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# WILLIAMS & CORTOPASSI'S MAGNIFICENT MOMENT

By Michael Heaton

One of Australasia's most exciting pacers, Magnificent Storm, set tongues wagging nation-wide during a brilliant summer campaign which saw the gelding land a 12th consecutive victory when dominating the \$125,000 Group 1 Simmonds Steel 4YO Classic (2130m) at Gloucester Park on January 29.

The American Ideal four-year-old import finished eighth at his 2019 race debut in New Zealand before relocating to WA and going undefeated at his first dozen starts down under, however, his winning streak came to an end when he finished

second to Minstrel in the \$200,000 Group 1 Retravision Golden Nugget (2536m) in race-record time on February 12.

Raced by prominent owner Rob Tomlinson's Oz West Pacing syndicate and eight other shareholders, Magnificent Storm has progressed through the grades in rapid style with victories by as far as 34 metres prior to his rise to feature racing.





He stepped up to Group level for the first time when sitting in the breeze and scoring a soft win in the \$50,000 Group 2 4YO Championship (2130m) on January 15 before romping in the 4YO Classic by more than 13 metres a fortnight later.

Highly-respected veteran trainer, Ray Williams, was understandably elated following his stable star's outstanding Group 1 triumph.

"It's pretty exciting," Williams said.

"He's just a lovely horse, I'm so lucky.

"He's a laid back horse, he's so easy and just does things so simple.

"I still haven't seen the bottom of him yet, he just keeps doing what he has to do.

"Aldo (Cortopassi) has said all the way along, 'the faster they go, the better this horse will go'.

"I'm pretty excited, mate, I've never had one like this and I'm listening to blokes that know what they're talking about."

Cortopassi, Williams' stable reinsman, has been behind Magnificent Storm in each of his 15 trial and race appearances in Australia to date.

Despite drawing two off the back line in the 4YO Classic, he says the gelding was able to put himself into the race on his own accord.

"I just sat there, he did everything," Cortopassi said.

"It's a great feeling and a lot of relief.

"It was a tricky draw to overcome but to his credit he just bullocked his way through the pack early.

"Good horses make their own luck and he did."

Asked whether Magnificent Storm still felt the winner despite the brutal tempo of the race, Cortopassi says he did not

expect the horse to sprint away from his rivals as easily as he did.

"I was really confident after he found the front," he said.

"Although we had burned really hard early, we weren't hard on the speed, but we were there and the lead time came up in 54 so I thought we might be a little bit vulnerable to swoopers late in the race.

## "HE'S A LAID BACK HORSE, HE'S SO EASY AND JUST DOES THINGS SO SIMPLE."

"At the 400 he just clicked another gear on his own, I was just sitting there trying to hold him back to the field and he just grabbed the bit and started to charge.

"I looked over my shoulder and he had everything beat, so I slipped him some rein and put two or three lengths on them in a couple of strides.

"It just goes to show what a good horse he really is."

Cortopassi has immense confidence in Magnificent Storm's ability and predicts a fruitful future, even suggesting the horse is capable of winning major races across the country.

"I always go back to the theory that times don't lie and this horse just cuts out sectionals and runs mile rates that nothing

else in his age group is comparing with at the moment," Cortopassi said.

"I'm sure if he came up against any of those quality four-year-olds on the east coast he'd more than truly hold his own against them.

"I'm sure when the Pacing Cup rolls around at the end of the year he'll put his hand up to say he'll play a major part in it, for sure.

"At the moment I think he'd hold his own really well against them, but in another six or eight or nine months I think you'll find you'll have an even better horse again."

Whilst Magnificent Storm and his owners are taking part in an exhilarating ride, there is another person who Cortopassi is even more thrilled for.

The trainer.

"I'm just rapt for Ray," he said.

"The whole Williams family are just great people and Ray's been a great supporter of mine for a while now and I'm just rapt for him to have a good horse.

"He's always had a few nice horses but, as he'll tell you, this horse is a genuine A-grader and I'm just rapt for him.

"He's such a great trainer and he just crosses his t's and dots his i's on everything and I'm just really rapt for him and the family that they've got a really nice horse and are going to have a great ride going forward."







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# PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF

## FOR HARNESS RACING'S SHOWMAN

**By Tim Walker**

How do you topple the names Hall Jr and Lewis both at once?

It's a question many drivers have been faced with over the past decade in harness racing.

Those two names have been prominent at the top of the State driver's premiership in that time.

Along with the ever-consistent Ryan Warwick, they occupied the top three spots in 2018-19.

Morgan Woodley and Shannon Suvaljko were able to crack the code.

Chris Voak has been trying and falling just short.

The extended 2019-20 season was his time to shine and that he did.

Voak finished seventh in the 2018-19 season behind the star trio as well as Dylan Egerton-Green, Aiden De Campo and Suvaljko.



The 32-year-old recorded a staggering 264 wins and a further 572 top-four finishes in 1553 drives for the season.

The mark of 264 wins was the ninth consecutive season Voak had passed the 100-win milestone and was 12 wins clear of his nearest rival.

Voak has been a regular at the pointy end of the driver's standings in recent seasons and said he felt a step to the top of the podium was just around the corner, despite some small doubts.

"It was probably season 2013-14 I finished second to Gary Hall Jr and thought 'wow I'm really up on the leaderboard'," he said.

"That was the first time I thought maybe it just might happen.

"Before that it was never a thought that game into my mind winning a driver's premiership.

"The next few years after finishing second, I finished around third or fourth and thought maybe it's impossible to beat Lewis, Junior and Ryan Warwick, who are all good drivers and have good stables.

"The last two seasons I've really tried hard to win one and last season it just happened."

Voak said he felt the 2019-20 premiership was down to a race in two by the midway point of the season.

"I remember I was at a funeral with Ryan Warwick and we were sharing a pint," he said.

"I said to him 'I think it's out of you and me this year and I'm telling you I'm going to give it everything I've got'.

"He smiled at me and said 'well competition is good'."

Voak often finds himself with many drives every Friday night at Gloucester Park and regularly in the winner's circle on the big stage.

His jovial personality comes through on The Trots WA Twitter and Sky Racing coverage of the prime weekly meeting.

His character is likeable and easy for punters to gravitate to.

Voak's refreshingly honest insights and self-critique is on display for all to see, but beneath that is a fierce competitor who prides himself on giving himself every chance to win every race he participates in.

"I try, that's the biggest three letters ever," Voak said.

"As long as you try and win or try your best for that horse.

"Ross (Olivieri) said to me if you want to be a successful driver you have to be like Chris Lewis.

"He said 'what I meant by that is when Lewis drives a bad race the owner or trainer of that horse would say 'that's a bad drive by Lewis'.

"Ross said that Lewis' integrity is never called into question though when he does drive a bad race and that's why he's successful in the sport.

"That's what I'm proud of in myself; I know I'll try.

"In the long run it's worked out best for me."

In his 264 winners, Voak chalked up more than half of them outside the metropolitan area.

He chalked up 144 wins from 731 drives away from Gloucester Park.

Voak said he takes just as much pleasure driving winners in the country as he does at the State's harness racing headquarters.

"That's where I started out in this sport, on those country tracks," he said.

"I remember going to Kalgoorlie for two drives, one on a \$72 shot and a \$99 shot.

"I could make a career not going to those places now, but a lot of the people who I started with their horses are only good enough for country areas.

"When I was just an average driver with no talent or skill, they gave me the opportunity.

**"YOU HAVE TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES, IF YOU THINK SOMEONE IS GOING TO THROW IT TOWARDS YOU IT DOESN'T HAPPEN."**

"I don't necessarily feel like I owe them, but it's important not to forget your grassroots.

"The same people who gave me opportunities when I started gave me the same opportunity to win the title."

Despite winning the premiership, Voak is aware of the fickle nature of being a freelance driver.

As Voak explains, there's a lot more effort that goes into being a freelance driver outside the typical four-hour duration of a race meeting.

"I don't have access to every single drive or race, so you also need to travel a bit extra as a freelance driver," he said.

"You have to create opportunities, if you think someone is going to throw it towards you it doesn't happen.

"You've got to go out and speak to owners or speak to trainers and that's only half the job.

"You have to articulate well and build up the trust people have in you.

"Once you create those opportunities you then have to go and put your money where your mouth is."

A look back of Voak's feature race wins of the 2019-20 season demonstrates just how willing he is to create opportunities.

He drove three Group 1 wins across the season, all for different stables.

The first of his major successes came in the 4YO Classic with Sangue Reale for Michael Brennan.

Voak also managed a win in the Group 2 RWWA Cup with the Olivieri-trained Perfect Major.

He also managed a further five wins in races with a purse greater than \$25,000.

"If you ask any driver you want to be winning Group 1 races," Voak said.

"They were definite highlights."

He also enjoyed success with the most recent WA Pacing Cup champion Vultan Tin throughout the course of the season.

The names Hall Jr and Lewis were right there at the top of the standings again this year, a place where they will likely find themselves in again this season.

That now becomes the challenge for Voak – consistency.

"Junior congratulated me when it all was done and he said to me 'now it just gets harder'," Voak said.

"He told me now that you've done it once all you want to do is keep doing it again.

"I think that's a driving force to want to keep getting better.

"I think I will get better and I will finesse my driving to a point where you time things better.

"I think I've improved heaps from five or six years ago when I started to now."

Voak said he valued winning the premiership even more, given he was born into a family where racing was merely a hobby.

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A week later he added the Mares Classic to his CV with the Annie Belton-trained Gotta Go Gabbana.

A win in the Westbred Classic for the two-year-old fillies with the Shane Quadrio-trained Black Jack Baby rounded out the successful season for Voak.





## "THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT FOR ONE OF THE SPORT'S MOST POPULAR CHARACTERS."

He only started driving horses at the age of 19, showing just how meteoric the rise has been.

He credits his family, fiancée Asha Vanmaris and her family for that rise.

Chris Lewis' words 'every race is winnable, it's your job to find a way' also ring true for Voak.

In more recent times another famous face in WA harness racing has played a major role in Voak's career.

"Lou Austin has worked with me the last couple of years and he's just finessed my skills," Voak said.

"I value his opinion because I know what he tells me is just honest.

"It's constructive, even if I don't want to hear it."

Voak has made a promising start to season 2021 and within the first six weeks has emerged as the one to beat for this season's premiership.

At the midway point of February, Voak was a win clear of Hall Jr and a further win clear of De Campo.

As well as eyeing of a second premiership, Voak will marry Vanmaris later in the year.

The future looks bright for one of the sport's most popular characters.

And right now he's lapping up being the toast of the industry.

"The support people gave me at the end of the season to try and win it and when I won it was really overwhelming," Voak said.

"It makes you realise you do have quite a few friends in what is a great sport."



# SPECIAL MINISTREL

## DELIVERS MEMORABLE WIN IN THE SEQUEL

By Tim Walker

Coming away from the Simmonds Steel-4YO Classic on the night of January 29, we knew Magnificent Storm was something out of the box.

He rightfully got the plaudits.

Those with an eagle eye would have been equally impressed with the work of Minstrel in the runner-up position.

Minstrel battled away gamely in second, some 13m adrift of Magnificent Storm and a further 6m clear of the rest of the field.

The Greg and Skye Bond-trained gelding did it all from the breeze outside Magnificent Storm and with a flat tyre.

It was the performance of a horse that had shots left to fire going into the Retravisión-Golden Nugget.

It was no great surprise to see the first two across the line from the 4YO Classic repeat the dose in the \$200,000 Golden Nugget.

This time it was Minstrel that got the better of a horse that could prove to be his greatest rival in seasons to come.

Again, Minstrel had to sit in the breeze, this time though he was in front of Magnificent Storm in the run and that's how it stayed at the finish.

Like Minstrel's effort in the Classic, Magnificent Storm was enormous in picking up the second prize in the Nugget.

The Nugget was Minstrel's time to shine and that he did.

The pair overcame the widest two barriers and still put 9m on their rivals.

The gap from second to third numerically had closed, but a clear pecking order had been established.

Wins should be judged on the quality of the opposition and Minstrel's Nugget triumph was one from the top shelf.

For team Bond it was a second win in the Nugget, while it was a first win in the race for driver Colin Brown.

The 62-year-old has been a regular driver for the Bond stable in the big races, most notably with Money Magnet in the 2006 Fremantle Cup.

In more recent times, Brown has had the job of steering Vampiro in a plethora of Free-For-All races, highlighted by runner-up finishes in the WA Pacing Cup and Fremantle Cup and a win in the Pinjarra Cup.

He's well placed to judge just how good Minstrel is.







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## "YOU CAN TALK ALL YOU LIKE ABOUT THEM, BUT YOU PROBABLY SHOULD LEAVE THAT TALKING TO THE RACETRACK..."

"I've only driven him twice but I have no hesitation in saying he's by far the best horse I've ever driven," Brown said of the Rocknroll Hanover gelding.

"Most of the good ones I've trained have been trained by Greg and Skye.

"There's a host of really top line horses but I don't think there's been one that has had what this horse has got.

"What I haven't experienced, which Greg tells me there is, is a 25 finishing quarter.

"I'm sure the more he goes around the better he's going to get."

Minstrel made his Australian debut last November, after he started his career in New Zealand.

He recorded four wins from 10 starts in New Zealand and only finished outside the top three once in those 10 starts.

Greg Bond said he was impressed by Minstrel in New Zealand and pulled out all stops to secure a deal to get him across the Tasman.

"I had a look at him as an unraced two-year-old and he didn't vet out," he said.

"Dave Butt and his owners owned him and I've done a lot of business with Dave over the years.

"He continued to race and he showed exceptional ability over there.

"I spoke to Dave one day and we knocked up a number and I said 'how about you keep half and I keep half and we will share the pain or share the gain'.

It wasn't all smooth sailing for the Bond stable with Minstrel.

Despite winning his first two starts in Western Australia, Minstrel broke at his next two starts and eased out of both races.

One of those races was the Pinjarra 4YO Classic, won by Minstrel's stablemate Howard Hughes.

Skye Bond said there were some concerns after the Pinjarra run, but added the stable were able to identify the issue in time for the Group 1 races.

"If you go back and look at his two first-up victories, he was a little bit ungainly in his gear in both starts," she said.

"He came from New Zealand with a bit of a wrap that he was a sensitive soul.

"You'll see he wears the bloomers on his front legs and when he was a young horse and getting broken in, he chafed up badly.

"When he felt the hobbles on the chafe, he didn't want to go at all because it hurt.

"He actually rubbed up on a hind hopple loop and I think that was why he was a bit tender and sore and putting in a few odd steps.

"Once he's in his own and out on the track he's such a brave horse."

Minstrel bounced back stylishly at his next start on January 22, where he sat outside stablemate See Ya Write to score by 2.8m.

That performance saw him become one of the key contenders for the Group 1 races.

Bond said he always had confidence his charge could strike in one of the time-honoured classics and now had plenty to look forward to in WA.

"With Magnificent Storm drawing barrier nine that gave us all a glimmer of hope," he said.

"I think he stamped on the racetrack what our thoughts were at home.

"You can talk all you like about them, but you probably should leave that talking to the racetrack and he did that.

"He's a cheap horse now and the sky is potentially the limit for him."



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# WAYLADE NZ

## A GENTLEMAN ON AND

## OFF THE TRACK

Waylade, by Washington VC, was trained by Gary Hall Snr for the first two years of his successful racing career. From 2013-2015 the talented gelding notched up 20 consecutive placings, as well a stretch seven straight wins in that period. In late 2016 Waylade succumbed to a tendon injury which required an extended period of rest and rehabilitation. Caris

Hamilton-Smith worked for Hall Snr at the time and when the gelding recovered, she was keen to get him back on the track. Knowing Hamilton Smith's affection for Waylade, Hall Snr offered her the chance to train the gelding herself. Under Hamilton Smith's care Waylade took out the 2019 Media Guild Cup and was competitive in a plethora free-for-all races.







Hamilton-Smith said the gelding was a gentleman to train.

"He was an old professional, you couldn't find a nicer horse," she said.

Waylade retired in late 2020 with a record of 17 wins and 24 placings from 81 starts.

He won \$447,069 in stakes.

Hamilton-Smith was contacted by Antonia Turner, who she had previously rehomed a horse, Lucky and Loaded to. Turner was looking for a new mount after Lucky and Loaded succumbed to colic in 2019 and felt Waylade would be an adequate replacement. Waylade had spent a lot of time under saddle during his race training and had always proven himself level-headed and trustworthy. Hamilton-Smith knew the gelding would be a good fit for Turner.

Waylade, or Tomatoes, had big shoes to fill. Locked And Loaded provided Turner, a nervous rider, with plenty of confidence. Turner thought there would never be another horse like him. That was until she met Tomatoes.

"Getting on Tomatoes was scary, he's a little bit bigger than Benny was and a little bit younger," she said.

"The minute I got on he was amazing. I didn't feel nervous on him at all, he made me so comfortable, he took great care of me. So responsive and he had really good brakes!" Antonia recalls of their first ride."

Turner was sold on the gelding and had Tomatoes trucked from Oakford to her own Kambalda stables in the Goldfields.

Since Tomatoes arrived with Turner they have enjoyed trail and bush rides both alone and with company.

She said the brave gelding barely bats an eye at any of the "scary" things they come across, and you can find him up the front leading the pack.

"He is so brave and bold. He has given me so much confidence in the saddle. I trust him and he trusts me." She said.

Not only a gentleman on their rides, Tomatoes is excellent on the ground. He was even a champion when he gave kids their first ever pony ride.

Tomatoes' only shortcoming is his love for upending his feed bin across his paddock!

Tomatoes' greatest love is carrots.

Turner said she has never known a horse to love them so much, he will refuse to eat his dinner unless his beloved carrots are there too.

## "...THE GELDING WAS A GENTLEMAN TO TRAIN."

Tomatoes has taken to his second career easily. He's responsive to Antonia's seat, is ridden only in a bitless bridle and enjoys Liberty.

Tomatoes and Turner have an overnight ride later this year which they're looking forward to.

What a beautiful partnership these two have!

Waylade has his OTTWA Passport! Did you know the OTTWA Passport initiative is available for standardbreds as well as thoroughbreds? To learn more head to the OTTWA Website.





# RETRAINING PROGRAM

The Off the Track WA (OTTWA) Retraining Program encompasses the OTTWA Estate (in North Dandalup) and a network of OTTWA Official Retrainers, who work to provide retired racehorses, both thoroughbred and standardbred, with the necessary skills and experiences needed to transition from racing to their second career as a pleasure or performance horse.

Horses accepted into the program undergo an evaluation upon arrival at the Estate, before being allocated to an Official Retrainer, where they commence retraining and education in preparedness for sale.

The program endeavours to complement already established pathways for rehoming retired racehorses, with priority given to horses which may be more challenging to rehome, for example those in remote areas.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

The OTTWA Retraining Program accepts both thoroughbreds and standardbreds who have been bred for the purpose of racing. Acceptance of horses is based on a range of criteria such as spelling period, location, soundness and condition.

As horses accepted into the program will commence ridden work, a fundamental veterinary examination and clearance are required as a part of the application process. The trainer, owner or breeder can apply for the horse to be accepted into the Retraining Program with their only expense being towards the vet check, and transport to the OTTWA Estate. RWWA is providing a \$200 rebate towards the cost of the vet check as well as a rebate towards transportation.

When a horse is accepted into the program, its ownership is then transferred to OTTWA.

More details can be found at <https://www.offthetrackwa.com.au/ottwa-retraining-program/> or by contacting Suzy Jackson, OTTWA Retraining and Rehoming Coordinator on 9445 5371.

Here are a few of the horses that have already been rehomed through the OTTWA Retraining Program.

## BREEZA BELLAS GIRL

### (LEGACY OF POWER USA - BREEZA BELLA)

Sweet little Jane was bred and trained by Barry Anthony, before joining the OTTWA Retraining Program at the age of 11. Jane was assigned to OTTWA Official Retrainers AMT Equestrian in Gidgegannup, for retraining. Jane has excelled under their guidance learning to work with cows and head out on the trails. Jane has found her forever home with a client of AMT Equestrian, Michelle, who will continue to work with the team at AMT to progress Jane's training.



**Photo:** Michelle and Breeza Bellas Girl



## NORVIC NIGHTOWL NZ

**(BETTORS DELIGHT USA - TANIA BROMAC NZ)**

Hoots as he is fondly known, is an 11-year-old and was one of the first horses to graduate through the OTTWA Retraining Program. Hoots had 74 career starts throughout New Zealand and Western Australia earning prize money of \$243,328 across his racing career. Hoots undertook retraining with official OTTWA retrainer Bayley Thomas at Lokenzo Park in the outer suburbs of Perth. Hoots' temperament enabled him to make the transition from racing to pleasure riding horse easily. He has now been rehomed with Alison and they are looking forward to sharing their lives together.

## SUSPICIOUS LIFE

**(LIFE SIGN USA - ANABOLIC ELLE)**

Jezza as he is known to his friends, is a nine-year-old gelding, who was bred by Mike Howie. The gelding had 29 race starts for eight wins, seven placings and \$60,419 in prize money. Jezza's shy nature meant it took him a little while to understand that life wasn't all about being in a cart, but once he took to the saddle there was no stopping him! Jezza is now based on a farm with new owner Shondelle, where the pair enjoy heading out on trail rides with their friends.



# THE OFF THE TRACK WA PASSPORT IS HERE!

The Off the Track WA (OTTWA) Passport is designed to assist Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWWA) in tracing and connecting retired racehorses in WA, and gain a better understanding of their location and life after racing.

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3. Once you find your horse, update its details and upload current photos of its brands.
4. Submit your application to RWWA for review, and allow up to two weeks for the application to be processed.
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# 2021 APG PERTH YEARLING SALE

The 2021 APG Perth Yearling Sale held at the Magic Millions sales complex on Sunday 28 February was an outstanding success, breaking all previous Sales records.

The day's Sale topper was Lot 476, a colt by Captaintreacherous (USA) out of Lavra Florence. prepared by KTC Bloodstock and knocked down at \$130,000 to Gary Hall Snr. The colt is a half brother to exciting three year old Lavra Joe, who days prior to the APG Sale ran an impressive second in the 3YO Colts & Geldings Sales Classic Final at Gloucester Park. He is the highest price yearling sold to date at any APG Australian Yearling Sales this year.

The Perth Yearling Sale Clearance rate was 88%, up by 3% on the previous year and the average price was \$27,313 - up by \$6,542 on the 2020 sale. Twelve yearlings achieved sales prices of \$50,000 or more and 88 Lots were sold on the day, only 12 Lots were passed in, the smallest number of the past 5 years.

Congratulations to all the vendors on producing magnificently turned out yearlings and to all new Owners.

Congratulations to Kerry Lee and Michael Blakemore who each won a \$5,000 APG voucher in the Owners Only Win A Westbred competition. Kerry Lee purchased a share in Lot 461, a colt by Always B Miki (USA) out of Im For Real, in partnership with her daughter Beth and son in-law Aaron Beckett. Michael Blakemore purchased Lot 407, a Double Westbred colt by Fly Like An Eagle out of Shades Of Art.



# WASBA NEWS

## OVER \$1 MILLION IN WESTBRED BONUSES PAID IN FOUR MONTHS

The September to December period, now the final four months of the year under the new racing season rules, resulted in over \$1.1 million in Westbred Bonuses being paid, including over \$400,000 in First win Bonuses. To put this in perspective, this same four month period September to December 2019 resulted in Bonus payments of \$344,000 (about a third), and the full 12 month period September 2019 to August 2020 paid out \$1.9 million. While that was still very nice, the Bonus payments will be well above that for our new 2021 season.

In other good news, the 2019/20 season ending August produced the highest winner to starters and highest starters to foals ratios for the last 8 years, reflecting the positive impact of the maiden races. Keep them coming.

So if you wandered over to the 2020 or 2021 Yearling Sale to purchase your Westbred, or you have bred and are racing your horses, the future looks bright for you. The Westbred Bonus pays down to fourth for every eligible 2YO and 3YO race, which is every race under \$20,000 including Westbred only races.

The highest Bonus earning 2yos for the 12 months ending December were Black Jack Baby, Lavra Joe, American Arma, Robbie Rocket and Powerplay, with four of the five being made available at the 2017 APG WA Yearling Sale, and three of the five being Westsired.

Don't forget that Westbreds four years and over receive the Westbred Bonus and First win Bonus on their first career win, regardless of age.



**PHOTO:** ROBBIE ROCKET (by Follow The Stars), one of the top 5 Westbred earners, winning his 2020 Sales Heat (source WASBA)



## THE 2020 APG WA SALES CLASSIC HEATS

Always some controversy, with everyone so keen to get their 2yo into these lucrative races. While some may be disappointed to have missed out, there is plenty of time left for those that ran but didn't make it to the final, or weren't quite ready to run. The season has another 10 months to go to win race stakes and bonus money as a 2yo, and a full 12 month calendar year as a 3yo racehorse.

For those that did make it to the Sales Heats and did get through to the 2021 Final, congratulations!. Some very impressive performances from the babies, with a number having their first race start. Nervous horses and owners but exemplary behaviour all round.

Stepping out in the first Heat for fillies was the very impressive Jay Elle (Alta Christiano NZ) who put in a great last quarter burst to run down a valiant race leader Sovrana (Betting Line USA) in a very fast 1:57. Both fillies are by first season sires. Another impressive performer, this time leading all the way in the first Heat for the boys, was the gelding Dunamis (Sunshine Beach USA). The second Heat for the fillies was a noteworthy performance by Extraordinary Mary (Fly Like An Eagle) leading all the way and winning by nearly 10m. The second Heat for the boys saw victory to another Betting Line USA performer, the gelding Whataretheodds (excellent name!) in a solid performance after breezing all the way in a fast 1:57.5. The final

Heat for the fillies saw a very nice win to Valhalla Miss (Fly Like An Eagle) leading all the way and winning by nearly 5m. That was the second Heat win by a filly by first season (in WA) sire Fly Like An Eagle. With a 27.2 final quarter the race leader was going to be too hard to catch, and the final Sales Heat went to the colt Rock On Top (A Rocknroll Dance USA) who bolted in by 23m.

In the round-up of the placegetters and likely other Finalists, the prices paid at the Sale varied from \$5,000 to \$56,000. The breeders responsible include Allwood Stud (6), Steve Johnson (5), Karnup Racing and Colleen Lindsay (3), the Charles family and KTC Bloodstock (3) as well as Mike Howie, Harry Capararo and David Fuller/Joy Shrimpton.

The stallions represented include Fly Like An Eagle (4), Follow The Stars (3), Sunshine Beach USA (3), Betting Line USA (2), Alta Christiano NZ (2) and single representatives from A Rocknroll Dance USA, Always B Miki USA, Art Major USA, Betterthancheddar USA, Captaintreacherous USA and Sportswriter USA, with 50% of the likely finalists being Westsired.

So a variety of breeders, a variety of prices, a variety of stallions, lots of hard work and plenty of enjoyment and nervous moments going forward with all the two year olds.



**PHOTO:** Its all serious in Heat 3 with Extraordinary Mary leading (source WASBA)

## A SHOUT OUT TO SOME SPECIAL PEOPLE

The recent fires have shown just how much people have been prepared to help others in a disaster.

Ramsays Horse Transport worked tirelessly to move horses around, with Granthams Horse Transport also supporting the effort. Magic Millions and Muchea Livestock Centre opened their doors to more than 600 animals, mainly horses but others as well. Hundreds of people donated feed for horses that then had to be transported by many, many people who put their hand up to transport the hay and other feed by truck to various destination points from as far away as Geraldton. Then there are the vets who are assisting with injured animals and those stables that had some room that took in extra horses of any breed to keep them safe.

The support is substantial and ongoing. What a wonderful group of people we have within and surrounding our industry. Thank you all so much.

To those who went to Williams and tried their best to assist with "track maintenance", with a number of local and visiting drivers and trainers on the shovel or in the compactor to help the meeting go ahead, it's just another demonstration of how this industry is prepared to help each other when the chips are down. It's just a shame that something avoidable, that was no fault of anyone in harness racing, had to get in the way of a very good meeting at one of our good community clubs.

## WASBA IS LISTENING

We know from your feedback that you have concerns around some issues, especially some race programs and the lifetime handicap of HWOE, and we are working through a number of options with the Harness office in an attempt to address these. Keep your comments coming through so that we can continue to do our work.

When it comes to work we would like to thank all our sponsors on your behalf for the assistance they give us in funding our initiatives, including bonuses, awards, rehoming initiatives, winners' rugs, trophies and garlands and supplementing stakes - Burwood Stud, Cobbity Equine Farm, Global Breeding Farms, Highlight Lodge, KTC Bloodstock, Lauriston Bloodstock, Northern Rivers Equine, Soho Standardbreds and Yirribee Stud. All these studs or owners provided us with fantastic stallions that you could then access at an excellent price. In particular, thanks to Allwood Stud Farm and Woodlands Stud for their significant level of support.

Our other sponsors who help us throughout the year include Ramsays Horse Transport, Budget Stockfeeds, Decron Horse Care, Milne Feeds (WA made Pegasus products), Pacing WA, PSC Bloodstock Services (for all your horse insurance needs) and

Vision Produce. Of course, Ramsays were mentioned earlier for their work throughout the Wooroloo –Bullsbrook fires.

We are always open via Facebook, Messenger, email and phone contacts regarding any racing or breeding matter – we know many of you breed and race. We want to know what is good or bad in the industry from your perspective.

***"Everybody benefits from a strong local breeding industry"***

Our membership year commences 1 September and you are encouraged to join WASBA and actively support Western Australian harness racing. All memberships receive industry notices and monthly Newsletters.

Our website [www.wasba.com.au](http://www.wasba.com.au) is also up and running again, with a different look. Contact WASBA by email [info@wasba.com.au](mailto:info@wasba.com.au), phone 0447 053 040, mail to WASBA, PO Box 3237, East Perth WA 6892 or message us on Facebook or Messenger. Our bank details are Westpac BSB 036 043 account no. 129810, account name WASBA.



# WASBA WESTBRED OF THE QUARTER

With your opportunity to purchase a Westbred at the 2021 Perth APGold Yearling Sale it is timely to reflect on the increased quality of Westbreds currently racing in WA.

Owned and raced by the popular Jim Currie and Liam O'Connor, AMERICAN ARMA is the WASBA Westbred of the quarter. These guys have been breeding and buying yearlings consistently for a many years now and their latest 2YO filly looks to be something special going on her performances so far.

By the super sire of sires American Ideal, American Arma has won five of her six 2YO starts with her only defeat at the hands of the colt Sugar Street (Bettors Delight USA, \$2,581,461, 1:49.8) in a filly's preferred race.

It is not often that any horse has its first start in a metro open race and wins so emphatically, as did American Arma. Great credit should go to Trainer Colin Brown for his skill in educating this filly to be such a professional, particularly given that she recorded a fast 1.56.9 mile rate for the 2130 metre journey. She proved this was no flash in the pan with her other winning mile rates being 1:57.5, 1:58.5, 1:58.5 and 1:56.7. Overall, she has banked \$51,021 from her metro wins along with considerable metro Westbed bonuses. Wouldn't we all like one like her in our stable!

American Ideal (Western Ideal, \$1,455,422, 1:48.0) is one of the hottest sires around with progeny like Magnificent Storm NZ, Patronus Star NZ, Mighty Conqueror NZ all showing exceptional ability here in the west. American Ideal USA has so far sired 14 millionaire earners including local heros My Hard Copy and Soho Tribeca. Bling It On, Heston Blue Chip USA and Hes Watching USA are all sons of American Ideal now available at stud in Australia.

American Arma is the second foal of Jim and Liam's fantastic mare Arma Xpress (Artiscape USA \$1,469,461, 1:49.6), winner of 12 of her 18 starts for earnings of \$279,890. Arma Xpress was an exceptional 2YO winning the \$20,000 Western Crown for 2YO Fillies, the \$100,000 Fillies 2YO Sales Classic, the \$50,000 Champagne Classic, the \$50,000 Westbred Classic, the \$35,000 Gold Bracelet and the prestigious \$125,000 Golden Slipper against the boys. All up she won seven of her first eight starts, her only defeat was at the hands of Northview Punter NZ (Bettors Delight USA) after a little break following her first race campaign.

Arma Express then was off the scene for some fifteen months returning in November 2013, she then won another four in a

row before another break from the track from January to August 2014 when she won again. Following three unplaced starts she was retired from racing with a very impressive record.

Arma Xpress is also the dam of Arma Veyron (Western Terror USA, 2,441,164, 1:47.4) who is also a winner of three races with earnings of \$29,686. Jim and Liam also have a 2017 full brother (named Arma Xfactor) and a 2018 colt by A Rocknroll Dance USA, sire of their nice Group 1 winning gelding Its Rock N Roll 1:51.8, purchased at the 2017 APG WA Sale.

Arma Antoinette NZ (Holmes Hanover USA) the 2nd dam of American Arma was also a winner from a handful of starts and at stud produced four other winners with Arma Xpress being by far the best. Arma Class NZ (Talk About Class USA) the 3rd dam was another winner and has left six winners from eight foal that have raced.

Arma Class was out of Ar Miss (Armbro Del USA), the 1982 NZ Broodmare of the Year who was a NZ Oaks winner in 1972 amongst her eight wins and \$17,755 in 1968 \$. Of note she is the dam of Champion NZ mare Armalight NZ (Timely Knight USA) who took 1:55.4 race mark and earnings of \$277,520 back in the early 80's. Armalight won the 1980 NZ Oaks and GN Oaks as a 3YO - earning her NZ Filly of the Year accolades - as well as the NZ FFA and NZ Cup in 1981 and the 1983 Auckland Cup. In 1982 she was voted NZ Mare of the Year and NZ Harness Horse of the Year. Armalight was inducted into the NZ Hall of Fame in 1993. In all she produced six winners from six foal that raced

American Arma is from the Lady Antrim Family N31. This family includes the millionaires Ohoka Punter \$1,177,323, 1:52.4 and Spankem \$1,532,659, 1:47.7 along with horses of the calibre of Excel Stride \$769,464, 1:50.3, Majestic Mach \$796,397, 1:53.9 and Colt Thirty One \$988,831.



Photo: American Arma



## Advantages of Racing a Westbred

**Regardless of where the sire was located at time of service, a filly or colt foaled, notified, registered and branded in WA is a Westbred and is eligible for all the benefits of the Westbred Bonus Scheme, arguably the best overall Bonus Program currently operating in Australia.**

You can breed your own Westbred or buy a Westbred, with the next APG Yearling Sale in February 2021.

**Westbred Bonuses are paid EVERY TIME to the (racebook) owner of a Westbred placed 1<sup>ST</sup> to 4<sup>TH</sup> in a WA 2YO or 3YO race where the advertised stake is <\$20,000**

### WESTBRED OWNER BONUS AMOUNT – 2YO and 3YO races

(Stakes less than \$15,000)		(Stakes \$15,000 to \$19,999)	
1ST	\$2,550	1ST	\$4,250
2ND	\$675	2ND	\$1,125
3RD	\$338	3RD	\$565
4TH	\$187	4TH	\$310

**If your Westbred is “Westbred” (sired by a stallion based in WA at time of service), he/she wins double (ie \$5,100 or \$8,500) the Westbred Win Bonus when winning the above races.**

**A first win bonus of \$3,000 is paid to both the breeder and the ‘racebook owner’ of a Westbred on its first WA win, regardless of age or race stakes.**

Ie In a 2YO or 3YO race <\$20,000, \$5,550 (\$8,100 if Westbred), up to \$7,250 (\$11,500 Westbred) is paid to the owners for a first win, **plus** race stakes **plus** \$3,000 to the breeder. In other races, Westbred 3yos receive the \$3,000 owner and \$3,000 breeder first win bonus but no Westbred Bonus. For Westbreds over 3, the Westbred Bonus/First win Bonus \$5,550 or Westbred \$8,100 (owner) and \$3,000 (breeder) is paid.

Race winning fillies and mares, also receive an amount equal to 10% of a winning stake, set aside in the Epona Scheme (capped at \$5,000), which is over and above the race stakes and is retained by the mare until used for a stallion service, provided the mare is served in Western Australia.

### What Else can you Win?

Unlike Bonus Schemes in other states, the Group 1 WA Sales Races (horses sold at the annual WA yearling sale) and the Pearl Classic and Diamond Classic are the only races requiring nomination and continuation payments to remain eligible. There are separate fillies and colts Sales Finals for 2 year olds (\$100,000) and 3 year olds (\$50,000), with similar stakes for the Pearl (colts and geldings) and Diamond (fillies) races.

As well as 2yo, 3yo and 3yo and over races restricted to Westbreds, the 2 and 3yo calendar is supported by multiple Group races.

**IT PAYS TO BE WESTBRED - All up it's around \$4 million annually just for Westbred progeny - \$2 Million in Westbred and First win Bonuses, over \$1 million in normal races restricted to Westbreds, and \$1 million in feature races for Westbreds**





Major Group race summary – 2YO and 3YO:

MAJOR TWO YEAR OLD RACES	MAJOR THREE YEAR OLD RACES
\$20,000 Western Crown (c & g) \$20,000 Western Crown (fillies)	<b>\$25,000 Country Oaks (fillies)#</b> <b>\$30,000 Country Derby#</b>
<b>\$25,000 Westsired Finals**#</b>	\$50,000 Daintys Daughter Classic (Fillies)
\$30,000 Gold Bracelet (Fillies)	\$40,000 Caduceus Club Classic
\$50,000 Champagne Classic	\$50,000 Western Gateway Pace
\$100,000 Pearl Classic (c & g)	\$50,000 WA Sales Classics **
\$100,000 Diamond Classic (Fillies)	\$50,000 Pearl (c & g) & Diamond (Fillies)
<b>\$225,000 Westbred Classics **#</b>	<b>\$100,000 Westbred Classics **#</b>
\$100,000 WA Sales Classics **	\$150,000 Oaks (Fillies only)
\$125,000 2yo Golden Slipper	\$200,000 WA Derby
<b>** Separate races for each sex, # restricted to Westbreds</b>	

**Not sure if your mare is suitable to breed from? Unraced? Non winner?**

**Below are some top Australasian horses from mares with limited or no racing success:**

Horse	Earnings	Dam	Dam Earnings
Bling It On	\$1,836,237	Allatglittersisgold	Unraced
Blacks A Fake	\$4,575,438	Colada Hanover	\$10,159
Christian Cullen	\$1,249,150	Pleasant Franco	\$12,703
Im Themightyquinn	\$4,567,456	Love Sign	Raced, \$0
Maczaffair	\$ 507,497	Presidential Affair	\$1,356 from 14 starts
Our Sir Vancelot	\$2,197,990	Teeny Teeny	\$10,310
Tiger Tara	\$2,375,065	Tara Gold	Unraced
Vultan Tin	\$ 570,286	Ellevarrac	\$12,896
Village Kid	\$2,117,870	Totara Valley	Raced, \$0

**Super Smooth**, unraced, dam of **Scuse Me** 1:53.5 \$126,841 who is the dam of **Adore Me, Have Faith In Me, Imagine Me** and **Splendid Dreams** (the dam of **Hands Christian, Christen Me** and **Our Dream About Me**). Over \$7 million dollars in earnings from just two generations of the progeny of the unraced 1989 mare Super Smooth.

**Professional Lass**, born in WA, won \$2,430, dam of **Bonnie Blue Eyes** \$87,565 the dam of **No Blue Manna** \$628,157, **Black And Blue** \$212,495 etc family of **Cott Beach** and **Longreach Bay** etc.

**Amarillen**, born in Tasmania, won \$50, dam of **Villagem** 1:52.1 \$626,585, **Nostra Beach** 1:53.5 \$266,190, **Miss Graceland** 1:54.0 \$244,658 and the unraced **Pixel Perfect** who is the dam of **Soho Tribeca** 1:53.8 \$1,103,854 and **Carlas Pixel** \$480,128.

**Hold Tight** (unraced) is the dam of **Like A Dame** 2:02.0 \$10,312, the dam of **David Hercules** 1:52.7 \$1,263,159. Hold Tight is also the dam of the unraced **Gaetana Nicole** the dam of **Major Martini**.

## STEWARDS NOTICES

### NOTICE TO HARNESS TRAINERS - TRIALLING AFTER A LENGTHY SPELL

In order to properly assess and demonstrate the fitness of a horse after having not started in a race or trial for an extended period of time, as of the 1st January 2021, except with the permission of Stewards, any Standardbred horse which has not started in a race or trial for a period of 12 months, must first trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being permitted to race.

Trainers are advised that any nomination made for a horse to enter a race, that does not meet the above requirements, will be refused.

### NOTICE TO HARNESS TRAINERS - HARNESS FREQUENT STARTS POLICY

Controlling bodies are responsible for upholding a higher level of supervision, welfare/veterinary checks, and regulation in respect of horses that race on frequent occasions in a short period of time.

A policy addressing frequency of starts in Harness racing has been developed by RWWA in consultation with industry and has been endorsed by the RWWA Integrity Assurance Committee.

The following policy will apply to all Harness racing horses in Western Australia from 1 January 2021.

A Standardbred horse will only be permitted to start in a maximum of 6 races and/or official trials in any 28-day period.

Any horse nominated for a race or official trial that has reached the maximum number of starts through races and/or official trials, (i.e., Nominated to start for a 7th time in any 28-day period) will have this nomination refused.

### LOCATION OF HORSES - STABLE RETURNS

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

Rule 25(1) states:

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

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

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

The above rule makes reference to a stable return being 'lodged within the time determined by the Controlling Body'. Please note this timeframe is:

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

Please also note that Rule 119B states:

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

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

### DEREGISTRATION

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

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

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

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

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

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



# STEWARDS NOTICES

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## PRIORITIES REGARDING HORSES TO BE DRIVEN

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

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

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

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

## TEMPORARILY IN CHARGE OF A HORSE

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Rule 119A(1) states:

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

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

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

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

## TRAINERS OBLIGATIONS

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### TRAINERS WITH MULTIPLE RUNNERS IN ANY ONE RACE

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

## HORSE UNATTENDED

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

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

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

## OBLIGATION TO REPORT

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

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

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

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

## VETERINARY NOTICES

The presence of prohibited substances in racehorses is viewed very seriously and punishments in this area are generally severe. Therefore Racing and Wagering WA would like to draw the attention of trainers to Harness rule of Racing 190, which states in part: "A horse shall be presented for a race free of prohibited substances".

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

For advice on the use of products that may contain prohibited substances trainers should consult their veterinarian, or contact the RWWA Veterinary Department on (08) 9445 5459 or (08) 9445 5305 or [vets@rwwa.com.au](mailto:vets@rwwa.com.au)

### INDUSTRY NOTICE - THRESHOLDS FOR COBALT

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

Please be aware that:

In the RWWA rules of Harness Racing the current threshold for cobalt is 100 micrograms per litre ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) in urine and 25  $\mu\text{g/L}$  in plasma.

Therefore trainers are advised:

- That a normal racing diet is more than sufficient to meet a horse's nutritional requirements for cobalt and vitamin B12.
- That registered injectable cobalt supplements offer no nutritional advantages because incorporation of cobalt into the vitamin B12 molecule occurs within the horse's gut.
- To consult with their veterinarians to ensure that their oral supplementation regimen provides only the amount of cobalt necessary to meet the scientifically established nutritional requirements of the horse for cobalt.
- To administer only nutritional supplements that are manufactured or marketed by reputable companies and to administer such supplements only at the manufacturer's recommended dose and frequency of administration.

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

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

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

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

### RWWA HARNESS INDUSTRY NOTICE - RULE HR 196B

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

Implications of HR 196B

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

### Background

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

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

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

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

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

It should be noted that this three day detection time for dexamethasone sodium phosphate is longer than the detection time of 48 hours previously reported in the

Australian Equine Veterinary Association (now Equine Veterinarians Australia – EVA) publication ‘Detection of Therapeutic Substances in Racing Horses’ (‘The White Book’), using the analytical methodology at that time.

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

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

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

## **TESTING OF NON-RACE DAY (ELECTIVE) SAMPLES**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### ARSENIC - NOTICE TO HORSE TRAINERS

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

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

Registered veterinary products that contain Arsenic -based compounds include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 February, 2018.

### NOTICE TO TRAINERS RE ALTRENOGEST PRODUCTS

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

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

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

Trainers are reminded of the requirement for all treatments to be recorded by midnight on the day on which the treatment was given.

### HARNESS RULE OF RACING - ADMINISTRATION OF ALKALINISING AGENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

A clear day is not the 24 hour period prior to the time of racing.

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



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

This rule does not prohibit the use of balanced, commercial electrolyte supplements or feeds which may contain some alkalising agents, but which can be demonstrated to have negligible effects on plasma TCO<sub>2</sub> when administered in feed according to the manufacturer’s recommendations for normal daily use. These commercial balanced electrolyte supplements may be fed in normally recommended amounts within the one clear day. Examples of normal balanced electrolyte products would include such proprietary preparations as; Applyte Gel®, Electromix®, Electro Paste®, Electrovote Paste®, Equilyte®, Endura-Max®, Endura-Max Paste®, Equicharge®, Horsport®, Humidimix®, KelatoLYTE Electrolyte Replacer®, Ranvet Electrolytes®, Recharge®, Restore®, Salkavite® and Vetsense®.

Regardless of the operation of this rule, in the event that an elevated level of TCO<sub>2</sub> beyond the threshold is detected from any sample taken by the Stewards, the rule does not provide a defence to a charge laid against a person under the Rules. Consequently even if a product that is described or may be described as a ‘balanced electrolyte supplement’, such as the examples above, is fed/administered and a horse returns an elevated level of TCO<sub>2</sub> greater than 36.0mm/L, the absolute and strict liability operation of the ‘presentation’ rule remains and an offence is committed.

## CONTROL OF RACE DAY TREATMENT/MEDICATION OF RACEHORSES

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

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

### ***Topical application of hoof oils/dressings/grooming products***

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

The application of commercial baby oil or petroleum jelly preparations to lubricate/prevent chaffing of a body area, or

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

### ***Shampoos and fly sprays***

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

### ***Physical therapy as treatment***

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

### ***The application of ice/cold water to musculoskeletal structures***

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

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

### ***-OOOOOpreparations***

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

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

Treatments/medications prohibited on race day prior to the race

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### ***Routes of administration***

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

### ***Clay poultices***

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

### ***Glycerine and Vicks Vaporub®***

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

### ***Physical therapy as treatment***

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

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

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

Shock wave treatment of racehorses is prohibited for seven clear days prior to racing.



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## CONTROL OF RACE DAY MEDICATION INFORMATION

A FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF AUSTRALIAN RACING IS THAT HORSES MUST RACE FREE OF THE PHARMACOLOGICAL (OR TOXICOLOGICAL) EFFECT OF DRUGS OR OTHER SUBSTANCES.

TO ASSIST IN MAINTAINING THIS PRINCIPLE, IT IS **NOT PERMITTED TO ADMINISTER ANY MEDICATION TO A HORSE ON RACE DAY PRIOR TO IT RUNNING IN A RACE**

**"MEDICATION"** MEANS ANY TREATMENT WITH DRUGS OR OTHER SUBSTANCES.

AS A GENERAL PRINCIPLE, ANY SUBSTANCE ADMINISTERED WITH THE INTENT OR HOPE OF ACHIEVING A PHARMACOLOGICAL EFFECT / THERAPEUTIC EFFECT WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A MEDICATION UNDER THE RULES.

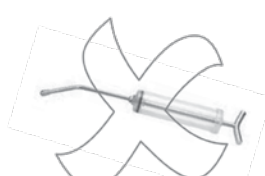
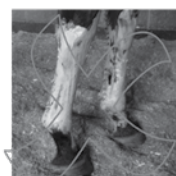
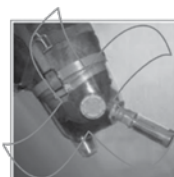
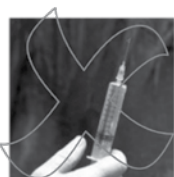
### PRODUCTS THAT CLAIM TO PROVIDE PHARMACOLOGICAL EFFECTS AND TO BE UNDETECTABLE.

THERE ARE NUMEROUS PRODUCTS, OFTEN HERBAL OR HOMEOPATHIC PREPARATIONS, THAT CLAIM TO PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT PHARMACOLOGICAL EFFECTS SUCH AS A DIURETIC ACTION, ANALGESIA, ANTI-INFLAMMATORY ACTIONS OR BRONCHODILATOR ACTIONS AND ALSO CLAIM TO BE UNDETECTABLE BY LABORATORY TESTING.

THESE TYPES OF PRODUCTS FALL WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF A MEDICATION AND ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE ADMINISTERED TO A HORSE ON RACE DAY PRIOR TO A RACE.

### ROUTES OF ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION **NOT** PERMITTED ON RACE DAY

**ANY SUBSTANCE** ADMINISTERED TO A HORSE ON RACEDAY PRIOR TO RACING BY INJECTION, STOMACH TUBE, PASTE, DOSE SYRINGE, TOPICAL APPLICATION OR BY INHALATION, AMONGST ANY OTHER ROUTES OF ADMINISTRATION, **WILL BE CONSIDERED A MEDICATION.** ONLY NORMAL FEEDING AND SUPPLEMENTATION, ACCORDING TO MANUFACTURE'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NORMAL DAILY USE, THAT CAN BE ACHIEVED BY THE HORSE VOLUNTARILY EATING OR DRINKING THE FEEDSTUFF CAN BE CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE ON THE DAY OF RACING.



### PHYSICAL THERAPIES **NOT** PERMITTED ON RACE DAY

THE FOLLOWING PHYSICAL TREATMENTS ARE **NOT** PERMITTED, BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS, TO BE USED AT ANYTIME BEFORE RACING ON THE DAY OF RACING.

**PHYSICAL TREATMENTS WHICH ARE NOT TO BE GIVEN ON RACE DAY INCLUDE:** BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

ACUPUNCTURE (INCLUDING LASER AND INFRA-RED TREATMENT)  
TRANSCUTANEOUS ELECTRICAL NERVE STIMULATION (TENS)

MAGNETIC FIELD THERAPY  
AND ANY OTHER FORM OF ELECTRICAL STIMULATION

THERAPEUTIC ULTRASOUND

**EXTRA- CORPOREAL SHOCK WAVE (ESWT)** TREATMENT OF RACEHORSES IS PROHIBITED FOR **SEVEN (7) CLEAR DAYS** PRIOR TO RACING.



### PERMITTED ON RACE DAY

#### **APPLICATION OF ICE / COLD WATER TO MUSCULOSKELETAL STRUCTURES**

THE APPLICATION OF ICE OR CHILLED WATER, WHIRLPOOL BOOTS OR SYSTEMS SUCH AS 'GAME READY', TO MUSCULOSKELETAL STRUCTURES IS PERMITTED ON THE MORNING OF RACE DAY IN THE STABLES BUT IS **NOT PERMITTED ON THE RACECOURSE PRIOR TO A HORSE RUNNING IN A RACE.**



#### **SEEK PERMISSION — TOPICAL APPLICATIONS**

WHILE TOPICAL APPLICATIONS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE MEDICATIONS, CIRCUMSTANCES MAY ARISE WHEN A HORSE MAY SUFFER A MINOR INJURY, THAT DOES NOT AFFECT ITS SUITABILITY TO RACE BUT WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROPHYLACTIC APPLICATION OF A TOPICAL ANTIBIOTIC OR ANTISEPTIC.

IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, A **TRAINER MUST APPLY PRIOR TO THE STEWARDS** FOR PERMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE MEDICATION.



#### **THE APPLICATION OF HOOF OILS**

THE APPLICATION OF ROUTINE HOOF OILS IS PERMITTED ON THE DAY OF RACING, EXCEPT IF THAT PRODUCTS CONTAINS MEDICATIONS OR HERBS THAT CLAIM THERAPEUTIC EFFECTS SUCH AS ANALGESIA OR ANTI-INFLAMMATORY ACTIONS.



#### **BABY OIL & PETROLEUM JELLY**

BABY OIL & PETROLEUM JELLY ARE PERMITTED.



#### **SHAMPOOS & FLY SPRAYS**

SHAMPOOS & FLY SPRAYS ARE PERMITTED.



#### **VIBRATORY MASSAGE E.G. EQUISSAGE**

VIBRATORY MASSAGE SYSTEMS MAY BE USED IN THE STABLE ON THE MORNING OF THE RACE DAY BUT ARE **NOT PERMITTED ON THE RACECOURSE.**



IF YOU ARE UNSURE PLEASE CONTACT RWWA VETERINARY DEPARTMENT (08) 9445 5459 OR STEWARDS (HARNESS (08) 9445 5157) (THOROUGHBRED (08) 9445 5570)

This should not be regarded as a substitute for a comprehensive study of the Australian and WA Local Rules of Racing which are available at <http://www.rwwa.com.au/home/industry/rules-policies.html>

## HARNESS RACING CLEAR DAY RULE CHARTS

THE CHARTS BELOW RELATE TO HARNESS RULES OF RACING WHICH PROHIBIT THE ADMINISTRATION OF SUBSTANCES OR TREATMENTS FOR A NUMBER OF DAYS AND/OR CLEAR DAYS PRIOR TO A RACE OR OFFICIAL TRIAL.

THESE CHARTS SEEK TO ASSIST THE TRAINER BY VISUALLY SHOWING THE DAYS ON WHICH SUBSTANCES OR TREATMENTS CANNOT BE ADMINISTERED.

THE YELLOW HIGHLIGHTS REPRESENT CLEAR DAYS ON WHICH THE SUBSTANCE OR TREATMENT CAN NOT BE ADMINISTERED. THE GREEN HIGHLIGHTS REPRESENT THE DAY OF THE RACE OR OFFICIAL TRIAL. THE RED HIGHLIGHTS REPRESENT THE LAST DAY THE SUBSTANCE OR TREATMENT CAN BE ADMINISTERED. SUBSTANCES OR TREATMENTS CANNOT BE ADMINISTERED ON THE DAY OF A RACE OR OFFICIAL TRIAL, PRIOR TO THAT RACE OR OFFICIAL TRIAL.

### 7 DAYS — SHOCK WAVE THERAPY (HR 213B)

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	SHOCK WAVE	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	RACEDAY OR TRIAL			
				SHOCK WAVE	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	RACEDAY OR TRIAL

### 1 CLEAR DAY — INJECTIONS (HR 196B) & ALKALINISING AGENTS (HR 196C)

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
ALL INJECTIONS ALKALINISING AGENT ADMINISTRATION	CLEAR DAY	RACE DAY				
			ALL INJECTIONS ALKALINISING AGENT ADMINISTRATION	CLEAR DAY	RACE DAY	

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

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
STOMACH TUBING TREATMENT ATOMISER OR FACE MASK USE (with prohibited substances)	CLEAR DAY	RACE DAY				
			STOMACH TUBING TREATMENT ATOMISER OR FACE MASK USE (with prohibited substances)	CLEAR DAY	RACE DAY	

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	EXEMPTED SUBSTANCES	RACE DAY				
				EXEMPTED SUBSTANCES	RACE DAY	

THE FOLLOWING ORALLY ADMINISTERED SUBSTANCES ARE EXEMPTED FROM THE PROVISIONS OF RULE HR188A, AND MAY BE ADMINISTERED UP TO BUT NOT INCLUDING THE DAY OF A RACE

ANTIMICROBIALS (ANTIBIOTICS) - BUT NOT PROCAINE PENICILLIN  
 RANITIDINE (E.G. ULCERGUARD®)  
 BROMHEXINE  
 DEMBEXINE  
 ALTRENOGEST WHEN ADMINISTERED TO FILLIES AND MARES (E.G. REGUMATE®)

ANTIPARASITICS APPROVED AND REGISTERED FOR USE IN HORSES  
 OMEPRAZOLE (E.G. GASTROZOL®, OMOGUARD®)  
 CHONDROITIN SULPHATE (E.G. COSEQUIN EQUINE®)  
 GLUCOSAMINE (E.G. JOINT GUARD®)

IF YOU ARE UNSURE PLEASE CONTACT RWWA STEWARDS (08) 9445 5157 OR VETERINARY DEPARTMENT OR (08) 9445 5459

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# AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF RACING

## NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO RWWA RULES OF HARNESS RACING APPLICABLE 1 AUGUST 2020

In accordance with Section 45 (1) (b) of the Racing and Wagering Western Australia Act 2003, notice is hereby given that the Board of Racing and Wagering WA has resolved that the RWWA Rules of Harness Racing be amended as follows;

Harness Racing Australia advised of amendments to the National Rules which are applicable in Western Australia as from 1 August 2020. These rules changes have also resulted in some amendments to Local Rules as mentioned below.

### Rule amendments

#### **Amend definition of "Racing Year" in Schedule 1 Dictionary**

*"Racing year" means the period commencing 1st January in a calendar year and concluding on 31st December in the same year.*

#### **Amend Rules 92(1), 92(2)**

##### **92. Age**

- Save and except for sub-rule (2), provided that the service date of the foal is on or after 1st September the age of a horse shall be reckoned as beginning on 1st January in the next but one racing year.*
- If a horse is foaled in New Zealand between 1st August and 31st August inclusive its age shall be reckoned as beginning on 1st January in the next but one racing year.*

#### **Amend listing of Local Rule 35A to be re-listed as Rule 35A. Repeal Rules 35A(1), 35A(2). Add new Local Rule 35A**

##### **35A. Conditions and Restrictions (listing amended 1/8/20 formerly LR35A)**

- (Repealed 1/8/20)*
- (Repealed 1/8/20)*
- A horse shall not compete in a trial before it attains the age of 2 years. LR 35A Yearlings*

##### **LR35A Yearlings**

*If a horse is a yearling:*

*(a) the horse is ineligible for; and*

*(b) a person must not enter or start the horse in, any race or official trial*

*to be conducted prior to the 1st of September.*

Advice from HRA in relation to these amendments;



The Executive of Harness Racing Australia wishes to advise that the current 2019/20 racing season has been extended to 31 December 2020.

Following the determination of the Executive and approval of the HRA Members, the racing season has been extended to the calendar year end. The HRA Executive determined that the extension of this season allows the various State Controlling Bodies time to consider the reprogramming of various Feature and Futurity Races which have been, or will be, impacted by the direct or related effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The extension to the season is for the current 2019/20 racing season only and does not alter the breeding season. From a racing perspective, all Standardbreds will keep their current age through to 31 December 2020.

For further information, contact Harness Racing Australia by email to: [hra@hra.com.au](mailto:hra@hra.com.au)

With regard to National rule 35A in WA this rule currently appears as Local Rule 35A but the wording is identical to that of the pre 1 August 2020 National Rule. Local Rule 35A is therefore amended so that it is listed as a National Rule rather than a Local Rule.

The amendments to these rules will result in the commencement of two year old racing in January 2021. To be able to race a 2 year old it will need to have trialled but Rule 35A(3) states;

*"A horse shall not compete in a trial before it attains the age of 2 years".*

Due to the change in racing season we need to allow yearlings to trial prior to turning two year old on the 1st January 2021 as they will not be eligible to qualify to race as a 2 year old unless they have trialled. Under the current rule 2 year olds can trial from 1st September and a new local rule has been added, under the exceptional circumstances presented to us by the change of season, to allow yearlings to trial to ensure we can start 2 year old racing in January. The above new Local Rule 35 therefore needs to be added to allow yearlings to trial leading up to the 1st January 2021.

#### **Delete and replace the Australian Handicapping Rules**

The current Australian Handicapping Rules have also been deleted and replaced. These rules have no current effect in Western Australia due to RWWA's Conditioned Racing System which came into effect on 16 November 2018, however they are updated within our rule book as they are used by the RWWA Racing Department when re-handicapping interstate horses that are to race in WA.

Harness Racing Australia (HRA) advised of amendments to the National Rules which are applicable in Western Australia as from 1 September 2020.

## NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO RWWA RULES OF HARNESS RACING APPLICABLE 1 SEPTEMBER 2020

Harness Racing Australia advised of the below amendments to the National Rules which are applicable in Western Australia as from 1 September 2020.

A HRA news article in relation to the below whip rule and an educational video appear on the HRA website.

### Rule amendments

#### **Add definition:**

**"Breeding Season"** means the period commencing 1 September

## AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF RACING

in a calendar year and ending 31 August in the following calendar year.

### Whip rules amendments

#### Amend Rule 156(2)(a),(b)

- (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.

Add new Rule 156(4)(d)

(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:-

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

The Harness Racing Australia website contains a news article in relation to these whips rules and an educational video.

### Sire summary sheet and related matters

Renumber existing Rule 275(6) to 275(8) and existing Rule 275(7) to 275(9)

Add new rules 275(6) and 275(7)

275.(6) (a) Subject to paragraph (b), in a breeding season the total number of mares bred in accordance with Parts 18 and 19 of these Rules to a sire registered in Australia including free returns from a previous breeding season shall not exceed 150.

(b) In the breeding season commencing 1 September 2020 and ending 31 August 2021 the total number of mares bred to a stallion registered in Australia may exceed 150 to a maximum of 170 provided that:

- (i) each additional foal is the progeny of a free return to that sire; and,
- (ii) the free return must be to the same mare and that sire; and,
- (iii) the studmaster has made written application to HRA to use the free return and the application has been approved.

(7) A horse that is foaled in contravention of sub-rule (6) shall not be eligible for registration.

(8) The Controlling Body may from time to time change the information required to be recorded under this rule, the way in which it is recorded and the manner, form and time in which information is to be supplied, materials or documents lodged or issued, or application made to the Controlling Body or other

person.

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

### Transported Semen

Add new Rule 285A(1) and 285A(2)

285A.(1) (a) Semen from an Australian registered sire which has died or disappeared or been gelded shall, subject to sub-paragraph (b) only be used in the breeding season in which the sire has died or disappeared or been gelded or the next breeding season.

(b) If a broodmare has been inseminated by the sire which has died or disappeared or been gelded and that insemination did not produce a live foal then the progeny of a subsequent insemination of the same broodmare by the same sire shall be eligible for registration in the second breeding season following the death or disappearance or gelding of the sire.

(2) The provisions of sub-rule (1) do not apply to a registered standardbred which has prior to 1 September, 2020 died, disappeared or been gelded.



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## MICROCHIPPING OF STANDARDBRED FOALS

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

The cost of the individual microchips for the WA industry will be covered by HRA for the first three years of the program and will be provided free of charge to the breeder. The payment of costs of the microchip will be reviewed after this three year period. Therefore in line with the new national requirement, all foals registered in WA from 1 September 2017 will be microchipped once their registration fees have been paid to RWWA.

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

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

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

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

6. Once confirmation of DNA is received the breeder (or new owner) the Naming form to register the foal's name.

## RACING COLOURS WITH LOGOS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### **NOTICE TO ALL RACING PARTICIPANTS**

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#### **Transfer of Ownership**

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

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

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

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

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

### **REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES**

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Trainers are advised not to lodge a Stable Return for a horse unless they are in possession of the horse's Registration Certificate or have access to the electronic certificate in HarnessWeb.

The brand on the Registration Certificate should match the brand on the horse and should be the brand written on the Stable Return or appearing on the HarnessWeb site.

### **NAMING POLICY - HARNESS**

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

This policy also relates to the naming of Standardbred horses, and the relevant documentation submitted by applicants. RWWA now accept clear copies of the application to name a standardbred.

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

When making application for naming, the issued Branding Notification Advice / Application for Naming - Harness form must be correctly completed, signed and returned to RWWA with the correct fee. Licensing and Registration will accept a

correctly completed electronic copy of both sides of the form with accompanying credit or debit card payment details as a means of commencing the naming process. Please contact RWWA Licensing & Registration department on 9445 5558 to obtain details of current fees.

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

### **ATTENTION ALL BREEDERS/STUD MASTERS LATE FEES**

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

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

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

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

### **FREEZE BRANDING**

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

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## CLEARANCE OF HORSES - DOCUMENTATION AND FEES

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

## 21. 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.

## NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNERS

### "APPROVED PROMOTERS"

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

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

Person	Name	AFSL No:	*Conditions
P V Morley	Belhus Racing Stables Grand Syndicates	226693	1 (a) & (b)
B E Saxild	OZ Racing Pty Ltd	269277	1 (b)
WATA	TrotSynd Pty Ltd	269076	1 (a) & (b)
D. Connell (contact - M. Cullen)	Thoroughbred Trainers Service Centre Ltd.	288213	1 (a) & (b)
T. Johnson	Stable Connect Pty Ltd	336964	1 (a) & (b)
J V O'Neill	Prime Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd	226395	1 (a) & (b)
R J Slade	Slade Bloodstock Pty Ltd	226373	1 (a) & (b)

### Australian Financial Services Licence \*Conditions

1. This licence authorises the licensee to carry on a financial services business to:
  - (a) provide financial product advice for the following classes of financial products:
    - (i) interests in managed investment schemes limited to:
      - (A) horse racing schemes only; and
      - (b) deal in a financial product by:

- (i) issuing, applying for, acquiring, varying or disposing of a financial product in respect of the following classes of financial products:
  - (A) interests in managed investment schemes limited to:
    - (1) horse racing schemes only; to retail clients.

## GUIDELINES TO APPLY FOR A TRAINERS LICENCE

Please read this information carefully

### TRAINER'S LICENCE GRADES

Grade "A" is licensed to train any horse.

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

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

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

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

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

Furnish three references from industry participants.

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

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

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

Furnish a Medical History and RWWA Medical Examination Report

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

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

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

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



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### GUIDELINES TO APPLY FOR A HARNESS RACING DRIVER'S LICENCE

Please read this information carefully

#### DRIVER'S LICENCE GRADES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Have at least 6 months experience in the racing industry and have held a current driving stable hand licence for at least 6 months unless otherwise waived by the Stewards.
2. Provide a written curriculum vitae detailing experience within the industry including racing industry employment history.
3. Complete a theoretical test of the applicant's horse knowledge and understanding of the RWWA Harness Rules, Regulations and Policies.
4. Undergo a driving assessment by the RWWA Driving Master or Steward
5. If required, submit to an interview with the licensing steward.
6. Enrol in the required units from the Racing Training Package as specified by RWWA
7. If a period of 12 months has elapsed since last providing a sample of urine for testing for Drugs of Abuse the applicant may be requested to submit a further sample.

Requirements upon Approval being granted:

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

2. In any circumstance, the maintenance of a Grade "C" driver licence requires the holder to complete 10 satisfactory trial drives per year, signed by the RWWA Driving Master or Stewards, evidence to be forwarded at the time of renewal.
3. A minimum of 10 satisfactory Trial drives must be completed within a 12-month period as part of the required minimum 30 satisfactory trial drives in order to be eligible to apply for upgrade of licence to Grade 'B'. Satisfactory trials constitute driving a variety of horses in both stand and mobile trials demonstrating competence in applying race driving techniques to the satisfaction of the Driving Master and Stewards.
4. Grade "C" drivers designated as trainees are required to wear a reflective vest (supplied upon granting of license) in all trials and also attend RWWA Driving Master review and education sessions as required.
5. It is necessary for at least 4 drives on 4 separate occasions to be at Byford unless otherwise directed by the Stewards.
6. Grade "C" drivers designated as trainees are required to have attended to the satisfaction of the Stewards during their time of such registration as indicated:
  - (a) Observed Stewards race related Inquiry and/or Protest
  - (b) Observed starts with starter for standing and mobile
  - (c) Observed race with Judge
  - (d) Witnessed equine sample collection process and procedure
  - (e) Driven in a number of pre race warm-ups

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

1. Have satisfactorily met all the requirements outlined above in relation to requirements of Grade "C" drivers within 12-months of commencing such registration.
2. Have held a Grade "C" drivers licence for a minimum of 6-months, or received approval for variation from the Chief Steward (Harness).
3. Applications for upgrade in excess of 12-months from commencement may be granted at the discretion of the Stewards, but will require a stewards interview and may require the resitting of the theoretical test.
4. Submit a fully completed and signed application "Application for Upgrade to Grade "B" Driver and relevant fee.
5. If a period of 12-months has elapsed since last providing a sample of urine for testing for Drugs of Abuse the applicant may be requested to submit a further sample. (The cost of analysis must be paid at the time the application is lodged.)
6. If required, submit to an interview before the Licensing steward to assess suitability for approval to Grade "B". Assessment to include knowledge of race driving, relevant rules etc.

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

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

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

RWWA Driving Master 0434 609 604

Licensing and Registrations 9445 5558

## GUIDELINES TO APPLY FOR A STABLEHANDS LICENCE

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Please read this information carefully

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

### STABLEHANDS LICENCE GRADES

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

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

(STABLEHAND DRIVING) applicant must

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

(STABLEHAND NON DRIVING) applicant must

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

If you have any queries regarding your application please contact:

(08) 9445 5558 (Harness Licensing Officer)

## LICENSEES AND CLUBS

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

<http://www.jltspport.com.au/harnessracing/index.aspx>

## TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OR LEASE AGREEMENTS - CONTINGENCIES

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

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

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

## TRANSFER'S OF OWNERSHIP - POLICY ADVICE

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

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

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

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### PHOTOS TO BE PROVIDED

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All licensee's new and existing have been asked to provide a photo for our records and the upgraded licence card.

Headshot from the shoulders up on a white background. The photo can be taken with your phone and text to 0418 104 309 with your name or emailed to [licreginfo@rwwa.com.au](mailto:licreginfo@rwwa.com.au).

### ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS FOR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP & LEASES

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

### STANDARD BRED RACEHORSE SYNDICATION

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Any person wishing to promote or buy shares in the syndicated ownership of a racehorse should refer to the PUBLIC PROMOTERS OF SYNDICATION section on the RWWA website.

This section has details of the obligations of persons wishing to promote the syndication of racehorses. Prospective buyers of syndicate shares should read the documents in this section before buying a share in a syndicate.

### OWNERS NOTE SYNDICATES & PARTNERSHIPS

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

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

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

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

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

The promoter is required to have an Australian Financial Services

Licence (AFSL).

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

RWWA is a Lead Regulator and as such is required;

- (a) to keep a register of all promoters of horse racing schemes to which the co-regulation arrangements applies;
- (b) to register schemes which the lead regulator has agreed to regulate;
- (c) to ensure that a promoter's disclosure statement or offer document contains sufficient information to allow investors to make an informed decision and to check the accuracy of this information;
- (d) to approve the agreements which establish the scheme;
- (e) to approve advertising in relation to the scheme;
- (f) to ensure that promoters and managers of schemes lodge the reports and accounts which they are required to lodge with the lead regulator;
- (g) to deal with any complaints;
- (h) to implement adequate surveillance, enforcement and disciplinary procedures;
- (i) to refer cases which may involve breaches of the Law or of licence conditions to the ASC;
- (j) to discipline promoters for failure to comply with the lead regulators' rules;
- (k) to remove from its register any promoter who fails to comply with the lead regulator's rules relating to the promotion and operation of horse racing schemes and to remove any person from its register if so requested by the ASC; and
- (l) to advise the ASC of the name of any promoter who has been removed from the register of promoters.

ASIC Client Contact Centre's Enquiry Line 8.30am to 7pm Eastern Standard Time on weekdays. Closed on weekends and national public holidays.

Email [info.enquiries@asic.gov.au](mailto:info.enquiries@asic.gov.au), Phone 03 5177 3988

From overseas, phone +613 5177 3988  
Telephone Interpreter Service 131 450



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## REPLACEMENT LICENCE CARD

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

## NEW WA LICENSES

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When applying for a new licence in WA, participants must complete an application form. A GST Declaration Form is not always completed as part of the application process. As a result, this leaves RWWA unable to make payments or calculate GST.

It will be required that a correctly completed GST Declaration Form be submitted as part of the licence application process. This will ensure that any payments due are made on time to the licensee.

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

## RECORD OF GEAR

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

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

## CHANGES TO LICENCE APPLICATION CHECKLIST FOR TRAINERS

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

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

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

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

## FOALING NOTIFICATION FEES FOR 2019/2020

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

For foals born in the 2019/20 season that are notified after 31st August 2020, an additional fee of \$1000 will apply to the normal Foaling Notification fee. Once a foal reaches the age of 2 years without having its Foaling Notification lodged with RWWA with the appropriate fee and a Statutory Declaration (on RWWA's website), the registration of that horse may not be approved.

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

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

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