised the running of juvenile futurity and other feature races. WA was not impacted by the border restrictions but as a member of the HRA is obligated to abide by the season extension.

This change has necessitated some changes to our next season's feature racing calendar. Our 4YO features and the Fremantle Cup and WA Pacing Cup dates have been swapped.

The 4YO features have been moved to January/February and the Group 1 Cups moved forward to November and December. The Mares Classic has moved forward a week to reside between the Fremantle Cup and the WA Pacing Cup.

There is now a discussion in play between the States to consider a permanent change to the racing season. The proposal is to alter the traditional racing season (1 September to 31 August) to 1 January to 31 December. During the first round of discussions the States were divided on this matter. Further talks will be undertaken at HRA Executive level in July.

Proposed Race Date	Proposed Race Stakes	Feature Race
13 November 2020	\$50,000	Norms Daughter Classic
20 November 2020	\$300,000	Fremantle Cup
27 November 2020	\$125,000	Mares Classic
4 December 2020	\$450,000	WA Pacing Cup
4 January 2021	\$25,000	Pinjarra 4YO Classic
15 January 2021	\$50,000	4YO Championship
29 January 2021	\$125,000	4YO Classic
12 February 2021	\$200,000	Golden Nugget

New Season Racing Calendar

In preparing the race date allocation for next season the following high level principles were employed:

- Increase race fields turnover
- Increase race fields revenue
- Ensure sustainable participation levels
- Maintain a regional and country presence

The goal is to achieve optimal product placement to maximise revenue and increase returns to owners through healthy stake levels. A difficult aim to achieve.

The proposed new calendar was presented to the Eligible Bodies in February and it was planned to present the proposal to WACHRA representatives in March, however this was interrupted due to the restrictions placed on public gatherings and has been on hold until now. RWWA will meet with WACHRA on 4 July and the new season race date calendar will be issued towards the end of July.

Breeding Regulation Amendments

The following changes were ratified by the HRA in June

1. Stallion Limits

The total mares bred to a stallion registered in Australia, regardless of method used, in any given breeding season shall not exceed 150 including free returns from previous seasons. No foal will be registered from a service performed beyond this limit. A person who fails to comply with this rule is guilty of an offence.

2. Dead, Disappeared or Gelded Stallions

The use of semen from a dead or disappeared stallion, or one that has been gelded, is forbidden beyond the end of breeding season following his death or disappearance or date of gelding. No foal may be registered for an insemination performed beyond this time limit with the exception of a free return to the same broodmare in the second breeding season after death. A person who fails to comply with this rule is guilty of an offence.

A provision will be allowed to "grandfather" a Registered Standardbred that is dead or disappeared, or one that has been gelded prior to 1 September 2020.

Stewards Matters

HRA ratified changes to the Whip Rule which will take effect from 1 September 2020.

The revised rule will be as follows (amendments are shown in red)

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

(b) A whip, once approved -

(i) shall not be modified in any manner; and,

(ii) shall be maintained in a satisfactory condition.

(c) A whip that does not comply with sub-paragraph (b) may be confiscated by the Stewards.

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

(b) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (a), "wrist only flicking motion" means:-

(i) Ensuring no force is generated by the use of the elbow or shoulder when applying the whip.

(ii) The forearm is not raised beyond forty-five degrees relative to the racing surface.

(iii) Not applying the whip with overt force.

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

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

(a) If the whip is applied excessively, continuously and/or without allowing the horse time to respond.

(b) If the whip is applied when the horse:-

(i) is not visibly responding;

(ii) is not in contention;

(iii) cannot maintain or improve its position;

(iv) is clearly winning;

(v) has passed the winning post at the finish of a race.

(c) If the reins are lengthened so as to result in loose reining regardless of whether the whip is being used at the same time.

(d) If the whip is used in a prodding or jabbing fashion.

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

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

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

(8) A person who fails to comply with any provision of this Rule is guilty of an offence.

Rule 156A

The amendments involve deletion of the word "either" and the words "or a non-rigid tip".

The Rule will read:-

"The approved whip is a flexible whip of black or dark tan colour with a core of fibreglass with a handle base and shaft and a leather keeper to a maximum of 60 millimetres in length and 20 millimetres in width amounting to a maximum overall length of 1600 millimetres".

Dress Code Policy

The following Dress Code Policy became effective on Monday 15 June 2020.

Purpose

The aim of this policy is to ensure the industry is portrayed in a professional manner at all times. This policy aims to achieve this by ensuring licensed persons maintain an appropriate and safe level of attire whilst on course or performing duties at all race meetings in Western Australia.

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

Acceptable Attire

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

Unacceptable Attire

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

Penalties for Non-Compliance

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

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

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

1st Offence – Reprimand

2nd Offence - \$50 fine

3rd Offence - \$100 fine

Any further offence – Stewards discretion

Official Trials Policy

The Official Trials Policy has been updated to reflect some changed qualifying times for Pinjarra and Bunbury.

2YO mobile qualifying time is now 2:05 (was 2:04)

3YO+ mobile qualifying time is now 2:04 (was 2:02)

The following minimum mile rates for each individual horse will be observed in order to qualify or re-qualify in official trials. Trial Supervisors may vary the qualifying time to accommodate adverse track or weather conditions.

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

Group A – Gloucester Park, Pinjarra, Bunbury

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

Group C – Busselton, Collie, Williams



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King & Brown

Conquer The Westbred

By Tim Walker

The 2020 edition of the Allwood Stud Farm 3YO colts and geldings Westbred Classic will be remembered as one for the first-timers.

A first Group 1 success for both trainer Peter King and driver Maddison Brown, who teamed up with Longreach Bay for the crowning moment of their careers to date.

It was quite the whirlwind 10 days for the trainer-driver-horse trio in the build-up to the win.

Longreach Bay drew barrier one for the Westsired Pace the week prior to the Westbred Classic and Brown wasn't sure what her tactics would be in the build-up to the race.

The gelding would lead and win in 1.56.1 and shore up his place in the \$80,000 event seven days later.

The barrier draw gods would be on their side again for the Westbred Classic, where barrier two would be their starting point and looked to have every chance to find the front.

Longreach Bay would again find the front and dug deep to win by a head.

From picking up a drive on a horse she didn't know a great deal about to a Group 1 winner in the space of 10 days was quite the journey for Brown.

"I was just sitting at work and my phone went off," Brown said.

"I hadn't even looked at the fields (for the Westsired Pace) and he asked me if I would like to drive Longreach Bay.

"I'm so happy for Peter too because it was his first Group 1 as a trainer and mine as a driver so we are happy all round."

The Westbred success came almost one year after Brown drove her first winner in her second stint as a driver after she spent a year as a jockey.

The first success at the top level for Brown came some two-and-a-half years after what she described as her biggest thrill on a race track.

"When I had my win on Kimbo's Girl on Perth Cup day (2018) that was a really big thrill," Brown said.

"I was struggling to find that motivation and winning feel when I first came back.

"It's been great to drive a few nice horses and get the wins and get the bug back."

King has been no stranger to Group 1 success himself.

He bred and owned Longreach Bay's sister Cott Beach, who took out the Westbred Classic for the 2yo fillies in 2017.

He has trained 12 winners across the last 30 years in what has been an interrupted training career.

Longreach Bay spent time with Gary Elson, who King has worked closely with in his time in the sport, and Shane Young.

King took over the training duties of the three-year-old when he was able to work his full-time job from home when the COVID-19 pandemic hit.

The 55-year-old admitted he had plenty of issues with Longreach Bay in getting him ready for the Westbred, including his score up behind the mobile.



"When Shane Young had him he had three starts," King said.

"Then he nominated him for Narrogin and withdrew him before acceptances.

"I texted him and said 'I see you've withdrawn the horse'.

"He came back to me and said 'I'm a bit worried he's gone back to his old ways' and we all know his old ways were when he tried to beat the mobile and go under it or over it.

"I was a little bit disappointed that he'd gone downhill, so I put him in the paddock for three weeks and bought him in and thought 'I'm going to give him a go, I'm not going to put him in the cart and I'm just going to ride him'.

"We looked ahead at what we always know what he'd always be capable of doing and that was getting into those bigger races.

"We went into the Westsired and those last three weeks really did go perfectly and the last 10 days in particular I couldn't have asked to go any better."

The win was made extra special for King, who bred and owns the horse alongside his wife Barbara and son Michael.

With his full-time work getting back to normal, King conceded he would likely have to find another trainer to look after Longreach Bay and expected the gelding would likely run again before the calendar year was out.

Kiara Davies

INSPIRING BRAVE BATTLE

By Tim Walker

For many participants in the racing industry 2020 has thrown up challenges they've never seen before.

Temperature checks, carrying essential personnel identification, no crowds and keeping socially distanced have all become part of the norm of racing through a pandemic.

A challenging norm at that.

As the reality of the pandemic hit us all in the latter half of March another shock was about to hit 30-year-old trainer and driver Kiara Davies.

Davies had felt a lump in her breast and immediately went to get it scanned.

On March 27, Davies' fears were confirmed and she was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"I was obviously shocked but I saw it coming," Davies said.

"Once I found the lump I was pretty convinced that was what it was going to be.

"I didn't know much about cancer because I've never had to deal with it.

"My reaction was what's next and I said to the doctor what do I do and just got on with it.

"The hardest part was telling everyone, obviously Michael (Davies' partner Michael Young) and my family.

"Having to ring my parents and tell them I have cancer was pretty hard to do."

The process moved rapidly for Davies in the early stages.

She found out of the diagnosis on the Friday and immediately booked in with the oncologist by the following Monday.

Within two weeks of the diagnosis she had undergone chemo therapy.

Fortunately for Davies she identified the lump before it spread further and was told the 4cm tumour had doubled in size in the week before she was diagnosed.

"It took a while to sink in, obviously it scares you though," Davies said.

"I was able to get it early and I was very lucky to get it when I did because the cells were growing at 87 per cent.

"Once I'd got the results that it hadn't spread I felt a lot better about it.

"I just take it day by day and they're telling me that it's curable so I need to stay positive."

The tumour has shrunk from early treatment and filled Davies with confidence she can overcome the cancer.

The Harness Racing industry was quick to rally around Davies, who has driven 144 winners and trained a further 13 to victory.

Davies' friend Prue George set up a Go Fund Me page which has received \$22,000 in donations, some \$12,000 above the original \$10,000 target.

She has also received support from the Breeders, Owners, Trainers and Reinsman's association hardship fund.

"It's been phenomenal," Davies said.



"I really didn't expect it and it's quite overwhelming.

"I'm very grateful and can't thank everybody enough.

"Without that support I wouldn't be able to get the surgery done."

Young paid tribute to his partner's resilience and said he had been amazed how she had dealt with the setback.

"It hasn't been so bad for me because she's handled it very well herself," he said.

"It's a huge credit to her because I'd be a blubbering mess if I was in her situation.

"It all moved so quickly and they got straight on to it and we knew where we were at straight away.

"If you didn't know then you wouldn't know because she gets around pretty well."

Davies has been able to spend time helping Young with his runners at Gloucester Park and is often seen helping out at Gary Hall Snr's stable.

Davies said the outlet of being able to go to the trots and working at the stables had helped her deal with her treatment, despite feeling flat about not being able to compete.

"It's just freedom," she said.

"It's good to get some fresh air and just to see the horses again, it's nice."

"It really puts life into perspective and you realise the little things you take for granted"

"I can't wait just to be able to go out and jog a horse again."

"You do feel like you're missing out watching everyone else go around."

Now three months into the treatment, Davies still faces a long road to overcoming the cancer.

Should everything run to plan, Davies said she is hopeful she will have gone a long way to winning her battle by Christmas but understood she may encounter setbacks along the way.

"I'm hoping by the end of August to have finished my chemotherapy," she said.

"I've just been having some trouble with my blood count and my white blood cells.

"I couldn't have chemo in the middle of June because my body wasn't going to be able to handle it.

"They're just monitoring things at the moment and hopefully my bloods will come better with the blood transfusions they've given me.

"Hopefully I will be finished my chemo by August and then I'm looking at surgery in September or October."

The challenge is far from over for Davies and plenty more hurdles loom between now and the end of the year in her fight.

After everything that has unfolded in the first half of 2020 it would be easy to understand if it all became too overwhelming for someone in Davies' shoes.

Not for Davies though, not by a longshot.

This young lady has plenty of fight left in her and is determined to win the biggest battle of her life.

"I have my days where I think I've had enough and I don't want to do it anymore," she said.

"Then I look at other things and I see people have cancer that there is no cure for.

"I count myself lucky that they can help me and I've just got to keep fighting."





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John Fagg

for the love of the game

By Michael Heaton

Southern Wheatbelt farmer and harness hobby trainer John Fagg didn't enter the pacing industry until his 50s, however, you wouldn't have guessed it judging by his passion and the phenomenal amount of travelling he does to country meetings across the state.

Based at a 4,500-hectare farm in Ravensthorpe, located more than 500 kilometres south-east of Perth and only a two-hour drive from Esperance, the owner-trainer of horses such as Sanford Harry, Sanford Tilly and Sanford Loretta has been primarily farming for over four decades.

After being born in the Central Wheatbelt locale of Hyden and growing up in a farming family, he says he was always destined to follow in similar footsteps.

"I did most of my schooling in Hyden and Corrigin," Fagg said.

"Then I went to Perth and that was a big eye opener.

"It was a shock and I couldn't wait to get out of there, actually.

"I was at John Curtin, where there were about 1,600 kids, and I did 12 months there before rebelling and having to be moved on.

"The only good thing about it was that they had the Richmond Raceway there on the way home.

"I used to hang around there and lean out the back watching the old farrier shoe the horses on my way home."

Fagg, a grain and wool farmer, moved to Ravensthorpe in 1978 and has lived in the small country town ever since.

He says the farming community have endured tough times in recent years, with drought severely effecting productivity.

"We've been having a terrible time," Fagg said.

"We're into our third drought or, what they say, water-deficient year.

"That's made it very hard and stressful.

"It also increases the workload and you can't get away like you'd like to.

"All we can do is keep our fingers crossed and pray for rain."

Despite having to withstand the difficult period for an indefinite length of time, Fagg jokes that harness racing is slowly starting to take over his farm.

"The horses are almost outnumbering the sheep," he laughed.

"At last count there's 17 horses here.

"It varies a bit because some are bred and some are broodmares.

"We've got five broodmares and some are empty and some have foals.

"We're a bit hesitant about breeding at the moment, so we'll see how things pan out."

In stark contrast to most participants, Fagg — now aged in his early 60s — didn't discover harness racing until later in life.

He says an unexpected suggestion from a prospective farming client first triggered his interest in the sport.

"A chap who was a wool buyer from Albany called in here," Fagg said.

"He saw the kids had a little pony and asked about it and said, 'have you ever thought of breaking into harness racing?'

"Next thing, he turned up with some harness and a couple of carts and told me about the pony trots in Albany.

"He said, 'the girls would go well there and we're looking for members'.

"I was sucked in and it's grown from there"

"My eldest daughter, Coralie, went through the pony trots until she was too old and, by then, I had the bug to get a horse and we've just been learning along the way."

The Fagg family complete all of their breeding, training and spelling from their Ravensthorpe farm, with the horses' jog-work done by Fagg and Coralie at their home-made track.

Asked whether his training methods are largely self-taught, Fagg says he tries to divulge as much information from his peers as he can.

"I just bleed what I can from different trainers that will part with bits and pieces," he said.

"Most people are very good and they do help you.

"Everything is done here, even down to shoeing.

"While we're racing and going week-in week-out or even fortnightly, it's fairly good because we know where we're at with our horses.

"But we took a bit of a break from the end of April and have only had one runner since, so we go in a bit apprehensive about where we are with them as far as fitness goes.

"That's always a bit of a challenge for us."

Fagg says that Coralie, 25, is the unsung hero of his boutique stable.

"Coralie is very dedicated," he said.

"She does the majority of the jog-work now.

"She does all the shoeing now, too, so I'd be struggling without her.

"Between the two of us, it's pretty full on."

Fagg and Coralie do an incredible amount of travelling, with the Albany Trotting Club — a three-hour drive away — the closest track to their Ravensthorpe farm.

Narrogin is located three-and-a-half hours away while Bunbury is a further hour-and-a-half, making it a 10-hour round trip to the state's South-West.

Asked how he copes with the long hours on the road, Fagg says it can take a toll.

"It's pretty hard," he said.

"You're always worried that if they don't perform, they have to go back to trials.

"There's virtually a full day lost if we've got to take them to trials.

"The other part that adds to it is, normally we're trying to get ready for the Albany season, and it's right at the harvest time which is the peak period work-wise for us.

"That puts added pressure, but we try and work around it."

Making matters more difficult for Fagg is the fact that country harness racing clubs have been closed in recent months due to COVID-19 restrictions, meaning he has to travel even further than usual.

"We've actually been pushing to try and get the country tracks open again," he said.

"It's taken a big toll on us because, for us to go to Bunbury, Pinjarra, Northam or Kellerberrin, it's an extra 200-kilometre trip on what we'd normally do to Albany.

"It adds up on us, so we are pretty keen to get Narrogin or Albany open again as a start.

"The sooner the better because I don't know what we'll do if they close those tracks."

Fagg concedes his family sometimes question the long and gruelling hours they undergo as part of their harness pursuit, however, he says their passion for the sport ultimately wins out in the end.

"It can get a bit frustrating, especially when you go there and you just miss out and it's a whole day wasted to come home with no result at all," he said.

"There's been a few times when everyone's ready to quit and chuck it in, but then you have a good sleep and start again.

"We have a bloke's cattle yards that we can put the horses in then stay the night and head back in the morning.

"But, even then, we're pretty flat by the time we get home.

"There're so much vermin on the roads at night time, too.

"There's not a lot of traffic, but the vermin are the biggest thing because you just don't know when they're going to leap out and I'd hate to be broken down on the side of the road in the middle of the night."

Fagg's easily-recognisable Sanford pacers earned their names after the family's Ravensthorpe farm, which was originally called Sanford.

After producing mixed results in recent years, Fagg says the win of Sanford Harry — a home-bred Rich and Spoilt three-year-old — at Bunbury on ANZAC Day this year made all of the tough times worth it.

"For me personally, that really did it for me," Fagg said.

"His mum was the first horse I trained and won for me after her eighth start for me, then she put two together within the space of three runs.

"I was pretty chuffed after that.

"Then, the next morning after Sanford Harry won, the look on my daughter's face I can live with forever."

After admitting to almost losing patience with the unruly Sanford Harry during the early stages of his career, Fagg says he's thankful for the advice from a fellow trainer and hopes the gelding's next preparation will see him come of age.

"We nearly gave up on him because his times at Pinjarra last year couldn't qualify, but Ronny Young said, 'you've got a nice horse there so just keep with him'," he said.

"Ron was so helpful and I take my hat off to him and Karen.

"We were pretty stoked with Sanford Harry and we're hoping he'll go on a bit as he matures and settles.

"We're just really looking forward to country harness opening up again now."



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MORE THAN A RACEHORSE



A portrait of an elderly man with white hair and glasses, wearing a grey sweater over a blue and white checkered shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a blurred outdoor scene with greenery and a body of water.

Bruce Ockwell

Passes on Judging Baton

By Julio Santarelli

The 2014 Pinjarra Pacing Cup will go down as one of the closest and most exciting in the race's rich history.

As the 2692m event came to its final moments, barely a whisker separated three runners and to the naked eye the enthralling contest was too close to call.

In front of a noisy and expectant crowd, Im Themightyquinn and rank outsiders Crombie and Copagrin fought out a titanic tussle to the \$50,000 Group 2 feature.

By weight of money and reputation it should have been a walk in the park for Im Themightyquinn, the champion pacer was sent out the raging favourite.

Most on course thought Im Themightyquinn had been sensationally beaten with Crombie and Copagrin defying their price status with huge runs.

But after an agonising wait and close inspection of the photo finish, the head judge, much to the delight of favourite backers, declared Im Themightyquinn the winner.

Capturing his 55th career win, Im Themightyquinn, trained by Gary Hall and driven by his son, Gary Jr, defeated Crombie by a nose with another nose to Copagrin.

The judge responsible for keeping punters, owners, trainers and drivers on tenterhooks and locked in suspense for several minutes was Bruce Ockwell.

Almost six years to the day since that thrilling finish, the 2014 Pinjarra Pacing Cup still remains his most vivid memory in harness racing.

"That was a very, very tight finish," Ockwell said.

"We had quite a few people looking at the photo because if you watched Sky Racing you would almost say that the second horse had won it.

"But when you look at the photo that was taken on the line you could see that Im Themightyquinn kicked back and just nudded it.

"Of all the judging that I was involved in that was my most memorable moment because it was a very, very tight one.

"There were quite a few people who thought the other horse had won because of what they saw on Sky Racing.

"There is a bit of pressure being a judge because of the money involved and you can't afford to make a mistake.

"But it was really a top experience, he was a top horse then and I think everybody expected him to win by a mile."

Ockwell has been a constant at the Pinjarra Harness Racing Club for nearly 30 years.

Ever since he retired from the WA Police Force in 1992, it's been his duty to climb the stairs and officiate in the judge's tower.

It's given him the best view in the house, judging thousands of races for over three decades, but on June 29, his judging days will come to an end

Ockwell said it's time to pass the baton on.

"When you get to my age you have got to make a decision and I think it's time," Ockwell said.

"I'm 83 now and I don't want to be up there making any mistakes."

"I've enjoyed it all the way along"

"I started off with fellas teaching me what to do and now I'm teaching others what to do.

"There is a little bit of apprehension, but I think it's now time."

Long before he accepted his part-time role as a judge at Pinjarra, Ockwell had a casual association in harness racing.

His interest spiked at Gloucester Park in the sports halcyon days where he rubbed shoulders with some of the sport's elite, both human and equine.

"A mate of mine I went to school with, a fella called Les Roach, had quite a few horses, but unfortunately he got killed fairly young," Ockwell said.

"He got me a little bit involved in the beginning, but I used to be quite interested in listening to the trots on the radio in the old days.

"While serving in the Police I used to do the parking of the floats down at Gloucester Park for quite some time.

"We got paid a few dollars by the trotting club to go down and park the floats, independent of our police duties.

"On one of the nights I had the job of organising to get Mount Eden to America.

"We organised an escort to go out to the airport from Gloucester Park which was a pretty big occasion at the time.

"I saw a lot of characters in that time, going back to the Coulson's (Phil), the Schrader's (Jim) and Freddie Kersley.

"I'm pretty good friends with Chris Lewis and often have a chat to him at Pinjarra."

Ockwell takes away precious memories from the Pinjarra Harness Racing Club, having witnessed some outstanding horseflesh and champion participants ply their trade.

But if he's to admit to one minor regret it would be the missed opportunity of witnessing a Pinjarra Pacing Cup family dynasty.

"When the last Pinjarra Cup was on I was hoping liking heck that young Aiden De Campo would win it," Ockwell said.

"Because I would have then judged the grandfather, the father and the son.

"There would have been the three because Ray has won one, Andrew has won one and if Aiden had got up it would have been the three different generations.

"I think Aiden finished fourth or fifth."

Ockwell is leaving Pinjarra, but Pinjarra will never leave him.

After 30 years it will always hold special affection.

While his tenure as judge is drawing to a close, he's confident the Pinjarra Harness Racing Club will continue to thrive.

"The Pinjarra Club is a progressive club and they try hard," Ockwell said.

"The committee are looking forward to the future.

"They do a very good job racing on a Monday.

"My own opinion is a long way down the track, it might be 10 or 15 years, but I think Pinjarra will be the metropolitan track.

"Whether Gloucester Park can continue to flourish down in Perth I don't know."

Tom Penny

HARNESS IS IN THE BLOOD

By Digby Beacham

For as long as he can remember, Tom Penny always wanted to embrace the administrative side of racing and/or pacing.

His wish has been granted.

The 27-year-old recently completed his cadetship as a Racing and Wagering WA harness steward - six months earlier than the two-year term.

As a fully fledged stipe, he is now intending to carve out a career in the sport he truly loves.

"Ever since I was a kid, I wanted to be in the admin side of racing," Penny said.

"Now I am exactly where I wanted to be and it's very exciting."

"I finished my cadetship a month ago."

The Yarloop native, a grandson of former Harvey Trotting Club secretary Eric Penny, attended the University of Notre Dame where he studied sport and recreation and then graduated in international business, tailored to racing, at Murdoch University.

"I worked at Lindsey Smith's stable from 2014 to 2015 as work placement and that was a great learning experience," Penny said.

"I got an opportunity to just see how everything worked from a thoroughbred perspective, which was very important.

"Deep down I always knew I didn't want to be hands-on with the horse ... I wanted to be on the side of the fence that I am now and that was why I chose the path I did.

"I was at Gloucester Park, Pinjarra and the Central Wheatbelt during my cadetship and learnt a lot and now I'd like to think you are ready to apply all of that.

"The harness side of things is quite a different style of racing than what there is with thoroughbreds that I learnt being at Lindsey's."

Penny laughed when asked why a career as a steward appealed.

It is not something that those with a love of the animal and the industry are immediately drawn to when assessing a future in the game.

Importantly, his mum and dad -- Neville and Mimma - and older brother Eric and younger sister Sarah, are fully supportive of his career choice.

"No, it isn't for everyone," he said.

So what does Penny view as imperative to be considered a successful steward.

"Good question ... I would say transparency and consistency," Penny said.

"If you are making sure you are ticking those boxes, I think there is a level of respect."



Sharp Shooter

makes "a once in a lifetime shot"

By Paul Courts (First published National Trotguide Website, 28 May 2020



After more than seven years as a photographer, Western Australian sharp shooter Jodie Hallows has achieved one of her goals.

Attending the Pinjarra meeting on 25 May, the multi-award winning Hallows captured this sensational photo of the field travelling in 'Indian file'.

As eye-catching as that is, the racing arrangement is not what makes the photo so unique.

It's the fact each runner is airborne that has excited Hallows and social media, which has seen the picture draw attention from around the globe.

Along with requests from within Australia, Hallows has been contacted from organisations in the northern hemisphere.

Social media responses include references to the photo being 'a once in a lifetime shot', 'a rare feat' and 'absolutely amazing image'.

"I'm very thankful for the mind blowing response I've received for this very unique image I took at Pinjarra trots," Hallows said.

"In just over seven years of photographing thousands of races, I've finally managed to capture all horses airborne mid race.

"I have so much love photographing these magnificent equine athletes."

For the record, Classic Choice, which is at the tail of the field, scored in 2:02.2 over 2692 metres with Chris Voak in the cart.

Prepared by Barry Howlett, the handsome son of Sweet Lou took his record to three wins from six starts.



Trotting into the record books

Earl Harbour

approaches 400 starts

By Sian Hughes

Earl Harbour is a true testament to the durability of the standardbred; the 13 year old is fast approaching his 400th career race start in a career that has spanned 9 years. At the time of writing his record stands at 397 starts for 21 career wins and 90 placings, with lifetime stake earning of \$242,994. He currently holds the Australasian record for the Trotter with the most career race starts.

Earl Harbour (or "Salty" to his friends) is trained by Margaret Hewton at Pinjarra; having recently been leased to Margaret from the Nigel Johns stable, who all still play important roles in his racing preparation.

Bred in New Zealand, the bay gelding was foaled in 2006 by the great trotting sire Earl out of a Sundon mare, Swell Harbour NZ.

Earl Harbour's racing career began on the 14th March 2010 at Reefton, NZ. He had 47 starts in New Zealand as a three and four year old, for 1 win, 2 seconds and 7 third placings.

He made his Australia debut on 21st May 2012 at Tabcorp Park Menangle in Sydney where he ran a second in a 1609m mobile, followed by another second placing at his second start, a week later at Bankstown, over the sprint journey.

His first win came in Victoria at Bendigo on 3rd November 2012 in the "Qantas Veteran Drivers Stakes", where he was driven by local harness racing identity Keith Pratt, in a mile rate of 2.06.5 for the 2150m mobile. Champion reinsman, the late Gavin Lang, drove Earl Harbour at his next outing a week later, where he ran 2nd at Tabcorp Park Melton. Australasia's leading female driver, Kerryn Manning, took

the reigns at his next three starts and they paired up for a hat-trick of wins at Stawell, Horsham and Stawell – all in standing starts off 20, 30 and 40m handicaps. Kerryn teamed up with Earl Harbour again in early 2013 for the Australasian Trotting Championship series, where he finished 2nd in the Heat and 6th in the Final at Melton.

Earl Harbour's first feature race victory was in the \$10,000 Barastoc Terang Trotters Cup on 9th February 2013, driven by Matt Craven. On the Eastern seaboard he raced in the Wedderburn Trotters Cup (2nd), the Horsham Trotters Cup (3rd), Ouyen Trotters Cup (6th), Terang Trotters Cup (1st), McNamara Memorial Trotters Cup (3rd), Charlton Trotters Cup (5th), Bendigo Trotters Cup (1st), Melton Winter Trotters Cup (5th) and the Equinade Cranbourne Trotters Cup (3rd).

Pinjarra trainer Nigel Johns and Deborah Woodley bought Earl Harbour from Chris Japp and Kevin Brown in late 2013 and he made the journey West by float to join the WA trotting ranks and the Johns stable in Waroona. Deb's sister, Christine Germain, has owned Earl Harbour since he came to WA; she frequently travels to watch him race around the WA trotting circuit. The purchase of Earl Harbour from Chris Japp forged a friendship across the borders; Nigel, Deb and Christine travel to the Redwood Trotting Carnival in Maryborough each year and meet up with Chris Japp and Kevin Brown for the festivities. They have also bred a foal to Chris' trotting stallion, Red Samurai – the now four year old mare, Peachee.

Earl Harbour's first WA start was on 9th November 2013 at Bunbury, driven by Nigel and he ran second behind Hot Holiday.

"Congratulations Earl Harbour and his connections on this significant milestone"

His first attempt in the Pinjarra Trotter's Cup in December 2013 was quite dramatic – Nigel Johns was tipped out of the sulky at the first turn and Earl Harbour was captured by the Clerk of the Course, luckily with no harm done. The following year he completed the journey and ran 2nd beaten only 4.6m behind Don Guerrero. He raced in the Pinjarra Trotters Cup each year until 2019.

In 2014 he only found the line first once, and ran three seconds and ten third placings. 2015 started with a win on 10th January at Bunbury, with Donald Harper in the sulky; he finished that year with another 3 wins, seven second placings and four thirds. 2016 held only one victory again, but another multitude of placings.

Earl Harbour produced 3 wins in 2017, all at his home track of Pinjarra and driven by Donald Harper, his regular driver with whom he shared a longstanding partnership. A model of consistency throughout the 2017/18 season, his results saw Earl Harbour win the 2017/18 Pinjarra Trotter of the Year Award; he had 22 starts at Pinjarra for 5 wins and 9 second placings.

Nigel Johns and Donald Harper have predominantly shared the driving duties behind Earl Harbour over the years. Morgan Woodley, Craig Saligari, Garry Johnson, Cheyenne King-Davies and Lauren Jones are the other reinspeople to have steered old Salty; although by now it's safe to say he knows his way around the race track.

Nigel and Deb are incredibly proud of the longevity of Earl Harbour's racing career; he has raced consistently year after year and was highly regarded as the elder

statesman at their stable, educating the younger trotters through the race day experience. Nigel attributes his attitude, temperament and the toughness of the squaregaiters to Salty being able to bring enjoyment to his owners (and punters) for so long, while the horse enjoys racing himself.

On his well earned retirement at the end of this season, Earl Harbour will take up residence with a family friend and likely stretch his legs occasionally as a carriage driving horse.

The Pinjarra Harness Racing Club congratulates Earl Harbour and his connections on this significant milestone.



VALE IAN DAVIE

Veteran harness trainer, driver, breeder and administrator Ian Davie sadly passed away on May 13, concluding a life full of passion and enthusiasm for the trotting industry.

Davie, 81, was a pharmacist by trade - however - he had been involved in harness racing for most of his life and had been a key voice on the boards of numerous committees, including the WA Standardbred Breeders Association.

Fellow hobby trainer Mario Condipodero first met Davie when living in Kalgoorlie in late 1989 and the pair developed a close friendship over the next three decades.

"He came up one year for the annual race round and he didn't have anywhere to put his horses," Condipodero said.

"Back then he was training and driving and he asked if he could stable his horses at my place for the week.

"I think Symbol Of Success was one of the horses and he won a double with him."

Despite harness racing only being a part-time pursuit for Davie, Condipodero says he still bred and raced an incredible amount of horses from his 30-acre Banjup property.

"He had a little track there and used to get up pretty early in the morning and do all of his horses, then he'd go to work as a pharmacist over in Myaree," he said.

"He was breeding for as long as I can remember and he was very passionate."

"At any one time he would've had 60 to 65 horses, including broodmares and so forth."

"He slowed down his breeding in recent years because he sold the property and that's now been subdivided with houses and so forth."

"He moved to Byford on a smaller property, so he wasn't able to have as many horses in training at any one time, but he would do his homework and always tried to do the right thing as far as matching his mares with the right stallions."

"He probably stopped driving in races in his mid-60s but I think he would've only stopped training about five years ago."

A one-time President of WASBA, Davie had as big an impact off the track as the many horses whom he bred and raced on it.

"There were a few harness associations that he was heavily involved in," Condipodero said.

"He had quite an impact in terms of the administrative side and the breeding side.

"He was on these committees because he genuinely wanted to improve the industry and he had really strong feelings about the direction that the industry should take.

"I think he was a largely misunderstood person and a lot of times his passion was confused.

"Some people used to take it the wrong way and it would cause a bit of conflict, but he was highly intelligent and very, very misunderstood by a lot of people.

"He was just very passionate and loved the trots."

Condipodero last saw Davie when catching up on old times over a coffee in February, however, illness and COVID-19 restrictions prevented Davie from having many visitors in recent months.

Asked how he would remember his friend of 30 years, Condipodero says Davie was a unique person who would be dearly missed.

"For me, Ian was a good friend," he said.

"He was someone I knew I could have a good discussion with, sometimes a heated discussion if it needed to be, and hold no grudges.

"He was someone I got along really, really well with.

"He could be quite a controversial person at times and people mistook his passion, but it was just because he was so passionate."

Leading trainer Greg Bond's association with Davie began even earlier than Condipodero's, after a young Bond posted an advertisement seeking work experience whilst trying to break into the harness industry.

"Ian answered my ad, so I started helping him around 1980-odd," Bond said.

"He would've had 10-15 horses back then but used to concentrate mainly on babies.

"He always liked the breeding side of it and breaking and education, all that sort of stuff.

"I learnt a lot about young horses when I gave him a hand breaking them in and educating them.

"Dealing with young horses was an interesting exercise and it was a good way to fast-track my learning.

"That was always something that helped me out down the track, for sure."

Bond and Davie later raced horses together and, more notably, struck up a strong alliance in the Goldfields.

"We had shares in some horses together and, when I went to Kalgoorlie, we had a close association," he said.

"He would come up to the race round every year and, if he had horses that were suitable for Kalgoorlie, he'd send them there and race them under my banner.

"We kept that association and he'd stay with us every race round and bring horses up.

"There was a group of us that would do the round week together and it was always good fun."

The spirited Davie was well known for his strong opinions when it came to harness racing but, similarly to Condipodero, Bond says his passion and best intentions for the sport was always at the forefront of his mind.

"He was one of those people that had his own way of doing things, which was maybe different to others," Bond said.

"But he had a great love of the horse and the industry.

"He was a great fella and was a very intelligent person, and he was a guy that thoroughly enjoyed every win he had to the max."

After a relationship spanning 40 years, few current harness participants knew Davie as well as Bond.

Asked how Davie will be remembered, Bond says his friend and one of his earliest mentors would leave a lasting hole in the local industry.

"The industry will remember him as one of those guys that would always say hello and was always good for a joke," he said.

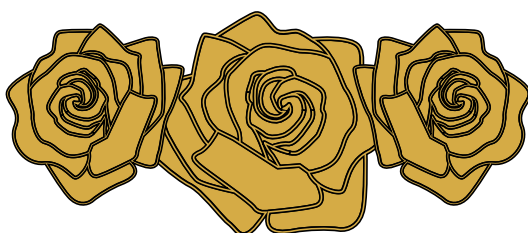
"He tried really hard as a breeder and bred a huge amount of horses.

"There's a lot of people out there that were good friends with him for a lot of years.

"He was a very easy-going bloke who never had a bad word to say about anybody and he was great company.

"It's sad to see him gone and unfortunately that comes around to all of us eventually."

Vale Ian Davie.





Nominations for Committee

Western Australian Trotting Association

trading as Gloucester Park Harness Racing

In accordance with the Western Australian Trotting Association Act 1946, nominations are called to fill four vacancies on the Committee.

Mr K J Jeavons, Mr G Monaco and Mr G R Scott retire at the conclusion of the 2020 Annual General Meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 28th October 2020. Further, Mr K Dinnigan was due to retire at the conclusion of the 2022 Annual General Meeting, however he has resigned his position. Under the provisions of the By-Laws, and in the event that an election is necessary, the three candidates who poll the highest number of votes shall hold office for a three-year term with the fourth candidate holding office for a two-year term. If no election is required in 2020, the terms of the candidates shall be decided by the Committee.

Nomination forms are available from the Chief Executive Officer of Gloucester Park Harness Racing (GPHR) and will be accepted from 3rd August until 17th August 2020 at 4.00 pm.

Nominations are to be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer of GPHR at the GPHR Office, Gloucester Park, East Perth.

Ballot for the order of the positions on the ballot paper to be held at 12.00 noon on Tuesday 18th August 2020.

Ballot papers will be posted at least three weeks prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting, which is 28th October 2020.

Close of ballot and full count of the ballot papers 9.00 am 28th October 2020.

Eligibility

In order to nominate for a position on the Committee, a person must:

- (a) be a full member; and
- (b) have paid all subscriptions and other money due to GPHR; or
- (c) be a life member,

before the close of nominations.

Membership

A member shall cease to be a member upon the member's failure to pay the applicable annual subscription on or before 31st August 2020.

Nomination

A person is eligible for election to the Committee if:

- (a) a financial member as at 31st August 2020 and who is a financial member for 2020/21;
- (b) is nominated by two persons who are financial members as at 31st August 2020 and who are financial members of the Association for 2020/21;
- (c) the candidate signifies, by notice signed by him or her, their willingness to accept the office if elected (form available from the Chief Executive Officer GPHR, as above); and
- (d) the nominee has been a financial member of GPHR for not less than 12 continuous months immediately prior to the closing date for election.

**GREG RICKIE
RETURNING OFFICER**

Racing Patrons

Return to Gloucester Park

Gloucester Park was the one of the first tracks since the closure of venues across the state due to COVID-19 to reopen and cater for Member's and Owners on course on Friday 12th June.

The club began to operate three separate areas of 100 patrons to a total of 300 patrons on course for its members and owners in line with the Phase 3 government restrictions now in Western Australia.

The members and owners enjoyed a complimentary drink to welcome them back on course and were able to take in the Group 1 racing action trackside with Jett Star (pictured) taking out the \$100,000 2YO Pearl Classic for Team Bond on the night.

GPHR President John Burt said he is proud of the work the industry has done to continue to safeguard racing in Western

Australian and was pleased to finally be able to welcome members and owners back to the venue.

"The past few months have been a very difficult time for many people, and we know that the opening of our venue to members and owners was a welcome milestone in returning to life after COVID-19.

We cannot thank our members enough for their patience and understanding during the period of forced closure."

Likewise, RWWA have provided great support to our club and are to be commended on their immense effort to ensure racing has continued here at Gloucester Park and at various other venues across the three codes during this time."



2019/20 FEATURE RACE CHANGES IN 2020/21



Very disappointing for some connections and harness racing fans overall to lose an Inter Dominion, with a year lost for some horses (including some of our best WA horses) being one they can never regain in terms of age, timing and form. We would hope that this results in a better approach to the management of the Inter Dominions going forward and a sustainable funding model that supports a rotation of our most historic event.

This has all been brought about by the pandemic, which has resulted in reduced income levels for racing jurisdictions across the board. Thanks to RWWA we did at least, keep racing, unlike North America, Europe and New Zealand. This is important to note when you are looking at the performance of progeny of stallions that you are assessing for the forthcoming breeding season - the newer stallions will have had limited opportunities for their progeny to demonstrate the performance of their sire.

Other important matters impacted by the pandemic include the deferment of many of the juvenile feature races on the eastern seaboard (some in New Zealand will not be run at all) which has resulted in the decision by Harness Racing Australia (HRA) to extend the 2019/20 racing season from 31 August to 31 December. This has been presented as a 'one off' (we don't support it on an ongoing basis), and while it benefits the eastern states it has mixed benefits in WA. This is because RWWA has been able to maintain the timing of all the juvenile and other feature races through to August.

However, as a result of the HRA decision, there has been a major revision in timing for a number of feature races in WA, including all the four year old feature races normally run in November and December. These are now proposed to be run in January and February, swapping with the Pacing Cup and Fremantle Cup which is proposed to be run in November and December. We aren't convinced the change is necessary but given the loss of the 2020 Inter Dominion, it does allow for a strategic change to align the biggest races in pacing with the biggest thoroughbred

races, with some advantages expected in transport opportunities, turnover and promotion.

EXTENSION OF RACING SEASON AND WHAT THAT MEANS TO YOU

The impact on all owners of extending the racing season to the end of December is that the current age of your horse today will carry through to 31 December 2020. Your current 2yo will run in 2yo races right through to the end of December and receive the discounted HWOE for a 2yo during that time. Similarly your 3yo will receive a discounted HWOE handicap through to the end of December.

You might therefore like to reconsider the racing program for your current 2yo and 3yo. However, the feature race timing for juvenile races in WA is not expected to change from the February to July timeframe.

This will have major ramifications on the race program, where 3yos who would normally receive the full HWOE handicap from 1 September (when they would normally turn four) will get a 'let up' when racing in the 3yo and over races. We will therefore be asking for a noticeable increase in four year old and over races during this time, along with 2yo and 3yo races.

STALLION BOOK LIMITS JUST ANNOUNCED BY HRA

Stallion book limits have been mooted for a number of years and have been supported by nearly all the stud farms and stallion owners in Australia. Australia, and in fact all countries, supported the World Trotting Conference proposal in May 2019 for every country to introduce stallion book limits. The US introduced their limits in 2009.

However, the announcement was unexpected so close to the breeding season and the inclusion of free returns in the cap was a complete surprise and is totally opposed by WASBA. We have expressed that view to our member of the HRA Executive and to HRA. We hope they will listen.

However, in the meantime each stallion is limited to 150 mares based in Australia for the forthcoming season, with Captain Crunch USA, the newest sire announced, booked out the day he was made available. The Stallion book limit advised by HRA relates to Australian services only, and has no impact at all on bookings for mares based in New Zealand.

MOVERS AND SHAKERS ON THE STALLION FRONT

This is an exciting time of year when everyone is waiting to find out who will be standing at stud in the southern hemisphere. The coming breeding season is probably one of the most thought provoking seasons for quite some time, with quite a few new stallion offerings – colonial and shuttle – as well as a number of stallions relocating. This gives a lot of room for thought, apart from the recent announcement by HRA of the 150 cap (see earlier comments) and Captain Crunch already fully booked. However, any one of the new, or second season or even relocated stallions (like Alta Christiano was before his stock 'hit the ground running') might prove to be "the stallion of the future".

The WA based stallions are included separately (progeny of WA based stallions are Westsired and are eligible for the WA Double Westbred Win Bonus), but here are some of the newer and relocated stallions that might interest breeders. Some have raced at Gloucester Park during the 2015-2017 Inter Dominions.

HES WATCHING USA TO TIPPERARY EQUINE IN NSW

Hes Watching USA (American Ideal USA) 1:46.8 US\$1,129,215 will stand his first season in Australia and his 4th season in the southern hemisphere (his oldest foals are 3yo) with a change of scenery to Tipperary Equine in NSW. Tipperary had the unfortunate loss of Alta Christiano earlier this year due to colic, just as his stud career was taking off.

They have obtained Hes Watching as the replacement sire – what a replacement! – at a great stud fee for breeders.

Hes Watching was super fast. He won 8 from 8 as a 2yo and not just any 8 races, with 5 track records and two world records thrown in. He was at the time the fastest ever 2yo on a half mile and five-eighths mile track and was named the US 2YO Pacing Colt of the Year. At three he won the Meadowlands Pace in a world record equaling (with Somebeachsomewhere USA) 1:46.8 and was the youngest winner and fastest ever 3yo to win the Meadowlands. The final qtr. of the race was run in 26.1, with Hes Watching giving the leader 2 lengths start and winning by 3 lengths.

Hes Watching is a 15H son of champion racehorse and sire American Ideal USA, the sire of 14 millionaires. Hes Watching carries strains of world champion mare Leah Almahurst USA (Abercrombie USA) p,3,1:52.3 US\$1,053,201 and world champion Three Diamonds USA (Albatross USA) p3,1:53.1 \$735,759 on both sides of his pedigree. Leah Almahurst is the dam of Western Ideal USA, one of the most dominant stallion producers in modern history. Three Diamonds, the 2YO and 3YO Pacing Filly of the Year, is the dam of champion race horse and sire Life Sign USA p3,1:50.3 US\$1,912,454. She is also the granddam of American Ideal.

In the northern hemisphere Hes Watching stood in Ontario, Canada, with his oldest crop now 3yrs old but having had little or no racing opportunities due to Covid-19 shutdowns. His 2yos in the 2019 season included Examiner Hanover 1:52.2 US\$120,726, Tattoo Artist 1:52.0 US\$182,672 and Kat 1:54:0 US \$78,249. In Australasia he has produced the 100% winners Born To Be Watched 1:54.6 and Private Eye 1:54.6, as well as Group 2 winner Blockjorg 1:55.5, and in New Zealand Watch Me Now 1:53.3 and Star Watch 1:57.9.

Hes Watching will stand for \$2,500 (incl. GST), pay on positive test. tipperaryequine.com/ or call Luke McIntosh at Tipperary Equine 0438 619 000 or email Luke@tipperaryequine.com.



Image: Hes Watching USA

LATHER UP USA TO STAND IN VICTORIA

In a coup for Australian breeders, equal world record holder Lather Up USA (Im Gorgeous USA) 1:46 US\$1,735,623 will stand his first season at stud this coming season at Northern Rivers Equine in Victoria.

Lather Up was a 4yo when he set his 1:46.0 world record, equaling the record of 5yo Always Be Miki USA.

At two, Lather Up set the track record for a two-year colt pacer winning in 1:52.2 on a half mile track. At three, he won a heat of The Little Brown Jug in 1:49.3 on the half mile Delaware Circuit and won the \$1 million North American Cup elimination and Final in 1:48.1. At four, he set a world record 1:46 for a mile and a world record of 1:59.2 for a mile and one-eighth (1:46.3) at The Meadowlands, in the process breaking two world records and becoming the fastest 4yo in history and the equal fastest horse in pacing history. In the beaten division was McWicked USA, the horse that beat Lazarus. McWicked's trainer Casie Coleman is quoted as saying "I think Lather Up is a complete freak and I am scared of him I never went to the gate thinking I couldn't beat Lazarus; I always thought I could beat Lazarus. And with Lather Up I realize that I need a lot of things to go my way and a lot of things to not go his way in order to beat him."

Lather Up has the blood of two of New Zealand's greatest sires in Bettors Delight USA and In The Pocket USA.

Like Always B Miki (Always A Virgin USA), Lather up is by an underrated but still very successful racehorse in his own right. I'm Gorgeous USA (Bettor's Delight) 1:50.0 US\$633,733 raced his 2yo and 3yo season against the best of the breed in all the top races and was among the top colts of his year, winning a heat in 1:50.4 and finishing second to 'Horse Of The Year' Rock N Roll Heaven in the Little Brown Jug final.

Pocket Comb USA (In The Pocket USA) 1:56.2f US\$ 30,977, the dam of Lather Up, has produced 7 individual foals with earnings greater than US\$250,000 including two in under 1:50 and 5 in under 1:52. She is a full sister to the popular and hard hitting Crew Cut Zach 1:51.2 US\$1,006,055

Lather Up will stand for \$6,600 (incl GST) for chilled semen in Australia. He will be one of two stallions (the other being world champion American Ideal USA) standing on behalf of Woodlands Stud at Northern Rivers Equine. You can contact Kath McIntosh at Northern Rivers Equine 0427 497 429 or orders@nrequine.com.au for more information or to make a booking. Or visit www.nrequine.com.au.



Image: Lather Up



CHRISTIAN CULLEN'S SON FRANCO NELSON TO QUEENSLAND

IF YOU MISSED OUT on Alta Christiano, there is a new Christian Cullen son available this year from Burwood Stud in Queensland. Franco Nelson (Christian Cullen) NZ 1:50.3 23 wins \$872,493, is a former top class juvenile and multiple Group 1 winning pacer and the 3rd fastest race timed of Christian Cullen's progeny (excluding US performances) behind Christen Me 1:49.1 and Allblack Stride 1:49.8.

At 2 Franco Nelson won the Group 2 NZ Welcome Stakes and was 3rd in the Group 1 Breeders Crown Final. As a 3yo his 5 wins included the Group 1 NZ Sires Stakes Championship, and he was 3rd in the Group 1 NZ Great Northern Derby. At 4 he brilliantly won the Group 1 NZ Harness Jewels in 1:53.1 as well as wins in other Group events. In 2016 he won the Group 3 NZ Brighton Cup, defeating some of the greats including Christen Me, Have Faith In Me, the mighty Lazarus, Tiger Tara and Smolda. The

following month he again beat Smolda and Tiger Tara in the Group 2 NZ Kaikoura Cup, before competing in the 2016 Inter Dominion Final in Perth, flying home in the straight from last at the 400m to run 5th to Smolda after being severely checked in running.

Franco Nelson raced sound throughout his career from age two to nine. Apart from a bout of pneumonia which effectively took him out of racing for a year, Franco Nelson would probably have made the millionaires club. He raced at top level most of his career winning Group 1s in both countries, along with placings in the 2014 NZ Cup by a nose to Adore Me, and 3rd to Christen Me and Adore Me in the Group 1 NZ FFA. His last race was in July 2019 and he served a handful of mares in the 2019/20 season for owner Shane Tritton.

POSTER BOY TO STAND IN VICTORIA IN 2020

A casualty of the COVID-19 restrictions but a great opportunity for breeders, with one of Australia's best young pacers in Poster Boy (Somebeachsomewhere USA) 1.49.1 \$803,310 to stand at Northern Rivers Equine in Victoria for the 2020/21 season.

Poster Boy may return to the racetrack next season, but with limited racing opportunities for a horse of his calibre, and no Inter Dominion, the decision was made to stand him at stud rather than send him for a spell.

Poster Boy ran sixth on debut at Menangle then won his next 7 starts before running 2nd in the semifinal and final of the Group 1 2YO Breeders Crown (the final was won by a horse we are very familiar with, in King Of Swing). He won 8 of his 11 3yo starts, including two Group 1s. Returning as a 4yo, he won 3 in a row including the \$200,000 Group 1 Chariots of Fire, setting his lifetime mark, before running 3rd a fortnight later in the Miracle Mile behind Spankem and Thefixer in 1:47.7. Another win, followed by a severe bout of pneumonia that kept him out of racing for a year, before a return to racing in April 2020 for 3 consecutive wins. Overall, Poster Boy had 22 wins, including 5 Group 1 wins, and 7 places from his 30 lifetime starts.

Poster Boy's owner breeders Anne and Bill Anderson purchased his dam Aston Villa USA (Artsplace USA) as a yearling before bringing her to Australia for a brief racing career of 4 wins from 9 starts. Her first 5 foals are all winners, including Poster Boy, Yankee Rockstar (Rocknroll Hanover) 1:52.2 \$329,048 and Born To Rocknroll (Rocknroll Hanover) 1:52.5 \$300,684, and she was named the 2019 Winona Australian Broodmare of the Year. Villa Storm USA (Storm Damage USA) 1:53.1 \$328,817, the dam of Aston Villa, is a half-sister to Cam's Secretary USA (Cam Fella USA) 1:52.3 US\$427,296, Art's Secret USA (Artsplace USA) 1:51.2 \$795,888 and to the dam of Secrets Nephew USA (Camluck USA) 1:48.4 US\$1,091,736.

Poster Boy will stand for \$4,950 (including GST) alongside his half-brother Yankee Rockstar, new sire Soho Tribeca (refer separate article), second season sire Mel Mara as well as Woodlands Stud stallions Lather Up and American Ideal. You can contact Kath McIntosh at Northern Rivers Equine 0427 497 429 or orders@nrequine.com.au for more information or to make a booking. Or visit www.nrequine.com.au.





MEL MARA STANDING HIS 2nd SEASON IN VICTORIA

Mel Mara USA (Lis Mara USA) 1:47 (\$1,028,397) will again be available to breeders for the upcoming season and is also at Northern Rivers Equine in Victoria.

Mel Mara set his lifetime mark at The Meadowlands with two of the fastest horses in history, Always B Miki and McWicked, as the place getters. He ran his last quarter in 25.4. In his 26 wins he beat some of the fastest and best horses in pacing of this era, including millionaires Foiled Again 1:48, Sweet Lou 1:47, Warrawee Needy 1:46.4, State Treasurer 1:47, Thinking Out Loud 1:47.2, J K Endofanera 1:48.2, Bolt The Duer 1:47.4, A Rocknroll Dance, etc. He had a close rivalry with Always B Miki in a number of hard fought contests.

In his 3rd lifetime start as a 2yo, he won by 18 lengths and ran his last quarter in 25 seconds flat. As a 3yo he ran 1:49.4 in the Bluegrass Stakes, defeating Sweet Lou and running a 26.1 last quarter.

Mel Mara demonstrated high speed throughout his racing career. Overall he ran 6 sub 25.5 second quarters, one of only two pacers to do so. He defeated some of the best horses now standing at stud, set a record of 1:47.2 on a 5/8ths track and 1:50.1 on a half mile track. His career was interrupted as a 5yo by a broken coffin bone which kept him out of racing for a considerable time. His lifetime mark

was set as a 7yo after recovering from that injury, while his fastest quarter was run as a 2yo.

Mel Mara is the fastest and richest son of former champion pacer Lis Mara USA 1:47.3 US\$2,122,376 who was the fastest and richest son of speed champion Cambest USA (Cam Fella USA) 1:46.1, who set his world record in 1993. Lis Mara's dam M L Revrac USA (Matts Scooter USA) is the dam of three in 1:55 and her granddam Peachbottom USA 1:55.3 \$348,609 is a full sister to world champion racehorse and sire No Nukes. This is the same family as another champion sire in Rock N Roll Heaven 1:47.6 US\$2,748,818, who also stems from a full sister to No Nukes.

The 16H Mel Mara will stand again for the very competitive price of \$2,500 (including GST). Contact Kath McIntosh at Northern Rivers Equine 0427 497 429 or orders@nrequine.com.au for more information or to make a booking visit www.nrequine.com.au.

With such a busy stallion roster, John Coffey, one of Australia's leading authorities on standardbred breeding, has joined the staff of Northern Rivers Equine as a bloodstock consultant to assist breeders with their decisions. John can be contacted on 0418 500 211.

TIGER TARA TO STAND IN NSW

Harness racing Inter Dominion champion Tiger Tara (Bettors Delight) 1:49.8; 37 wins, \$2,375,065 will stand his first ever public season at Medowie Lodge stud, NSW.

Tiger Tara retired in December 2019 as a 9yo, after some stellar racing performances throughout his career. He was the 2019 Australian Harness Horse of the Year, the Lawn Derby Pacer of the Year and Australian Aged Horse or Gelding of the Year, and Grand Circuit champion, with 19 Australian starts for 9 wins 7 placings and \$865,500 for the 2018/19 season. His wins that season included the (Melbourne) Inter Dominion, Hunter Cup and Victoria Cup.

His 7 Group 1 wins are augmented by another 15 Group wins and earnings of over \$100,000 in six consecutive seasons, and from distances of 1609 to 2760m across 3 states of Australia as well as New Zealand. Tiger Tara raced in WA in the 2017 Inter Dominions, with one Heat win and 2 seconds, finishing 3rd in the \$1.1 million Final to Lazarus and Chicago Bull.

Tiger Tara was bred and raced in New Zealand, racing as a 2yo without winning before winning 7 races (the first 6 in a row) as a 3yo including the Group 1 NZ Sires Stakes and the Group 1 Northern Derby. He was named NZ 3yo Male Pacer of the Year. His other Group 1 win in NZ before being

purchased by Kevin Pizzuto was the Group 1 NZ Free For All, defeating Smolda, Ohoka Punter, Arden Rooney, Bit Of A Legend and Franco Nelson.

At the time of his purchase as a 6yo, he had won over \$760,000. One of his losses is regarded as one of his best performances, running second to Thefixer in the 2018 NZ Cup with one of the others finishing behind him being A Gs White Socks.

Tiger Tara is one of 6 winners from his unraced dam Tara Gold (Dream Away). His non-winning granddam Atomic Gold (Sokys Atom) is the dam of Mount Eden/No Dill Christmas Handicap and Group 1 2009 Fremantle Cup winner Power Of Tara (Live Or Die) 1:50.6 \$846,608, and dual Inter Dominion Heat winner A Gs White Socks (Rock N Roll Heaven) 1:52.7 \$519,941. You probably don't need to go any further.

Tiger Tara will stand for \$3,500 (incl GST) for chilled semen. You can contact Richard Camilleri on 1300 078 237 or richard@alphastud.com.au for more information or to make a booking.

If you are interested, Tiger Tara has his own Facebook page facebook.com/tigertaranz/





STALLION SERVICE RAFFLE JUST ABOUT HERE

In spite of everything the pandemic can throw at us, WASBA will still be running the annual Stallion Service Raffle (permit approval pending). Unfortunately we cannot reduce the ticket price, which will remain at \$100, but there will still only be 200 tickets.

Our approach is to do what we can to support breeders and those who race mares and WA bred horses and as well as giving breeders a fantastic offer of a great stallion for a \$100 service fee, our fund raising and raffle is for that purpose. We take the approach that if you support us with a ticket purchase we will always draw the raffle on the nominated date, regardless of ticket sales. Please support the raffle, as we use any profit to support stakes, bonuses, rugs, trophies and garlands for winners, rehoming and awards. Winning tickets can be onsold, and if you have already booked for the relevant stallion, for the price of a ticket you can perhaps win the service for free!

Our Stallion Tender will run immediately after the raffle, and some very exciting stallions are already included.

ANOTHER TOP WASBA BREEDERS STAKES

The 2020 WASBA Breeders Stakes was another great opportunity for the best mares racing in WA to add some prestige to their credentials.

A good drive by Shannon Suvaljko on the Mike Reed trained favourite Arma Indie (Well Said) set the race up for victory, with Shannon going straight to the front and leading all the way. The race was run very competitively, with WA bred mare Delightfulreaction (Auckland Reactor) running

second, with the mile rate 1:57.6 and last quarter 27.7.

Arma Indie commenced racing in WA in February, but the family of Arma Indie is very familiar to WA breeders with Arma Antoinette (Holmes Hanover) a half-sister to Arma Courage (Courage Under Fire) the dam of Arma Indie. Arma Antoinette is the dam of multiple Group 1 winner and Golden Slipper winner Arma Xpress (Artiscape) 1:56.5 \$279,890 and half-sister Arma Xceptional (Live Or Die) 1:57.9 the granddam of filly Fifty Five Reborn (Renaissance Man) winner of both the 2yo and 3yo leg of the Westsired Classic for Fillies.

Top colt Excel Stride (Aces N Sevens) 1:50.3 \$769,464 is also closely related to Arma Indie, with his dam being a half-sister to Arma Courage.

The Group 2 WASBA Breeders Stakes was the last of four feature races for mares in the February to May period, with Pick My Pocket (Bettors Delight) winning the Group 2 Empress Stakes, WA bred Parisian Partygirl (Courage Under Fire) winning the Pinjarra Golden Girls Mile, and Semiramide (Mach Three) winning the Laurie Kennedy Race For Roses.

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Some very nice 2yo fillies are running around at the moment and while owners may have different thoughts, it is nice to see the number of different winners of the feature races, with many fillies showing they have a bright future. Always An Angel (Art Major) was a nice winner of the \$200,000 Diamond Classic.

Another outstanding 2yo filly is the very speedy Black Jack Baby (Follow The Stars) with a 26.9 quarter to her credit and some very classy wins. Breeder owner trainer Shane Quadrio must be very happy that this filly was passed in at

the 2019 APG Yearling Sale. She was not entered for some of the feature races for fillies.

Another deserving winner of the WASBA sponsored Group 3 Harry Capararo Westbred 4YO and 5YO Mares Pace was the Howlett family's Dancing With Mach (Mach Three) a good winner as favourite, These races do seem to be popular with the punters as well!

A great win by Blue Chip Adda (Heston Blue Chip) in the 3YO Fillies Westbred Classic. Bred by Harry Capararo, this filly was a \$12,000 purchase from the 2018 APG Yearling Sale, and is another WASBA Country Oaks success story, running second in the event this year to eventual WA Oaks winner Sports Package.

Peter King has done a terrific job (there are some advantages to the social distancing restrictions related to the pandemic) to bring high class filly Cott Beach's half-brother Longreach Bay (Renaissance Man) up to race winning form, stepping out and winning both the 3YO Westsired Colts and Geldings Pace and then stepping up a notch to win the Group 1 3YO Colts and Geldings Westbred Classic. Both Cott Beach (by Advance Attack) and Longreach Bay are Westsired, which also means many of their wins (excluding feature races) earned their breeders and owners the double Westbred Bonus for being Westsired progeny

What is especially good to see is the number of Westbred winners in the Group races, and from a variety of stallions at all price points. WA breeders have always been prepared to make up their own minds when it comes to breeding, and we have at least 40 stallions represented in the winners list nearly every month.

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WA BASED STALLIONS

ADVANCE ATTACK

(In The Pocket out of Advance Debra). Full brother to Courage Under Fire. Sire of Group 1 winners Cott Beach and Persistent Threat 1:55.3. Standing at Burekup. Check with Mal Hancock 0411 985 232.

ARTESIAN USA

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

BONAVISTA BAY

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

CAPRICORN COMMANDER

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

FLY LIKE AN EAGLE

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

FOLLOW THE STARS

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

FRANCO JAMAR

(Courage Under Fire out of Jamal Franco by Falcon Seelster) 1:51.2 \$378,302. Group and listed winner. Contact Graham Waters 0417 814 612.

INDOMITABLE SAAB

(Saab out of Infinite Scale) 1:55.8. Raced in top company beating David Hercules, Crombie, etc. Sire of Infinite Symbol 1:56.4. Standing at Bullsbrook, contact Joy Fletcher, 0417 980 302.

P FORTY SEVEN USA

(The Panderosa out of Artsplace mare) 1:48.4, \$717,660. At New Ground Stud, Wagin. Little Brown Jug winner. Sire of Our Jimmy Johnstone 1:53.7 \$778,075. Phone Sharon Hornsby 0409 296 052.

ROCK N ROLL WORLD

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

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

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

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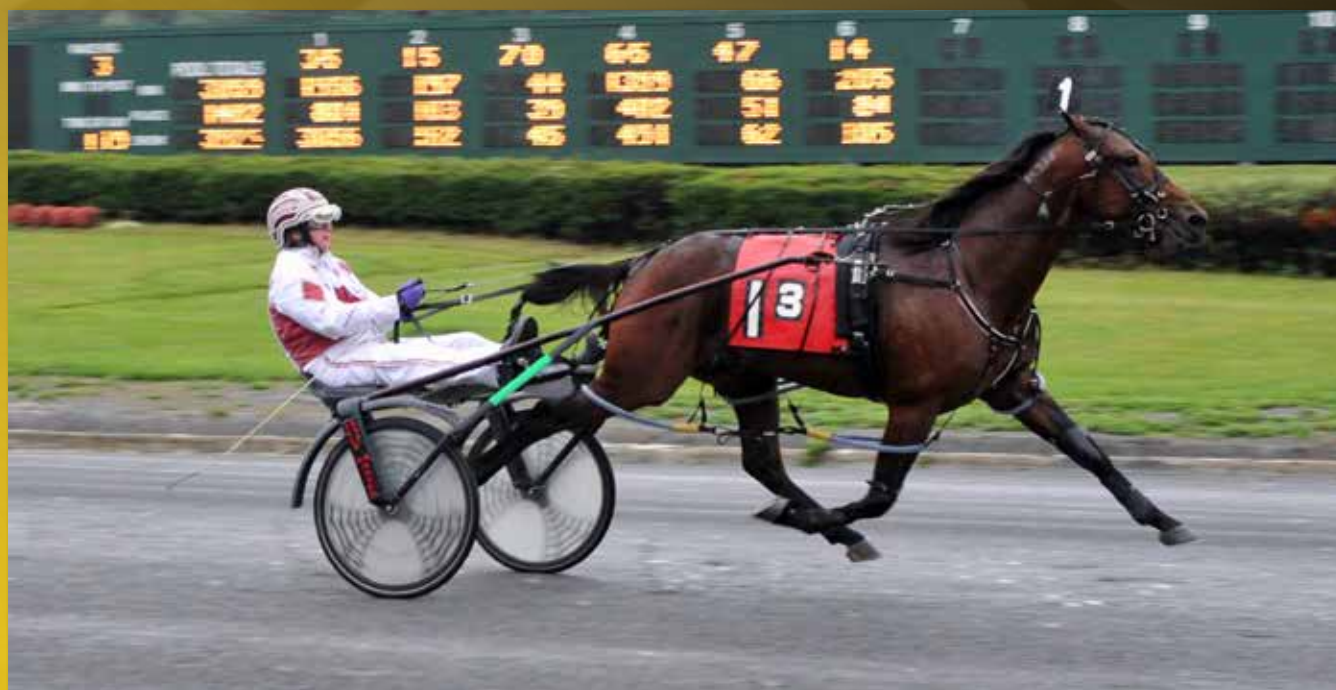
ROCK N ROLL WORLD displayed brilliant speed and stamina, winning on half-mile, five-eighths and mile tracks in Stakes and Invitational company from two to five years.

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

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

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

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RACING RECORD

AGE	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
2	9	2	3	2	\$24,124
3	18	6	5	1	\$45,814
4	17	6	2	1	\$81,568
5	13	6	0	1	\$326,715
6	15	2	3	3	\$510,720
7	1	0	0	0	\$0
8	11	5	0	1	\$280,059
9	3	0	0	0	\$1,660
	89	27	13	9	\$1,270,660

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

SIRE

AMERICAN IDEAL p,3,1:47.8 (\$855,928) by Western Ideal. Sire of 1026 USA foals, 733 winners, 691 in 2:00, 445 in 1:55, 257 \$100,000 earners. Total progeny earnings of \$91,250,564. Sire of 802 New Zealand foals, 276 winners, 193 in 2:00, 47 \$100,000 earners. Sire of 384 Australian foals, 231 raced, 173 winners, 141 in 2:00, 23 \$100,000 earners including;

AMERICAN JEWEL (M) p,1:48.4 -\$1,840,565
HESTON BLUE CHIP p,1:48.0 -\$1,781,881
BLING IT ON p,1:50.8 -\$1,656,656
SUNFIRE BLUE CHIP p,1:48.6 -\$1,501,340
YOUAREMYCANDYGIRL (M) p,1:48.4 -\$1,455,898
GREAT VINTAGE p,1:49.2 -\$1,418,843

DAM

READALLABOUTIT 1 start. by Presidential Ball. Dam of 5 foals of racing age, 5 raced, 5 winners, 5 in 2:00;

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-\$1,270,660. (American Ideal) As above

OUR FRONT PAGE (M) p,3,1:58.6; 1:58.1 \$19,361. (American Ideal)

MY CARBON COPY p,3,1:54.6 \$81,602(American Ideal)

PRESS RELEASE p,2,1:59.5 \$4,688 (American Ideal)

COPY N PACE p,2,1:56.4 \$29,860

2ND DAM

NATALIAS JOY p,3,2:00.6 \$70,648 by Butler B G.

As 3yo won International Sales Classic (L). Dam of 7 foals, 3 died, 3 raced, 1 winner;

MONEY IN THE POCKET p,3,1:59.5; 1:58.8 \$68,225 (In The Pocket)

Producers: Nuclear Atom (dam of **SECRET**

RENDEZVOUS (M) p,1:51.0 \$116,098,

PRESIDENTIAL BELLE (M) p,3,1:58.7; 1:57.6

-\$62,289, **SOLOMON MAGUIRE** p,3,1:58.4; 1:56.6

\$54,968, **KENNY MAGUIRE** p,3,2:01.0; 1:59.6;

grand-dam of **RUN ONEOVER** p,3,1:54.6; 1:50.8

\$554,998 - As 4yo won WA Members Sprint (Gr.3),

WA Winter Cup (Gr.3). As aged won 2 hts Inter

Dominion (Gr.2)), Our Pocket Princess (dam of

KATESAROYAL (M) p,3,2:02.2; 1:54.4 \$82,756,

HAYJOSHANDCO p,1:56.8 \$53,255, **GINAS GOLD**

(M) p,1:58.4, **SHE SAID YES** (M) p,1:59.6)

3RD DAM

NATALIA LOBELL Unraced by Oil Burner. Dam of 5 foals, 3 raced, 3 winners incl;

Hi Tech p,2:00.1 -\$27,740 (Computer)

Producers: Natalia Castle (dam of **MANIFOLD BAY**

p,2,2:00.7; 3,1:58.4; 1:58.1 \$538,604. As 3yo won

WA Derby (Gr.1). As 4yo won WA Golden Nugget

(Gr.1), NSW Chariots Of Fire (Gr.1), Qld 4yo

Championship (Gr.3), Qld 4&5yo Championship

(Gr.3), **BROLGA BAY** p,3,2:03.7; 1:59.7, **INUIT LADY**

(M) p,3,1:58.9; 1:58.2, **ARACHNIPHOBIA** (M)

p,1:59.9; grand-dam of **TENIAMO** p,2,2:00.1; 1:57.5

\$59,983, **ROYAL SNIPER** p,3,1:58.3), Natalias Best

(dam of

SPECIAL KATE (M) p,1:55.8; grand-dam of **LBS**

ALAMERICANJOY p,2,1:54.4; 3,1:50.4 -\$69,626,

FRISKY BURL p,3,1:57.0, **KATES ROCKET** (M)

p,2,1:53.8; 3,1:53.4), Riverglen Lass (dam of **TINTED**

ROSE (M) p,1:57.7; grand-dam of **OUTLAW FELLA**

p,1:53.9 \$139,356, **MISS NICKELS** (M) p,2,1:57.3;

3,1:58.8; 1:56.6 \$73,292, **IDEAL JUSTICE** p,3,2:01.7;

1:53.9 \$64,728)

4TH DAM

NATIVE JEWELL p,2:01.4 -\$24,402 by Tar Heel. Half sister to **ADIOS VIC** 1:56.6 \$455,896. Dam of 14 foals, 9 raced, 8 winners, 5 in 2:00 incl;

NADINA LOBELL (M) p,1:57.4 -\$118,355 (No

Nukes) dam of **B WIRED** (M) p,2,2:00.4; 1:57.6

(\$114,270), **B ELECTRIFIED** (M)p,2,2:00.4; 1:57.4

(\$100,480); grand-dam of **B INTENSIFIED** (M)

p,1:52.0 (\$284,015), **B SMART** 1:53.4 (\$172,493),

B ALL HEART (M) p,1:55.4; great-grand-dam of

ULTIMATE G p,3,1:52.6 (\$108,614)

NERO LOBELL p,1:58.4 -\$71,481 (Nero)

NIRVANA LOBELL (M) p,1:57.6 \$22,388. (Nero)

Dam of **MISTHER LYNX** p,1:53.6 (\$133,426),

HYSTERICIS (M) p,1:54.0TT, **PAOLI PRINCESS** (M)

p,1:59.2; grand-dam of **MYSTIC CAM** p,1:53.8

(\$243,570), **SIR GIGGLES** p,1:54.4 (\$167,801),

ASHBORO (M) p,1:54.6 (\$160,237), **DEUX BACK**

A BACK p,1:55.8, **GIGGLE MACHINE** (M) p,1:56.0,

BLUE COLLAR GIRL (M) p,1:55.8, **LOTS OF**

FUN (M) p,1:58.8; great-grand-dam of **INGRID**

BERGRIN (M) p,3,1:52.2 (\$127,720); 4th dam of

KYRON p,1:51.0 (\$288,165), **SEA HARRIER** p,1:51.0

(\$169,604)

Naomi Lobell (M) p,2:00.6 \$12,448 (Oil Burner)

Dam of **NAOMI BAYAMA** (M) p,1:56.8 (\$316,516);

grand-dam of **FANNY BAYAMA** (M) p,1:56.2

(\$87,608)

STUD ANALYSIS

Standing first season in 2019

MY HARD COPY (Bay 2009) p,2,2:00; 3,1:55.2; 1:51.6		<i>Family: Lettie - U101</i>	
AMERICAN IDEAL	WESTERN IDEAL	WESTERN HANOVER	
	LIFETIME SUCCESS	LEAH ALMAHURST	
READALLABOUTIT	PRESIDENTIAL BALL	MATTS SCOOTER	
	NATALIAS JOY	THREE DIAMONDS	
		CAM FELLA	
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		BUTLER B G	
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2, 1:58.7; 3, 1:57.7; 1:56.3 - \$504,499



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Shoobees Place

to stand in WA

By Peter Wharton

The Artsplace horse Shoobees Place 1:49.2 (\$787,271), who stood his first six seasons at the stud in NSW, is a young sire already well on the way to proving a success with his first small crops racing.

He is now standing in Western Australia at Spurrs Stud, Wagin, of prominent breeder-owner Kevin Spurr, alongside multiple Group 1 winner Bonavista Bay.

His service fee is \$2,000.

Actually, Shoobees Place has made an excellent start as a sire. In his first season he left 30 foals, and of these he had 18 to the races half way through their four-year-old season, and 11 were winners and three have been placed. Of 13 three-year-old starters, five were winners and three were placed, while his current crop of two-year-olds includes the highly promising filly Merrywood Lynn, a last start Penrith winner.

From his first crop he sired a top colt in Shoobee Doo 1:54.5 (\$109,590), who won five of his first eight starts and was one of the star two-year-olds of his season, and a smart filly in My Mels Place (1:57.3).

Kathachar Shoobee (1:53.7), a double Menangle winner recently and runner-up in the \$50,000 Breeders Challenge True Blue Final, Tsunami Charlie (1:55.3), Mister Armstrong and Shoobees Charm have been other NSW winners by Shoobees Place from his first crops.

Shoobees Place was a top racehorse himself, winning close to \$800,000, and he took a record of 1:52 as a two-year-old and 1:49.4 at three.

On the score of blood Shoobees Place has something in his favour. His sire Artsplace (1:49.4) was a champion with stake earnings of \$3,085,083 and has been one of America's top sires and grandsires for some time. He figures as the sire of three of America's greatest pacers in Art Major (1:48.8), Sportswriter (1:48.6) and Glowing Report (1:49.4).

Shoobeedobeedo 1:52.8 (\$308,481), the multiple Stakes winning dam of Shoobees Place, was one of the many grand producing daughters of a champion sire in Jate Lobell (1:51.4), being out of Shoobeedoaday, by Life Sign from the broodmare gem Blue Horizon, by Meadow Skipper.

One of Blue Horizon's sons, Panorama (1:53.4), was a 1:50 sire in America and exported to Australia he was a stud success in NSW, the million dollar winner Karloo Mick (1:54.2) being one of his gets. Blue Horizon was also the grand-dam of the champion colt pacer and sire Grinfromeartoear (1:50.2).

This is the family founded by Golden Miss which produced one of Australia's leading sires and broodmare sires in Safely Kept (1:52.4).

Shoobees Place is an Abercrombie line horse – that which produced Art Major – from one of the world's top families, and boasts four strong crosses of the blood of Meadow Skipper. He should prove an ideal outcross to mares boasting Cam Fella, Direct Scooter and Western Hanover blood and others.



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 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.



CONTROL THE MOMENT

P,2 1.49.4; 3, 1.48.2 \$1,227,834

WELL SAID - LIFESLILTREASURE - LIFE SIGN

Foaled 2013 Brown Horse 15.3 Hands



- 2015 O'Brien Award for Two Year Old Pacing Colts/Geldings
- \$685,000 Metro Final Winner P,2 1.49 (Elim winner 1.52.1)
- \$735,050 Meadowlands Pace Final winner in P,3 1.48.2 (Elim winner in 1.49.2)
- \$320,000 Cane Pace Winner
- Finished 3rd in \$1,000,000 North America Cup
- Winner of 8 from 9 starts at age 2
- Oldest crop now 2 in America are drawing rave reviews, with 3 early qualifiers

OVERALL

- 18 starts: 12 wins, 1 second, 2 thirds
- \$461,457 earned at age 2
- \$766,375 earned at age 3

FROZEN SEMEN \$4,400, DISCOUNTED TO POLF \$3,300 INCL GST
MULTIPLE MARE DISCOUNTS APPLY



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FORECLOSURE

P,2 1.52.1; 3, 1.49.2; 4, 1.48.4 \$807,746

ROCKNROLL HANOVER – PLEASING PACKAGE – FAKE LEFT

Foaled 2008 Brown Horse 15.1 Hands



- Sire of only one crop of 21 foals in North America, and now the imported Irish bred Oakwood Inittowinit making 22 foals registered to race in North America:
- 20 starters – 90.9% starters to foals
- 17 winners – 85% winners to starters
- 15 in 1.55 including 1 in sub 1.50
- \$2,004,032 in earnings
- Average earnings per starter \$100,201
- Finished 6th on the USTA Top 20 Sire average of 3 year olds in 2017 in North America
- Son Drunk On Your Love (P3, 1.51.1 \$387,568) was honoured 2017 Ohio 3 Year Old Pacing colt of the year
- Daughter Rosemary Rose (1.50.3 \$568,107) 3 Year Old fillies Northfield Park Track Record Holder
- Currently standing in Ireland at Oakwood Stud, with Frozen Semen available through KTC Bloodstock – Australia Wide, In Ireland he is the sire of six horse of the year awards now from three small crops to race including stars Newtown Jody and Oakwood Inittowinit who was recently purchased by Ron Burke and exported to the USA. Made a winning debut in 1.51.1 on a half mile track and repeated that first up win with a 1.52.2 win on a 5/8s track on 23/6/2020. Exciting times ahead.

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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.



2020 FEATURE RACES

DATE	DAY	RACING CLUB	FEATURE RACE NAME	RACE CONDITIONS	GROUP TYPE	FEATURE STAKES
3/07/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	2YO FILLIES GOLD BRACELET	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
4/07/20	Saturday	Northam Harness	4YO+ RWWA WB Feature	Westbred NE HWOE \$25,000+ (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 7)	OT	\$8,000
10/07/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	2YO GOLDEN SLIPPER	2YO OPEN (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 9)	G1	\$100,000
13/07/20	Monday	Pinjarra	DAINTYS DAUGHTER CLASSIC	Fillies 3YO OPEN (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 7)	G3	\$30,000
17/07/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	BOTRA CUP SS	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
17/07/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	CHANDON 3YO+	HWOE LT \$70,000 (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) Preference to HWOE \$40,000+ Not Eligible HWOE LT \$20,000 (Level 11)	G3	\$30,000
24/07/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	JOHN HIGGINS MEMORIAL FINAL	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
31/07/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	THE KERRY CLARKE 4 & 5YO CLASSIC	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
1/08/20	Saturday	Northam Harness	VIRGIL QUEEN CELEBRATION 4YO+ WESTBRED MARES	Westbred Mares NE HWOE \$25,000+ (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 7)	OT	\$14,000
1/08/20	Saturday	Northam Harness	NORTH EASTERN DISTRICTS COUNCIL DERBY 3YO	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	\$10,000
7/08/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	SAN SIMEON	HWOE LT \$40,000 (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) Not Eligible HWOE LT \$20,000 (Level 9)	G2	\$50,000
7/08/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	MARATHON HANDICAP SS	HWOE \$20,000+ HANDICAP STAND NOT ELIGIBLE HWOE LT \$20,000 (CONCESSIONS CLAIMS ELIGIBLE) (Level 9)	BL	\$25,000
14/08/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	AUGUST CUP	FFA OPEN (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 15)	BL	\$25,000
14/08/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	WASBA 4 & 5YO MARES	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
21/08/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	THE BINSHAW	HWOE LT \$70,000 (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) Preference to HWOE \$40,000+ Not Eligible HWOE LT \$20,000 (Level 11)	G2	\$50,000
28/08/20	Friday	Gloucester Park	THE SCHRADER FILLIES & MARES	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

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RACING AND WAGERING WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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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: RWVA 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 RWVA 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
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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 1st 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	2:08	2:08	2:10
2YO	Pacer	Mobile	2:05	2:06	2:08
3YO+	Pacer	Stand	2:06	2:07	2:08
3YO+	Pacer	Mobile	2:04	2:05	2:06
2YO	Trotter	Stand	2:12	2:14	2:16
2YO	Trotter	Mobile	2:10	2:12	2:14
3YO+	Trotter	Stand	2:08	2:10	2:12
3YO+	Trotter	Mobile	2:07	2:08	2:10

Group A – Gloucester Park, Pinjarra, Bunbury

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

Group C – Busselton, Collie, Williams.

Re-included in barrier draw

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

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

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

(Effective from 15 June 2020)

ALLOCATION OF FIELD SELECTION POINTS

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

Field Selection Points Selection Table

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

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

Example:

Horse qualifies and earns 24 points as above

Race Position	Points Earned	Calculation	Lowest Points Discarded	Total Form Points
Qualifies	24	6 6 6 6	-	24
9 th	1	6 6 6 6 1	1	24
7 th	3	6 6 6 1 3	1	21
1 st	10	6 6 1 3 10	1	25
8 th	2	6 1 3 10 2	1	21
12 th	0	1 3 10 2 0	0	16
2 nd	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. 12th, 11th, 10th...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 2nd 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 1st January to 31st March
 - ii. Nine (9) acceptors for the period 1st April to 31st August
4. Notwithstanding, the Manager Harness Racing (MHR) may grant approval to draw a race with less than the desired minimum number of acceptors after taking into account factors including;
 - a) Alternate racing opportunities.
 - b) The numbers of acceptors in other races at the meeting,
 - c) The effect on wagering turnover.
 - d) Other factors considered relevant by the MHR.

DIVISION OF RACES

1. A programmed race may be divided where another programmed race/s has insufficient acceptors to conduct the race/s.
2. The practice whereby preference in field selection is given to a horse already nominated will not apply when a race is divided after nominations for the race have been extended.
3. The decision to divide a race will be based on the following criteria;
 - a. The maximization of wagering turnover.
 - b. The number of acceptors for the race.
 - c. The quality of the acceptors for the race.
 - d. Available stake distribution.
 - e. Available breeding incentive bonus.
 - f. The impact on nominations for a subsequent meeting.
4. The selection of the horses for each division will be based on each horse's HWOE, **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	9
10 METRES	40,000	54,999	69,999	10
20 METRES	55,000	69,999	84,999	11
30 METRES	70,000	84,999	99,999	12
40 METRES	85,000	99,999	114,999	13
50 METRES	100,000	129,999	144,999	15
+10 METRES	30,000			15
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 1st January to 31st August each year at 50% of meetings.
4. Races restricted to 3 year-olds will be programmed at not less than 50% of meetings each year.
5. A race with the condition "Open to any Pacer" will be programmed at each meeting except where such race would adversely affect the nominations for a race with a stake of \$30,000 or higher at an adjacent meeting conducted at a country venue.
6. Not less than one metropolitan staked race for trotters will be programmed every four weeks.

ALL OTHER MEETINGS

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

FIELD SIZE AND NUMBER OF RUNNERS ON A LINE

The following minimum field sizes will apply to all tracks

1. Races for horses aged three years old or older will be conducted with not less than nine (9) acceptors
2. Races for horses aged 2 years old will be conducted with not less than:
 - a) Five (5) acceptors for the period 1st January to 31st March
 - b) Nine (9) acceptors for the period 1st March to 31st August
3. Notwithstanding the above the Manager Harness Racing (MHR) or in the absence of the MHR the delegated representative of the MHR may grant approval to draw a race with less acceptors after taking into account factors including:
 - a) Alternate racing opportunities
 - b) The numbers of acceptors in other races at the meeting
 - c) The effect on wagering turnover
 - d) Other factors considered relevant by the MHR.
4. In a standing start race at venues where the field size is restricted to 10 runners there shall be a maximum of 5 runners on each handicap mark, provided that;
 - a) At Collie there shall be a maximum of 5 runners on any line on each handicap mark.

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

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

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											
	1	2	3	4	10	11	5	6	7	12	8	9
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 1st September of the Derby season as determined by Stable Returns lodged with RWWA.
 - c) Driven by a licensed driver who is domiciled outside the "prescribed radius".
2. Preference in field selection for a Country Council Derby will be given to;
 - a) Firstly a horse stabled and trained in the Council district in which the Country Council Derby is conducted.
 - b) Secondly a horse which has been balloted from a Country Council Derby.
 - c) Thirdly a horse which has not been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a Country Council Derby.
3. Preference in field selection for the Country Derby will be given to;
 - a) Four horses with the highest win dollars for the current season.
 - b) Four horses with the highest stakemoney earned in their last five (5) starts, provided a horse selected under clause (a) is excluded from selection under this clause.
 - c) The balance of the field will be selected at the discretion of the Field Selection Panel.
4. For the obviation of doubt a horse is deemed to be trained in a particular council area determined by the nearest racecourse or official training centre to where it is stabled and each Council area is delineated as follows;
 - a) South West Council race courses/training centres; Bunbury, Bridgetown, Busselton, Collie, Harvey and Pinjarra.
 - b) Great Southern Council race courses/training centres; Albany, Narrogin, Wagin and Williams.
 - c) North Eastern Council race courses/training centres; Central Wheatbelt, Golden Mile, York and Northam.
5. Subject to clause 1 (c) of this policy a person must hold a;
 - a) Grade A or B driver's licence to drive in a Country Council Derby.
 - b) Grade A driver's licence to drive in the Country Derby/Country Oaks provided a person who holds a Grade B licence may drive in the Country Derby/Country Oaks with the prior written approval of the Chief Steward Harness.
6. Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 119A, without losing its eligibility for a Country Council Derby, Country Derby or Country Oaks a horse may after 1st September of the Country Derby season:
 - a) Compete in a race or trial conducted in the metropolitan area provided it is returned to its stable outside the prescribed radius within 48-hours of competing; and/or
 - b) transferred to a different trainer outside the prescribed radius provided a fresh Stable Return is lodged within the prescribed time, and/or
 - c) Be re-located to and race in another Council area provided that it remains in the care of a trainer domiciled outside the prescribed radius
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

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

WESTBRED REALITY				
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.

- 1st \$5,000
- 2nd \$3,000
- 3rd \$2,000

AUSTRALIAN DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP REPRESENTATIVES

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

Selection Criteria

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

AUSTRALIAN FEMALE DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP REPRESENTATIVES

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

Selection Criteria

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

AUSTRALASIAN YOUNG DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP REPRESENTATIVE

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

Selection Criteria

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

(Effective 6 February 2020)

DRESS CODE POLICY

PURPOSE

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

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

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

ACCEPTABLE ATTIRE

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

UNACCEPTABLE ATTIRE

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

PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

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

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

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

1st Offence – Reprimand

2nd Offence - \$50 fine

3rd Offence - \$100 fine

Any further offence – Stewards discretion

(Effective 15 June 2020)

POLICIES IMPACTED BY COVID-19

WESTBRED BREEDING BONUS CONDITIONS (effective 6 April 2020)

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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.

WESTBRED REALITY				
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.

- 1st \$4,000
- 2nd \$2,400
- 3rd \$1,600



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