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By Michael Heaton

MITCHELL MILLER

MORE OPPORTUNITY, MORE WINS

As he edges closer to milestone of 250 career wins, reinsman Mitchell Miller celebrated his best month in the sulky in March when landing his first two Group-level victories at Gloucester Park.

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Miller, 27, has enjoyed a flying start to 2022 and produced a career-best performance aboard Flametree in the Group 3 Trotsynd 2YO Fillies Gold Bracelet at WA harness headquarters on March 11 before uniting with veteran warhorse Vultan Tin to take out the Group 2 Mondo Doro Governor's Cup (2130m) a week later.

After scoring his first race win courtesy of Homebush Hero at Gloucester Park in December 2012, Miller has since driven in more than 3,000 races and was elated to taste Group success for the first time.

"I've had a lot of support from (Flametree's trainer) Barry Howlett lately," he said.

"I think getting more opportunity has obviously been the biggest key to the success I've had so far this season and when I made the change from working for Ross (Olivieri) to working for Kim (Prentice), Kim has been awesome for me.

"I started working for Kim midway through February last year, I think.

"We got off to a pretty good start – I think I drove 10 winners for him in the first two or three months I was there.

"I carted a few horses around to the bush for him which he normally wouldn't have done.

"We've had a really good start to this year with him training and hopefully it continues."

Miller's new wave of momentum comes off the back of countless hours travelling to country race meetings such as Albany and he racked up 77 race drives in March alone in the process.

His commitment to travel resulted in his now-fruitful association with Howlett's Huntsville two-year-old, Flametree, who he has driven in each of her five race starts.

The partnership began when Miller guided her to a dominant eight-metre win at her race debut at Albany on February 4 and the pair landed their Trotsynd 2YO Fillies Gold Bracelet victory five weeks later.

"That was one where you take the opportunity when you can get it," Miller said.

"Chris Voak had done all the work on her in the trials but I committed myself to going to Albany this year and Barry's obviously always got a few horses going around down there.

"I was lucky enough to pick up Barry's drives and she started her career off there, but Barry's pretty good in that unless you jump off.

"He usually likes to leave the same driver on them, so I was really lucky in that sense.

"I've always driven a little bit for Barry here and there, but the Albany season this year has fingers crossed cemented me in with him and I've been able to get a lot more opportunities with him."

Asked about his confidence levels going into the Gold Bracelet after the talented filly drew barrier one and would start a \$1.70 favourite, Miller says he had mixed emotions as he searched for his elusive Group 3 triumph.

"I was excited and pretty nervous at the same time because she was quite short in the betting," he said.

"She's far from bombproof as far as two-year-olds go.

"I was worried about getting her around safe but I knew she had the ability to win the race.

"She did it quite comfortably and she still had a few things go wrong, so I think she's a filly with a pretty big future."

Whilst Miller was thrilled at getting the job done on Flametree, he would receive an even bigger buzz seven days later when scoring the narrowest of wins aboard near-\$1 million-earner, Vultan Tin, for new trainer Daniel Costello in the Group 2 Mondo Doro Governor's Cup.

It was Costello's first win as a trainer as the Dawn Ofa New Day 10-year-old was previously prepared by his father, Phil, and Miller only drove the gelding for the first time in the Pinjarra Cup 11 days prior courtesy of his earlier work.

"I've been down at Pinjarra trials every week for the last eight weeks now and Daniel asked me to jump on a maiden three-year-old in trials and I drove that for him," Miller said.

"He said he was going to leave me on for its first race start at Pinjarra and it actually had its first start the day of the Pinjarra Cup.

"When the fields came out Vultan Tin didn't have a driver, so I messaged Daniel and through being there at the trials I was lucky enough to pick up the drive on him in the Pinjarra Cup.

"Daniel was quite happy to leave me on after that.

"To pick up the drive on him is one of those ones where, even before I won on him, I thought to myself, 'at least I can say I got to drive the great horse that is Vultan Tin' once he's retired."

After being the only horse drawn in the second line, Miller settled Vultan Tin on the back of the leader and \$1.16 favourite Papanik before looming into the race approaching the final turn.

Vultan Tin appeared destined to run a nice second on straightening as Papanik skipped clear from rivals, however, the gelding's incredible will to win saw him finish powerfully and hit the line deadlocked with the raging favourite.

Asked if he thought the star pacer had won his 30th race in the tight photo finish, Miller says he had no idea.

"I wasn't sure if I'd won or lost," he said.

"The warm-down lap was very much a wait to come around and see the numbers on the board.

"When you watch the replay on the harness page, they followed me around and when I came back in the home straight and saw the numbers on the board you can see my face just gasp when I realised that he got up.

"I had a bit of a laugh at myself for that one."

With a pair of Group victories and a swag of other winners at multiple tracks so far this year, Miller is on track for a career-best season.

He says he aims to strengthen his relationship with the stables he has been enjoying success with which he hopes will create more opportunities and maintain his momentum.

"With the success I've had at Kim's, you get noticed more when you drive winners," Miller said.

"It doesn't really matter where you drive winners, if you're driving winners people want to put you on.

"The success this year has been unreal so now it's just about maintaining that form and hopefully the winners can keep coming.

"But, as some people say, 'you're only as good as your next drive'."

CABSAV REWARDS PATIENCE

Cabsav could be described as the perfect tonic to celebrate a Group 1 win.

In the case of husband and wife Jim and Willie Giumelli, Cabsav was their first Group 1 winner.

The American Ideal filly delivered the Giumelli's success at the highest level in last month's APG 2YO Fillies Sales Classic (1730m) at Gloucester Park

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The Giumelli's blue colours with red sleeves and a white sash are now among the most identifiable each week at WA harness racing headquarters.

The pair have searched far and wide for a Group 1 winner, so when the time came last February, few could begrudge their moment in the spotlight.

It wasn't the filly the Giumelli's expected to deliver them the Sales Classic success.

That role was expected to be filled by Temukas Girl, who had the coveted barrier one.

It was the 'second-string' filly that came out on top though, thanks largely to another superb Gary Hall Jnr drive.

Cabsav's win was also an important one for trainer Mike Reed.

As well as being their trainer, the Giumelli's have built a strong friendship with Reed and his wife Sue away from the track.

It was a friendship that was founded through family, with Jim going to school with Colin Piacentini, who married Mike's sister.

"One night I was at Gloucester Park and Willie came down to the stalls with Jim and introduced herself," Reed said.

"They were in the Caduceus Club talking to Sue and then came down and said 'we are thinking about buying a horse, are you interested in training for us?'.

"I said I've got Albert and really want to cut down a bit and I pushed them towards Kim Prentice who was driving a few for me.

"On the way home Sue asked if Jim and Willie came down and saw me and I said I pushed them towards Kim Prentice.

Sue told me Jim knew my brother-in-law Colin and is in the same sort of business as Jim.

"The next morning Colin called and told me Jim's a good bloke and whoever trains for him to make sure they do the right thing by him."

Acting on Reed's advice to buy "one good one" instead of two or three, the Giumelli's first horse with the Henley Brook trainer was Our Angel Of Harlem.

The New Zealand-bred daughter of Mach Three mare won a Group 3 as a three-year-old and was also a Free-For-All winner.

Since then, the Giumelli's have purchased Arma Indie, Tiffany Rose, Gran Chico,

Blitzembye and, more recently, the highly talented Ragazzo Mach from New Zealand.

As well as having success with New Zealand-bred standardbreds, the Giumelli's have proven they know what to look for on the local breeding scene.

"After Our Angel Of Harlem, the next purchase was at the APG sale," Jim said.

"I was looking around the whole sale but Willie was focused on one in particular.

"She said: 'that's the one I want'.

"That horse was Caveman.

The ever-consistent Caveman has scored 14 wins from 43 starts and earned more than \$120,000 in prizemoney.

At the 2021 Perth APG Sales the Giumelli's Swandoo Harness Racing Syndicate forked out \$65,000 for Cabsav and \$34,000 for Temukas Girl.

They also paid \$50,000 for Rich And Spoilt colt Heez Good As Gold, who finished fifth in the APG Colts and Geldings 2YO Sales Classic.

For Willie, achieving success with locally bred horses is rewarding.

"We do buy a lot and support our local industry here," she said.

"I think it's important to support our local breeders and we bought another four at this year's sale.

"When we go to the sales it's Mike and I that pick the horses out.

"Mike has what he likes and keeps it to himself because I will tell him that I don't want to know.

"When Mike and I decide what we each like, we then sit down and work out which ones we say okay to."

When it came to this year's Sales Classic, despite the pressure of owning the \$1.65 favourite, Willie was able to control her nerves.

It's a different story for her husband and her trainer.

"I get a bit worked up before races," Reed said.

"I've had Fremantle Cup winners, Hunter Cup winners and a Victoria Derby winner but I do get worked up before races, especially for Jim and Willie.

"They're good owners but they're good friends.

"If I didn't like them, then I wouldn't train horses for them, and I would probably be retired."

Prior to falling in love with harness racing, Jim founded civil construction company Ertech and still sits as the Motivation Foundation Chairman.

However, he's about to focus most of his energy solely on harness racing.

The Giumelli's recently purchased a 28-acre property in the Swan Valley and is set to play an important role in training their standardbreds.

Jim, who has a trackwork licence, said he was looking forward to taking a more hands-on approach with his horses.

"It's probably more of an agistment property," Jim said.

"We've got stables there and a caretaker cottage there.

"We've got 28 acres of land and 200m of Swan River front.

"We've also managed to construct a 620m long track.

"We're just putting some final

touches on it now."

While the Giumelli's don't often race their horses too much as two-year-olds, they have got their sights set on winning the WA Oaks later this year, a race they desperately want to win.

They are confident they have the right team of three-year-old fillies for the feature later this year, headlined by another New Zealand-bred filly Allegra.

They also look well poised to figure prominently in the Golden Nugget with Blitzembye and Ragazzo Mach.

While it's easy to get swept up at what could be over the next six months, the Giumelli's aren't forgetting why they're in the game.

"I'm very grateful I introduced my husband into it because if he didn't love it, I wouldn't have 28 horses," Willie said.

"Down at our farm we breed black angus and we do love that.

"That's been a big part of our lives.

"In harness racing we can get up close and personal with our horses though and we love that because it's a great life.

"We are alive and breathing and having fun along the way."



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By Ashleigh Paikos

ENDLESS POSSIBILITY DEFIES ALL ODDS

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“She shouldn’t even be alive.”

But on Monday the 7th of March, Endless Possibility NZ defied all odds and not only made it to the races but broke through for her maiden win for the Howlett stable, after what could only be described as an emotional rollercoaster for her connections to get her to the track.

Starting from barrier six in the last at Pinjarra, the now five-year-old by Somebeachsomewhere USA and out of Affairs Are Bettor NZ was the short-priced favourite in the fillies and mares maiden pace over the 2185m and after facing the breeze throughout, proved to be the class of the race, going on to win by 7.1m in 2:01:0 for Barry Howlett and Mitchell Miller.

Purchased back in 2018 from the New Zealand yearling sales, lot 51 caught the eye of Barry Howlett and after purchasing her for just \$22,000 from Breckon Farms, she soon made the trip over to WA, but that was short lived when she fell ill after her first leg of the trip, failing to make it past Victoria.

"Wayne from Combined Transport noticed she was very sick; she'd just stand with her head down and he'd have to drag her, so she got driven by Leah Crane to Ballarat Vet."

"Turns out she had abscessed lungs/pleuropneumonia,"

"She had a thoradectomy operation and they recommended taking out a couple of ribs to drain her lungs properly, but it meant she would never race,"

"Being only a yearling, Barry elected to not take them out."

Although she managed to pull through the first operation, at this point they were unsure if she would survive, let alone ever be a race prospect, but with a very willing desire to live, the Howlett family couldn't give up on their young filly.

"She had drains put into her lungs with tubes hanging out everywhere. She has a huge scar up her girth line now from the operation to open her up."

"She was on 24-hour watch and multiple times Dad got calls from the vet at 1am or 3am to say she had collapsed, that they couldn't get her up and she wasn't going to make it, and he needed to give the go ahead to put her to sleep, but somehow by morning she would fight her way back to life and the vet would call to say that somehow she was still fighting."

"We called her Faith because we bloody needed it." Katie Howlett said.

"They honestly don't know how she made it, they've said any other horse would have died but she kept fighting and fighting and coming back from death."

Somehow beating all odds, Endless Possibility was well enough to leave the vet hospital and continue her rehabilitation elsewhere, with the Vet from Ballarat opting to take her home to his property so he could continue to watch and monitor, the ultimate dedication to Howlett's filly and his work. After months of rehabilitation in Victoria, it was time that she made the full trip home to WA, where she was expected to spend some time at Murdoch Animal Hospital before heading to Howlett's Busselton property to finish her recovery.

"Once she got home, she was out for a good year to properly recover."

"The vet said that if she ever raced they would fly to WA to watch her in person, but we honestly didn't think she'd ever race."



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The year off may have healed her wounds, but after multiple attempts at bringing her back into work, she wasn't making progress, and it was discovered that she had another issue niggling her and it was off to vets yet again.

"It turns out she had bone chips in a hind fetlock, so back to the vet she went for yet another operation."

"Out for more recovery and we'd tried to bring her up two or three more times, but she still couldn't get fast enough to race."

"We didn't know if it was her lungs or her fetlock playing up but this last time we had to put her in work to take her to the vet because the vet often can't find soreness if a horse isn't trained, but Barry never got the time to take her so she actually ended up getting further into her prep than she ever had before and before we knew it, she was ready to trial."

On February 23, she made her debut at Pinjarra in an educational trial where she was beaten 0.2m in a four-horse field. Making their way back to Pinjarra the following week, she qualified after being beaten just a short half-head in a mile rate of 2:00:9 behind the higher accessed racehorse Paroquet, with Howlett pushing on to nominate her for her first race the following week.

"She did an educational and then qualified and we nominated her, probably prematurely because she's nowhere near race fit, but she won."

"It is a literal miracle that she is alive and greater than a miracle that she raced and even more so that she won."

"COVID meant the vets weren't able to fly over but they all texted to say they'd watched her and were so happy she'd fully recovered."

There would have been plenty of relief and emotion behind that first win, not only from the Howlett family but as well as the whole vet team behind her that managed to defeat all odds and keep the mare alive in 2018.

Even with her troubled past, Katie Howlett confirmed that their 'Faith' is the ultimate sweetheart despite all the operations and pain she has been through, but the vet bills are enough to make anyone weak at the knees, with a relatively cheap yearling turning out to be quite the expensive buy.

"The vet bill is pretty ghastly and upwards of \$40,000,"

"We got so far with her that it got hard to say no to a bit more treatment and a bit more cost, but hopefully she can win a few more races to pay a bit of it off."

Endless Possibility NZ has now had three starts, and being closely related to Smart Fortune, Heza Head Honcho and State Of Heaven, she should have a long career in the breeding barn when she finishes racing.

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By Mara Coombes

**A STANDARD BRED WITH
TALENT TO BURN.**

SERENITY'S FLAME

Chantell Wells purchased this, at the time unnamed, 2013 mare by Command a Dance from New South Wales in 2014 with the intention of racing her. Fate intervened and a delay in receiving paperwork from the breeder along with other events in Chantell's life meant the mare never made it to the racetrack.

Chantell recalls Serenity as a very relaxed weanling who was easy to do anything with. As a two-year-old she was mouthed and given a basic on-the-ground education in preparation to being broken to harness. In 2017 Chantell decided to break the eye-catching mare to saddle. As her ridden education progressed Serenity's energy and attitude grew, and Chantell decided the competition name Serenity's Flame fitted her perfectly.



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In 2021 Chantell began competing Serenity in Eventing and Show Jumping in earnest, placing second in the 90cm OTT class at WASJA's Winter Championships, and first in the 85cm OTT class at Yalambi and competing at both Capel CCN and Murray CCN. They began 2022 with success, placing first in the 90cm class at Bunbury HPC's second event of the 2022 Show Jump series. Now, after a lot of hard work Serenity's canter has established, the pair have launched back into Eventing. They placed second of 26 competitors in the EvA80 OTT Class at Capel CCN-S, finishing on their dressage score of 31.6!

“ SERENITY’S COMPETITION FUTURE WILL PLAY TO HER JUMPING STRENGTHS; CHANTELL IS KEEN TO SEE WHERE HER CAPABILITY’S TAKE THEM WITHOUT RUSHING THE TALENTED MARE. ”

Serenity's competition future will play to her jumping strengths; Chantell is keen to see where her capability's take them without rushing the talented mare. Chantell knows the potential of standardbred, having previously competed her standardbred mare, Whitby's Revival also known as Athena's Revival, up to 2* Eventing, 115cm Show Jumping. Whitby's Revival even placed seventh in the 2016 Equestrian in The Park Event.



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WASBA WESTBRED OF THE QUARTER

Babyface Adda is the WASBA Westbred (and Westsired) for the quarter and what a handy horse this fellow has proven to be. While he may yet add to his racing results, he has so far earned \$214,503 (plus bonuses) from his seventy five start career. His race record stands at sixteen wins, seven seconds and eleven thirds.

He raced with distinction as a 2YO winning three races and being placed five times. So highly was he thought of as a 2YO he was taken to Melton for the Group 1 \$350,000 APG (2YO C&G) Final where he finished a credible sixth. He competed against the top 2YOs in his debut season, winning the \$30,000 C&G Westsired Classic, winning a heat of the Sales Classic (running fourth in the \$100,000 final to Its Rock And Roll), fourth in the \$50,000 Champagne Stakes, sixth in the \$100,000 Pearl Classic, third in the \$100,000 Westbred Classic and eighth in the \$125,000 Golden Slipper won by Franco Edward NZ. Culminating in stake earning of \$59,160 plus bonuses, this was a solid performance for his juvenile year.

His 3YO season was not as rewarding, but his total earnings to the end of that season were over \$70,000 in stakes plus bonuses.

He bounced back in his 4YO season with a new trainer and a win by 18m at his first start. This was followed by another win, 2 places then three consecutive wins, with his first 9 starts that season resulting in six wins. He then stepped up to metro racing for his remaining five starts without success. After a short break and now in the care of trainer Cody Wallrodt who had leased him from owner Peter Capararo, he resumed racing with great zest and within six starts had a metropolitan win to his name. Seven starts later and now a 5yo, after some good placings he had another metropolitan win. Just two starts later, the icing on the cake was a win in the 2021 \$30,000 Northam Cup, followed by a third to champion Vultan Tin in the \$30,000 2021 Narrogin Cup. Exceeding expectations he had two more wins as a 5yo including a Free For All – defeating Galactic Star and Bletchley Park - and ran second in the \$50,000 Mount Eden Sprint to Hurricane Harley. This season as a 6yo he ran third in the 2022 Northam Cup, won a metropolitan race with a 26.7 last quarter and was third in the recent \$50,000 Governors Cup to Vultan Tin. All up, Babyface Adda has 9 wins and

close to \$120,000 in stakes since being taken over by Cody in September 2020.

Babyface Adda is by the now deceased sire in Rich and Spoilt, 1:58.2 (Million To One, 1:52.6, \$155,498). Rich and Spoilt raced with distinction in WA particularly in his 2YO and 3YO campaign. Overall, he accumulated \$303,330 in earnings from his twenty wins and fourteen seconds from just 42 starts. He won the 2YO Pearl Classic and as a 3YO was second in both the WA and Australian Derbies and won the State Sire Series Final. He also finished second to Seelster Sam NZ in the Group 1 4YO Golden Nugget.

At stud Rich and Spoilt has produced one hundred and forty five winners for \$7,531,166 in prize money. His best progeny include the brothers Shipwreck, 1:52.2, \$279,198 and New World Order, 1:51.8, \$265,243, with other top horses including Im Soxy 1:53.1 and the Group winning mare Sarah Goody 1:54.0.

Sonatina NZ, the dam of Babyface Adda was by the Artsplace USA (1:49.4, \$3,085,083) stallion Art Major USA (1:48.8, \$3,273,217) and was bred by the famous New Zealand horseman Jack Smolenski. She raced successfully winning three races from twelve starts and took a 1:58.2 rate for earnings of \$16,806. At stud she left just two foals.

The next dam Solitaire NZ was by the Albatross USA (1:54.6, \$1,201,470) stallion Sokys Atom USA (1:53.6, \$887,127) and was unraced but did leave four winners from her four foals to race including brilliant filly One Dream NZ (Dream Away, 1:50.0, \$1,342,071) who won 18 races and \$846,467 in earnings taking a 1:56.7 mile rate. One Dream was an outstanding 2YO and 3YO culminating in her being crowned NZ 2YO Filly Pacer of the Year and NZ 3YO Filly Pacer of The Year. Her wins included the NZ Caduceus Club Stakes, NZ Oaks, NZ Ladyship Stakes and NZ Breeders Stakes. In Australia she won the 2YO and 3YO Breeders Crown Final and Australian Oaks.

Babyface Adda's third dam Nardia NZ (Nardins Byrd USA, 1:59.0, \$507,391) raced without winning but importantly left three winners from her three foals to race. Her dam was eight times winner and 2YO NZ Pacer of the Year Olga Korbut (Lordship NZ, 1:58.4, \$113,790), a half sister to the legendary 2YO and 3YO Pacer of the Year Noodlum NZ (Bachelor Hanover USA, 1:59.4, \$209,021). Noodlum NZ at the time was the best juvenile seen in NZ winning twenty eight races from just forty two starts and setting race and New Zealand records. At one stage he had a winning streak of fifteen races. Their dam Deft was a half sister to Tactile NZ (Hal Tryax USA, 2:00.0, \$35,881) who in the early 60s won five Derbies across Australia and New Zealand and later raced successfully in the USA.

This is the N3 Red Diamond Family and is richly blessed with some of the best standardbreds to grace New Zealand and Australia. Horses to have raced in Western Australia from this family include Lombo Navigator, 1:53.3, \$554,527, Black Irish NZ, 1:57.9, \$272,946, As Happy As Larry NZ, 1:54.3, \$251,090 and Bettor Be Lively 1:55.5 \$144,834. Bitobliss, 1:51.8, \$473,733 and champions and Inter Dominion winners Blacks A Fake, 1:53.7, \$4,575,438 and Smooth Satin, 1:55.4, \$1,428,490 all belong to this family.

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WASBA NEWS

NEW STARS

At this time of year there are many new horses to talk about, with the first appearances of the 2yo crop and some of those less mature older horses taking to the track after a delayed start.

There can also be some of the beaten brigade from the previous year starting to show what they are really made of, and that's certainly true for some of the 3yos and 4yos. Not every horse will make the grade as a 2yo, and patience is a tremendous virtue in the racing industry.

The yearling sale Heats bring out the early birds, but some nice 2yos like APG graduate Major Overs (Art Major USA) didn't make the final of the Sales Classic. He is well related being a half brother to recent winners Robbie Rocket and Sonic Suzy (both by Follow The Stars) out of a mare who won \$128,000 and is by former champion Australian sire Safely Kept USA. She is also from a family with great depth. Major Overs did show what he can do at his next start, winning by 23m in 1:55.3 at Pinjarra over the 1684m. His effort in the \$50,000 Champagne Classic, to hold on to second after the early burn, was terrific. The winner of the Champagne Classic – Lord Titanium – didn't make it to the 2YO Sales Classic Final either, although he was an emergency. Third in the Champagne Classic was a very nice gelding who was having just his second race start - after winning at his debut 4 days earlier at Pinjarra - and put in quite an exceptional effort. A very impressive type, Lethal Edition is by champion Australian race horse Bling It On, out of Hindu Sitara (also by Safely Kept USA) who won the 2YO Fillies Sales Classic in 2003, was second in the WA Oaks and finished her career just short of \$100,000 in stakes.

FIRST SEASON SIREs

While we still have our standout stallions continuing to produce winners, with the 2YO season just commencing many of the first season sires are already on the board with some quality winners.

Huntsville USA (Empire Stallions) is currently leading the first crop list with winners like (in WA) Flametree (Gold Bracelet winner) and Rocket City (Heat winner and second in final of Sales Classic). With his first crop size of 133 he should be prominent on any results sheet. At the other end of the scale, Control The Moment USA, with a crop size of 6, has 4 to start

Then we have very promising 3yos like homebred Infinite Sign (Indomitable Saab) who had 5 starts as a 2yo for one place, but after being given more months to mature has shown superlative form to win two from two in March, rating 1:55.3 and winning by 23m in the first of the two wins.

Other 3yos that have improved and look likely to go all the way include Westsired Swingband (Alta Christiano NZ). The Oaks, Derby and Golden Slipper are all later in the year, so many horses will be in and out of work while they "time their run" towards the end of season pickings.

There are several other horses like Caveman, Know When To Run and others who are, for various reasons, making the grade at a later age. Horses like Vultan Tin, who commenced his racing career as a 3yo and really only got to the right level of development as a 5yo, demonstrate how important it is to not rush horses if you want to enjoy their full racing potential.

Remember that if you are racing a Westbred or Westsired 2YO or a 3YO, you can win a Westbred Bonus for first to fourth place in 2YO and 3YO races with stakes less than \$21,000. If your Westbred/Westsired is 4 years old or more and a non-winner, then he or she will still win the full Westbred and First Win Bonus in any WA race of less than \$21,000 on that first career win in WA. The racing season is now a calendar year 1 January to 31 December, which means there are an extra 4 months for 3yos to win Westbred bonuses before they become a 4yo in racing terms.

and two winners - Lord Titanium (Champagne Stakes winner) and Bettor Control (3 starts for a win and a second). Other first season sires with winners so far are (in crop size order) Vincent (75 foals), Lennytheshark (26), Fear The Dragon USA and Downbytheseaside USA (25) and Foreclosure NZ (22).

Based on their crop size, it will be difficult for some of these stallions to rate highly in any rankings list, so breeders will need to allow for these factors when deciding on breeding to stallions that have racing crops, as well as reviewing any new stallions that have progeny yet to race.




PHOTO: Hindu Sitara with her 2019 colt foal now racing as Lethal Edition (source WASBA)

HRA SLOT RACE

All major breeding bodies across Australia are opposed to any charge being laid against breeders for financing any “slot” race, if implemented by HRA. Any tax on breeders will be disputed.

New Zealand’s “slot” race, called simply “The Race” was run on 14 April. Plaudits to the New Zealand authorities for getting this race up and running in such a short space of time – \$900,000 in stakes fully funded by slot holders, the race club and sponsors’ Grins.

Slot holders were free to choose any horse they liked from Australia or New Zealand, with one mare, 5yo Stylish Memphis, lining up in the final (5yo Spellbound had been selected but was replaced by Majestic Cruiser due to injury).

The oldest starter was 10yo Alta Orlando. Three of the starters have broken the 1:50 barrier, with two millionaires in the group.

The slot holders have a 3 year term, with some chancing their arm in the first year with new talent like Hot And Treacherous.

In a brilliant and exciting race, the winner was New Zealand’s champion Self Assured followed by last man in, the Australian bred Majestic Cruiser.

HRA and RWWA have been advised of the views of breeders in WA and across Australia.

THE 2022 APG WA SALES CLASSICS AND WA SALE

It's only two months since the 2YO and 3YO Sales Classic Finals were run and won, with some extremely promising types coming through from the 2021 Sale.

Add to that the follow up success of the 2022 Sale, and vendors must be buoyant. However, purchasers would also be delighted with how well some of these 2021 Sales graduates are running – giving plenty of confidence that the quality is there and your purchase can make the grade.

The racing on the night is always sensational, with a terrific performance from the Justin Prentice trained and Trotsynd owned colt Valedictorian (Art Major USA) to win the 2YO Colts and Geldings Sales Classic as expected. Justin has a real eye for the Art Majors and rarely makes a mistake. Valedictorian was purchased for just \$40,000 which is quite a bargain when you consider he has already won over \$66,000 in stakes and looks to have a brilliant future. Some of Justin's other Art Major selections include Group 1 winner Major Martini (purchased for \$44,000 and stakes of \$322,000) and Group 1 winning fillies Majorpride NZ and Our Major Mama NZ, with the latter being the dam of the highest priced yearling at the 2022 WA Sale at \$150,000.

The 2yo fillies had a more open race with plenty of excitement in the finish, with the result going to Cabsav (American Ideal USA) for the Giumelli's Swandoo Harness Racing Syndicate and trainer Mike Reed – the same combination also finished third with Westsired filly Temukas Girl.

A couple of stunning performances in the 3YO Classics but for different reasons – Wonderful To Fly (Fly Like An Eagle) always looked unbeatable in the 3YO Fillies event and was, for clients of trainer driver Shane Young. Wonderful To Fly is

from the family of champion mare Daintys Daughter – you can never look too far back on a pedigree page! Westsired gelding Swingband (Alta Christiano NZ) looked like he couldn't win, but came with a swooping run for a dominant win in the 3YO Colts and Geldings Sales Classic for trainer Ryan Bell and stable clients.

A good night for breeders Kevin and Annette Charles who bred Valedictorian and Wonderful To Fly, with KTC Bloodstock the breeder of Cabsav and Trevor Lindsay's Karnup Racing the breeder of Swingband. Gary Hall Jnr had a double, being on board Valedictorian and Cabsav.

It's always interesting to see who will come through as the top 3yo male, and it does look like there are a few challengers for that mantle.

The Sale 3 days later followed on from the successful racing of the 2021 graduates. The Sale grossed over \$3 million, with the average price for fillies just over \$26,000 and for colts \$38,000 – helped along by American Ideal USA, Downbytheseaside USA and Sweet Lou USA colts selling for \$150,000, \$97,500 and \$95,000. Fifty percent of the yearlings sold for \$25,000 or over, which still leaves 50% at the lower end for those purchases looking in this price range. Remember – there are no guarantees and Wonderful To Fly was passed in for \$10,000!

Check in with some of the trainers to see if they have shares available in their yearling purchases, or check with the breeders to see if they have any for sale or lease. Don't forget to check what races they are eligible for.

AND WE SAY GOODBYE

Everyone knows that King Of Swing NZ has retired from racing after three consecutive Miracle Miles. An achievement unlikely to ever be repeated. He will stand his first ever season at Cobbitty Equine, where his current trainers reside.

Also retiring and much more local is our 2019 WA Oaks winner Has No Fear. She has been a wonderful race filly and mare and

goes out on a win for trainer driver and part owner Jocelyn Young. Congratulations Jocelyn and Has No Fear, who retires with stakes of \$288,000 from 12 wins and 20 places. As a level 13 up against the highest class all the time, Jocelyn has decided that Has No Fear has done enough and can now try the easy life in the paddock as a mum!

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PHOTO: Jocelyn and
Has No Fear after her
WA Oaks win, source
RWWA twitter



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

If you have any issues around breeding or racing your Westbreds or mares we are here to help. Let us know what your problems are, so that we can gain a collective view of issues and possible solutions, and take them forward.

An issue with lack of 3yo racing opportunities has been raised with us, with 30% less 3yo races in March this year compared to last year – if this is affecting you, please get in touch. RWWA do need to review the feature race program that was dramatically changed for the juveniles in 2022, to make sure there are suitable opportunities all the way through for owners who have their young horses in work. That may require several of the premier juvenile races to be moved back to around their previous March to June timeframes - particularly the 2YO Pearl Classic which is scheduled for the middle of winter - to reduce the additional costs to owners that the changes have introduced.

SPONSORS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We thank our sponsors for the support they provide to us, which allows us to provide the various incentives and rewards that we currently do, around \$20,000 each year back into the industry.

Ramsays Horse Transport, Budget Stockfeeds, Decron Horse Care, Larkhill Vets, Milne Feeds (WA made Pegasus products for WA conditions), Pacing WA, PSC Bloodstock Services (for all your horse insurance needs) have been long term supporters providing valuable products.

Cobbity Equine Farm, KTC Bloodstock, Northern Rivers Equine, Soho Standardbreds and Westbred Pacing have all stepped in to provide stallion services for either our Stallion Tender or Stallion Raffle, which means you get a fantastic opportunity for a free or discounted service fee. In particular, Alabar Farms, Allwood Stud and Woodlands Stud have been tremendous.

“Everybody benefits from a strong local breeding industry”

You are encouraged to join WASBA and actively support Western Australian harness racing. All memberships receive industry notices, monthly Newsletters and the annual Stallion Guide. Contact WASBA by email info@wasba.com.au, phone 0447 053 040, mail to WASBA, PO Box 3237, East Perth WA 6892 or message us on Facebook or Messenger. Our bank details are Westpac BSB 036 043 account no. 129810, account name WASBA. Membership is \$20 (Single/Ordinary) or \$30 for Family membership.



PHOTO: Trotsynd owned Valedictorian winning the APG 2YO Sales Classic (source Hamilton Content Creators)



WASBA 2021 AWARD WINNERS

THE 2021 WASBA BREEDER AWARDS WERE PRESENTED AT THE COMBINED 2022 APG SALES WASBA AWARDS FUNCTION ON SALES CLASSIC NIGHT, WITH A SUPERB EFFORT FROM NEW MC TOM BUCHANAN WHO KINDLY TOOK ON THE ROLE OF ANNOUNCING THE WINNERS TO ALL THE WASBA AND APG GUESTS.

Breeder of the Year was a tight contest between our top breeders, with the award won by Bob Fowler's Allwood Stud, with 97 starters, 62 winners, 165 wins, 358 places and \$1,537,330 in stakes including Group 1 winner Valhalla Miss, Nights of Thunder winner Machnificent, Back In Twenty, Extraordinary Mary, Follow The Music and many others. Kevin and Annette Charles added to their great success in recent years with the award for 2YO Filly of the Year Wonderful To Fly (Fly Like An Eagle), who was unbeatable in most of the feature races, winning nearly \$160,000 from her 9 wins including the Group 1 2YO Fillies Westbred Classic. We don't always follow RWWA's lead with our awards, and case in point was our 2YO Colt/ Gelding of the Year which was awarded to the Steve Johnson bred Tricky Miki (Always B Miki USA) who won \$93,000 from 2 wins (including the Golden Slipper) and 2 places from only 4 starts. Golden Slipper winner Mighty Ronaldo (Alta Christiano NZ) followed up his 2020 2YO Colt/ Gelding of the Year Award with the 3YO Award for breeder Trevor Lindsay. In a fairly open event, 3YO Filly of the Year went to breeder Terry Ferguson, for the efforts of Bettor Beach Belle (Bettors Delight USA) in winning the 3YO Fillies Westbred Classic and nearly \$94,000 for the season. Mare of the Year award went to Star Of Diamonds (Bettors Delight USA) bred by Sharron, Shannon and Mike Howie and winner of nearly \$120,000 from 5 wins including the \$50,000 WASBA Breeders Stakes. Maddy White (Lombo Mandingo), owned

by the same combination, won the Broodmare of the Year Award for the efforts of her only two foals to date - Star Of Diamonds and top 2yo and RWWA Awardee Floewriter. Vultan Tin (Dawn Ofa New Day) was awarded Aged Horse/ Gelding of the Year for his breeders Phil and Denise Costello with another great season with \$82,000 in stakes including the Pinjarra Cup – fantastic that with his 2022 Narrogin Cup win he is now a millionaire. The stallion awards are for Westbred progeny, with Fly Like An Eagle awarded 2YO Stallion of the Year with 32 starters, 18 winners, 37 wins, 80 places and stakes of \$546,443 including progeny Wonderful To Fly and Valhalla Miss. Follow The Stars retained his 3YO Stallion of the Year Award (45 starters, 26 winners) and also won Overall Stallion of the Year with his 97 starters, 57 winners, 136 wins, 340 places and \$1,218,295. It's hard to think of any stallion doing better from just 3 crops. Mike Howie was presented the Breeding For Excellence Award (33 starters, 27 winners, 70 wins, 124 places for \$730,565) including Group 1 winner The Miki Taker, and Shane Quadrio was awarded Breeding For Excellence Special Mention as a smaller breeder (5 starters, 4 winners, 13 wins, 15 places \$186,505 including Black Jack Baby). Congratulations to all the breeders and connections involved in this year's Awards, including our 12 Breeder of the Month Award winners.

OFF THE TRACK RECOGNITION

We know that not every horse will be "the best in the west" so we are making a big effort to ensure that those horses that have had enough of racing or breeding, or didn't quite get to do either, can make a go of it in a different arena, either in competition, leisure pursuit or as companion animals.

We are working with the Standardbred Pleasure and Performance Horse Association of WA (SPPHAWA) and other organisations that assist in this area, by providing various support including sponsorship and subsidising entry fees. We aim to ensure that classes are available for all levels of our standardbreds, and all ages.

The 2022 SPPHAWA State Championships were held over the first weekend in April and once again the mammoth task of organising these shows was carried out superbly. With some new classes as well for broodmares and the older horses, and led classes, it provides a great opportunity for these off the track horses, without necessarily having to "jump through hurdles".

One of the standouts from the show was Rebecca Phillips' 11 yo mare, who graced the track over a five year period and won 3 races. However, her best is yet to come based on her performance with Rebecca at the show, where "they" were Reserve Champion mare; 1st "Mare 10 yrs and over"; 1st

"Track to Hack mare any age"; and 2nd – "Best presented mare". It's a credit to the owners who take on our retired standardbreds, and to our standardbreds who deserve to be treated with the greatest respect throughout their lives. WASBA is proud to be supporting these horses, particularly mares and WA bred horses – the backbone of our industry.

OPEN GROUP 1 WINNING WESTBREDS

For the 4th year WASBA facilitated awards for breeders of open Group 1 winning Westbred progeny. Recipients were Tricky Miki (Golden Slipper – breeder Steve Johnson), Mighty Ronaldo (WA Derby – Trevor Lindsay) and Benesari Lane (WA Oaks – Ed Dewar). Along with the trophy supplied by WASBA, our generous sponsors APG and Decron Horse Care (Merv Butterworth) provided the breeders of open Group 1 winners (who were also WASBA members and met some other conditions) with \$1,000 for the outstanding performance of their horses in being the best of the best.



PHOTO: Rebecca Phillips and her 11yo retired Westbred mare, photo Vicki Photos



WASBA President with Bob and Marilyn Fowler (source WASBA)



Annette and Kody Charles



Swingband winning the 3YO Sales Classic (source Hamilton Content Creators)



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 27 February 2022.

Westbred Bonuses are paid EVERY TIME to the (racebook) owner of a Westbred placed 1ST to 4TH in a WA 2YO or 3YO race where the advertised stake is <\$21,000

WESTBRED OWNER BONUS AMOUNT – 2YO and 3YO races

(Stakes less than \$15,000)		(Stakes \$15,000 to \$20,999)	
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 <\$21,000, \$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 and feature races.

IT PAYS TO BE WESTBRED - All up it's over \$5 million annually specifically for Westbred progeny - \$3+ Million in Westbred and First win Bonuses, \$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)	\$25,000 Country Oaks (fillies)# \$30,000 Country Derby#
\$25,000 Westsired Finals**#	\$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)
\$225,000 Westbred Classics **#	\$100,000 Westbred Classics **#
\$100,000 WA Sales Classics **	\$150,000 Oaks (Fillies only)
\$125,000 2yo Golden Slipper	\$200,000 WA Derby
** Separate races for each sex, # restricted to Westbreds	

AND WA YEARLING SALE GRADUATES can race for \$600,000 of THEIR OWN RACES!

Buying a yearling? Not sure about the dam? Unraced? Non winner?

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

Horse	Earnings	Dam	Dam Earnings
Amazing Dream NZ	\$1,414,760	Christian Dreamer	unraced
Bling It On	\$1,882,957	Allatglittersisgold	Unraced
Blacks A Fake	\$4,575,438	Colada Hanover	\$10,159
Christian Cullen NZ	\$1,249,150	Pleasant Franco	\$12,703
Im Themightyquinn	\$4,567,456	Love Sign	Raced, \$0
Shartin	\$2,697,164	Bagdarin	\$2,854
Our Sir Vancelot NZ	\$2,197,990	Teeny Teeny	\$10,310
Tiger Tara NZ	\$2,375,065	Tara Gold	Unraced
Vultan Tin	\$ 951,908	Ellevarrac	\$12,896
Village Kid	\$2,117,870	Totara Valley	Raced, \$0

The unraced **Super Smooth** is the 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 in earnings from just two generations of her progeny.

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, **Carlas Pixel** \$480,128 and other progeny with nearly \$1 million in earnings.

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

PRIORITIES REGARDING HORSES TO BE DRIVEN

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

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

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

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

TEMPORARILY IN CHARGE OF A HORSE

Rule 119A(1) states:

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

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

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

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

TRAINERS OBLIGATIONS

TRAINERS WITH MULTIPLE RUNNERS IN ANY ONE RACE

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

HORSE UNATTENDED

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

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

An unattended horse is a welfare issue. If a horse is selected

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

OBLIGATION TO REPORT

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

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

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

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

NOTICE TO HORSE TRAINERS AND VETERINARIANS - ALTRENOGEST PRODUCTS

RWWA advises WA horse trainers and veterinarians to take note of the following information regarding altrenogest products.

It has been discovered that oral and injectable altrenogest containing products may contain low level traces of trenbolone and/or trendione.

Trenbolone and trendione are androgenic anabolic steroids and as such the detection of these substances in any drug control sample would be considered a detection of a permanently banned substance under the rules of racing.

Trainers and veterinarians should avoid using any 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 advised that the decision to use any altrenogest containing product in fillies or mares under their care is therefore undertaken at their own risk, irrespective of any advice provided by RWWA. Trainers are responsible under the rules of racing to present their horses to race free of any prohibited substances, and as such, any advice provided by RWWA concerning prohibited substances is of a general nature only. Trainers should consult their own veterinarian for advice concerning the relative risks of the use of altrenogest under all these circumstances.

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

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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

NOTICE TO HARNESS TRAINERS – INTRA-ARTICULAR INJECTIONS STAND-DOWN PERIOD

Harness trainers should note the introduction of a new Rule of Racing HR196D, that prohibits the intra-articular administration of any substance to a Standardbred racehorse within 8 clear days of racing. This Rule is effective from 4th December 2020.

Harness Racing Australia has made this decision in the best interests of the welfare of the horse and safety of drivers, whilst being cognisant of Australian racing conditions.

HR 196D reads as follows;

(1) A person shall not within eight (8) clear days of the commencement of a race administer, attempt to administer or cause to be administered an intra-articular injection to a horse nominated for that race.

(2) A Steward shall order the withdrawal or disqualification of a horse that has been either the subject of an administration or an attempted administration of an injection in breach of subrule (1).

(3) A person who fails to comply with sub-rule (1) is guilty of an offence.

(4) For the purposes of this Rule "one clear day" means the twenty four (24) hour period from 12.01 a.m. to midnight.

A "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.

As such a stand down time of 8 clear days equates to 10 regular days when including the day of administration and the

day of racing.

In applying HR196D and by example, a horse subjected to an intra-articular administration with any substance on the 1st day of the month, is ineligible to race until the 10th day of the month.

Trainers are referred to the RWWA Harness Clear Day Rule chart available under veterinary notices on the RWWA website to further assist with the application of clear day principles.

Trainers are advised to contact the RWWA Veterinary Department for further advice on this matter 08 9445 5459 or 08 9445 5305.

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 (µg/L) in urine and 25 µg/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

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internet is extremely unwise.

- To comply with the one clear day restriction on the injection of any substance prior to racing.

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

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

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

RWWA HARNESS INDUSTRY NOTICE – RULE HR 196B

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

Implications of HR 196B

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

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

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

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

For the purpose of this rule “injection” means, but is not limited to, the insertion of a hypodermic needle into a horse. Under the amended rule, a person also must not insert a needle into a horse for the purpose of blood sampling for

health and fitness assessment during the one clear day prior to competition. The obvious exception to the Rule is the collection of official pre-race or out of competition blood samples at the direction of the Stewards for the purpose of drug analyses.

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

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

Background

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

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

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

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

By way of 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.

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Therefore veterinarians are advised that recommended withdrawal periods for treatment with dexamethasone sodium phosphate (for example, in products including Colvasone, Dexadron, 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

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 medication categories as reliable detection times are difficult, and in some cases impossible, to provide.

Through the Stewards, the ChemCentre will analyse non-race day elective urine samples for certain long-acting therapeutic medications, to determine the suitability for racing after treatment.

The following long-acting medications 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.

a) Sample Submission

1. Urine is required for testing unless specified otherwise.
2. Samples are submitted through the RWWA Stewards or Veterinary Department.
3. Stewards/RWWA Veterinarians must be advised prior to sample submission.
4. Trainers will be charged through the RWWA accounting system.
5. Samples should be submitted in a clean jar/container with lid or a urine collection bottle available from the Stewards.
6. The following details must be supplied when samples are submitted.
 - Animal name and sex.
 - Medication name/s for which the sample is to be tested.
 - Treatment details i.e. medication/dose/date administered.
 - Trainer's name and contact details

7. Stewards will advise trainer when results are received

Cost of sample analysis (all prices include GST)

- \$200.00 per medication category
- Results will be available approx. 7 working days after sample submission to the ChemCentre.
- For further information contact the RWWA Veterinary Department 9445 5459 or Stewards

SCREENING LIMITS

For the purpose of Thoroughbred Rule AR 257 and Harness Rule HRR 188B, it is hereby notified that screening limits applicable to the following therapeutic substances, as approved by Racing Australia and Harness Racing Australia, are set out as follows;

- acepromazine - 0.02 nanograms per millilitre (ng/mL) in plasma
- acepromazine - 10ng/mL of the 2-(1-hydroxyethyl) promazine sulphoxide metabolite in urine
- betamethasone - 0.20ng/mL in urine
- butorphanol - 0.01ng/mL in plasma
- butorphanol - 1ng/mL in urine
- carprofen - 100ng/mL in plasma
- carprofen - 100ng/mL in urine
- dantrolene - 3ng/mL of 5-hydroxydantrolene in unhydrolysed urine
- detomidine - 0.02ng/mL of the 3'-hydroxydetomidine metabolite in plasma
- detomidine - 2ng/mL of the 3'-hydroxydetomidine metabolite in urine
- dexamethasone - 0.2ng/mL in urine
- diclofenac - 50ng/mL in urine
- dipyrone - 1000ng/mL of the 4-methylaminoantipyrine metabolite in urine
- eltenac - 50ng/mL in urine
- firocoxib - 2 ng/mL in plasma
- flunixin - 1ng/mL in plasma
- flunixin - 100ng/mL in urine
- frusemide - 0.1ng/mL in plasma
- frusemide - 50ng/mL in urine
- hyoscine butylbromide (or n-butylscopolammonium) - 0.05ng/mL in plasma
- hyoscine butylbromide (or n-butylscopolammonium) - 25ng/mL in urine
- ipratropium - 0.25ng/mL in urine
- ketoprofen - 100ng/mL in urine
- ketoprofen - 2 ng/mL in plasma under the condition of a single IV or oral dose
- lignocaine - 0.05ng/mL in plasma
- lignocaine - 10ng/mL of the 3'-hydroxylignocaine metabolite in urine
- meclofenamic acid - 5ng/mL in plasma
- meclofenamic acid - 250ng/mL in urine

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- medetomidine – 0.02ng/mL of 3'-hydroxymedetomidine in plasma
- medetomidine – 5ng/mL of 3'-hydroxymedetomidine in urine
- meloxicam – 1ng/mL in plasma
- meloxicam – 10ng/mL in urine
- mepivacaine – 0.05ng/mL in plasma
- mepivacaine – 10ng/mL of the 3'-hydroxymepivacaine metabolite in urine
- methocarbamol – 100ng/mL in urine (when restricted to a single oral or IV treatment of no more than 5 grams of methocarbamol)
- naproxen – 250ng/mL in urine
- phenylbutazone – 100ng/mL in plasma
- phenylbutazone – 100ng/mL in urine
- romifidine – 1ng/mL in urine
- salbutamol – 0.5ng/mL in urine
- triamcinolone acetonide – 0.5ng/mL in urine
- vedaprofen – 50ng/mL in urine
- vedaprofen – 5 ng/mL in plasma

Screening limits do not affect liability

The implementation of screening limits in racing is not intended and does not operate to mean that for the purpose of the Rules of Racing the therapeutic substance only becomes a prohibited substance if and when the screening limit is exceeded.

It shall not be a defence to any charge under the rules of racing that the result of any initial screening test should have been below the screening limit for the therapeutic substance in question."

Advice of detection periods

Industry participants are advised that more information on the detection periods for many of the therapeutic drugs assigned screening limits is available on the Agrifutures

website: agrifutures.com.au/rural-industries/thoroughbred-horses/

In making any decision regarding the administration of a prohibited substance to a horse that is entered to race, industry participants are reminded of their responsibilities in undertaking the appropriate level of due diligence and risk analysis in researching the available information on detection periods, including the seeking of veterinary advice and adding an adequate safety margin. Participants are advised to take a conservative approach, and consider all variables such as dose, length of treatment and route of administration, when calculating withdrawal times for therapeutic substances where information on detection times is available.

Participants are also advised that a best-practice approach would dictate that no medication, irrespective of its detection period, should be given within 2 clear days of racing.

OFFICIAL RACING LABORATORIES

"Official Racing Laboratory" means an analytical racing laboratory which is approved by Racing Australia.

Note: The following have been approved by Racing Australia as Official Racing Laboratories:

Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory, Sydney

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission - Racing Science Centre,

Brisbane

Racing Analytical Services Limited, Melbourne

Racing Chemistry Laboratory, Chemistry Centre (W.A.), Perth

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Racing Laboratory, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

New Zealand Racing Laboratory Services Limited, Avondale, Auckland, New Zealand

Sport and Specialised Analytical Services, LGC, Fordham, Ely, Cambridgeshire, United Kingdom

Australian Sports Drug Testing Laboratory, Sydney ChemCentre, Western Australia

National Measurement Institute (NMI), Sydney (trace element analysis)

Institute of Biochemistry, German Sport University, Cologne, Germany

Laboratory of Racing Chemistry, Tochigi, Japan (reserve portion/B sample analysis)

ARSENIC - NOTICE TO HORSE TRAINERS

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

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

Registered veterinary products that contain Arsenic -based compounds include:

- Arcyl Solution for Injection
- Ferrocyll injection
- Troy Invigorate Injection
- Jurocyll 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.

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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

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

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. Products that contain alkalinising agents and which fall within this definition include proprietary formulations such as: Sodium Bicarbonate ("bicarb"), sodium citrate, Baladene®, Lang's Solution® for intravenous use, Neutra-Syrup®, 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 alkalinising agents, but which can be demonstrated to have negligible effects on plasma TCO₂ when administered in feed according to the manufacturer's recommendations for normal daily use. These commercial balanced electrolyte supplements may be fed in normally recommended amounts within the one clear day. Examples of normal balanced electrolyte products would include such proprietary preparations as; Applyte Gel®, Electromix®, Electro Paste®, Electrovite Paste®, 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 TCO₂ beyond the threshold is detected from any sample taken by the Stewards, the rule does not provide a defence to a charge laid against a person under the Rules. Consequently even if a product that is described or may be described as a 'balanced electrolyte supplement', such as the examples above, is fed/administered and a horse returns an elevated level of TCO₂ greater than 36.0mm/L, the absolute and strict liability operation of the 'presentation' rule remains and an offence is committed.

CONTROL OF RACE DAY TREATMENT/MEDICATION OF RACEHORSES

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

Guidelines for treatments/medications that can be permitted on race day prior to the race – prior approval of the Stewards

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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

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

substances.

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

Treatments/medications prohibited on race day prior to the race

Routes of administration

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

Clay poultices

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

Glycerine and Vicks Vaporub®

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

Physical therapy as treatment

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

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

Extra-corporeal shock wave treatment (ESWT)

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

VETERINARY NOTICES

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. EQUSSAGE

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 RWVA 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.rwva.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.

8 CLEAR DAYS — INTRA-ARTICULAR (IA) ADMINISTRATION OF ANY SUBSTANCE (196D)

WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
IA ADMIN	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	RACEDAY TRIAL			
			IA ADMIN	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	RACEDAY TRIAL

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

WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
	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

DEMBREXINE

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 5110 OR VETERINARY DEPARTMENT (08) 9445 5459 OR (08) 9445 5305

AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF RACING

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 detailed below.

AMENDMENT TO LOCAL RULES (effective 5 February 2022)

Add Local Rule LR91A Covid Vaccination

LR91A Covid Vaccination

1. Any person (other than a greyhound owner), who is licenced or approved by RWWA or who is otherwise authorised by the RWWA Rules of Racing or stewards to conduct any activity associated with the running of a race meeting, trials, trackwork or similar must be fully vaccinated and ensure their staff and contractors involved in such activities are fully vaccinated by 12.01am on 5 February 2022.
2. Fully vaccinated means having received at least two doses of a registered COVID-19 vaccination and a booster vaccination within one month of being deemed eligible to receive it (noting that government directions and health advice on the timing of booster vaccinations may change from time to time).
3. The licence, approval or authority of any person who is not fully vaccinated by 12.01am on 5 February 2022 will be suspended until such time as they comply with (1) or such time that this rule ceases to be in effect. (NB – a person will be unable to undertake any activity associated with such licence or authority while the suspension continues).
4. Any person who is not compliant with (1) shall be excluded from attending RWWA approved stables and/or training establishments, any race tracks, trial tracks or other venues controlled or operated by RWWA.
5. Any person required to comply with the requirement at (1) must provide proof of vaccination to RWWA. Proof of vaccination must be provided in one of the following forms:
 - a. Medicare COVID-19 digital certificate or printed vaccination certificate from the Australian Immunisation Register; or
 - b. Medicare Immunisation History Statement.
6. Proof of vaccination must be provided to RWWA in the prescribed form as outlined in (5) by Saturday 29 January 2022.
7. A person is exempt, or temporarily exempt, from the requirement at (1) if the person has a medical exemption recorded on the Australian Immunisation Register or a temporary exemption issued to the person by the Chief Health Officer of Western Australia or their delegate.
8. A person is temporarily exempt from the requirement at 6 if there are technical, administrative, or other factors outside the person's control which prevent compliance and RWWA issues an exemption on this basis.
9. RWWA will only collect and use the evidence provided in accordance with this rule for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the rule or as required by law. Evidence provided in accordance with this rule will be stored on a secure database with restricted access and permanently deleted when no longer needed.
10. Any person required to comply with (1) must produce, if requested to do so by RWWA or an authorised person, their photo ID and proof of vaccination as set out in (5). For example, a steward may request this at a race meeting. A person who refuses or fails to comply with such a request must immediately leave the premises where the refusal or failure to comply occurred and can be removed from the premises if required.
11. Any person who:
 - a. Attends any RWWA-approved stable and/or training establishment, race track, trial track or other venue controlled or operated by RWWA when not fully vaccinated in accordance with this rule; or
 - b. Refuses or fails to comply with a request to provide proof of vaccination as specified in (5),

commits an offence and is liable to penalty.

This rule comes into effect on 5 February 2022 and remains in effect until further advised by RWWA.

Further detail with regard to this Rule, including Frequently asked questions, is available from the RWWA Website at <https://www.rwwa.com.au/industry/integrity/rules-policies/local-rule-vaccination-frequently-asked-questions/>

AMENDMENTS TO RULES EFFECTIVE 1 FEBRUARY 2022

DICTIONARY

- **Add definition in Schedule 1 Dictionary:**

“One clear day” means the twenty four (24) hour period from 12.01 a.m. to midnight.

Rationale

Creates a dictionary item to clarify what “One clear day” means within the rules and allows for the rules to reference the dictionary item.

Amend definition in Schedule 1 Dictionary:

“Standardbred” when used with reference to a horse means a horse which is the progeny of a registered Standardbred sire and a registered Standardbred dam.

2. STEWARDS

Powers

- **Amend Rule 15(1)(a)**

15. (1) *Stewards are empowered -*

(a) *to direct and control at any time the activities of persons licensed under these rules and anyone else appointed, employed or engaged in any aspect of the harness racing industry, concerning the application of these rules;*

Rationale

Previous rule mentioned “at any meeting” whilst amendment states “at any time” which better describes the overall powers of the Stewards to regulate the industry. Further slight amendments to roles within the rule.

3. MEETING AND RACES

Nominations and acceptances

- **Add new Rule 23B**

23B. (1) *A horse cannot be nominated for a race if it is a horse as defined by sub-rule (2) and it has not satisfied the provisions of sub-rule (3).*

(2) (a) *A horse that has not participated in an official trial or race within the twelve month period prior to the race.*

(b) *A foreign horse that has been imported into Australia and has not participated in an official trial or race within the six month period prior to the race.*

(3) *The horse must participate in an official trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards.*

Rationale

Horses that have not raced or trialed within 12 months or imported horses that have not trialed within the last six months must complete a trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being nominated to race.

Stable returns

- **Add Rule 25(1)(b) and re-number Rule 25(1) to 25(1)(a)**

25. (1) (b) *Unless otherwise determined by the Controlling Body or Stewards, a stable return shall be made in such form as the Controlling Body may determine.*

Rationale

With the increased use of digital forms and procedures requirements to use HRA approved forms has been deleted to allow individual Controlling Bodies to determine how requirements are met.

Disqualification

- **Add new Rule 66(i)**

66. *A horse may be disqualified from a race or placed in a lower finishing position in a race if the horse*
-
(i) *is driven in a manner prejudicial or detrimental to the reputational interests of harness racing.*

Claiming Races

- **Amend Rule 75(2)(II)**

75. (2) *Subject to any determination made under sub rule (1) the following applies –*

(II) *where a horse is declared to race in a claiming race and is subsequently withdrawn on veterinary advice the trainer shall at the time of its withdrawal or as soon thereafter as the Stewards may direct produce a veterinary certificate stating precisely the reason for the withdrawal.*

Rationale

The wording “or as soon thereafter as the Stewards may direct” has been added.

4. LICENCES

Grant of Licences and other matters

- **Add Rule 90(6)**
- **Renumber existing Rule 90(6) to Rule 90(7)**
- **Renumber existing Rule 90(7) to Rule 90(8)**
- **Renumber existing Rule 90(8) to Rule 90(9)**

90. (6) *An applicant for a licence or an existing licence holder shall if found guilty of a crime or offence which is punishable by term of imprisonment immediately notify the Controlling Body or Stewards of that finding of guilt.*

(7) *A licence may be suspended or cancelled:*

- (a) *by the Controlling Body or the Stewards for breach of a term or condition of the licence; or*
- (b) *by the Controlling Body where the Controlling Body is satisfied that the person holding the licence is not a fit and proper person to be associated with harness racing.*

(8) *The type, grade or class of a licence held by a person may be varied by the Controlling Body or by the Stewards.*

(9) *The terms or conditions attaching to a type, grade or class of licence may be varied by the Stewards or the Controlling Body.*

Rationale

Rule 267 empowers the Stewards to penalise a person who has been convicted by an Australian or overseas Court of a crime or an offence. Stewards would not necessarily be aware in many instances of a licensee being convicted and therefore this new rule requires a person to notify the Stewards of conviction. A licensee or applicant for a licence is required to notify the Controlling Body of “*any change to personal particulars*”. That requirement should extend to notification of conviction for a crime or offence. This is achieved by amending Rule 90 to include as sub-rule (6) “*an applicant for a licence or an existing licence holder shall if convicted by any Court of a crime or offence immediately notify the Controlling Body or Stewards of that conviction*”.

5. HORSES

Eligibility for registration and naming

- **Amend Rule 93(1)(a)**

93. (1) *A horse shall not be eligible for registration unless:*

- (a) *It is the progeny of a Standardbred sire and a Standardbred dam and its registration conforms with these rules.*

- **Amend Rule 93(4)**

- 93.** (4) *The Controlling Body shall not register a horse foaled outside its jurisdiction unless the horse is eligible for registration in an Australian State or Territory.*

- **Amend Rule 94(6)(b), (c), (d)**

- 94.** (6) (b) *The owner of a horse less than two years old that has been allocated a name by the Registrar shall upon payment of the prescribed fee(s) be permitted to change the name provided the horse has not competed in an official trial, race or bred and the change is made before the end of its yearling season. Any cancelled name will be made available for re-use after twelve months.*

- (c) *Subject to paragraph (d) hereof the owner of a horse two years old or older that has been allocated a name by the Registrar shall upon payment of the prescribed fee(s) be permitted to change the name provided the horse has not competed in an official trial or race or has not bred. Any cancelled name will be made available for re-use after twelve months.*

- (d) *The owner of a horse two years old or older that has been allocated a name by the Registrar and has competed in an official trial in any country can apply to change the horse's name by submitting an application in writing to the Registrar outlining reasons for wanting the change. The application will be considered by the Keeper of the Stud Book and the Registrar, and if approved, will require payment of the prescribed fee(s). Any cancelled name will be made available for re-use after twelve months.*

Foreign horses

- **Amend Preamble Rule 95A(1)**
- **Amend Rule 95A(1)(a), (b), (c)**
- **Renumber existing Rule 95A(2)(a) to 95A(1)(e)**
- **Renumber existing Rule 95A(2)(c) to 95A(1)(d)**
- **Renumber existing Rule 95A(2)(b) to 95A(1)(f)**
- **Renumber existing Rules 95A(3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11) to 95A(2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10).**

- 95A.** (1) *A foreign horse shall not be eligible for registration in Australia unless:*

- (a) *Such horse is registered with the Controlling Trotting Authority of the country it was cleared from;*
- (b) *Such horse is capable of satisfying the registration requirements applicable to a horse foaled in Australia;*
- (c) *Such horse has been parentage verified by D.N.A. genotyping or blood typing;*

- (d) Such horse is microchipped in accordance with [HRA's Microchipping Regulations](#), freezebranded or otherwise identified by a method approved by HRA;
- (e) HRA receives a clearance certificate from the country in which such foreign horse was last registered;
- (f) The appropriate clearance registration fee is paid.
- (2) Upon the receipt of a Clearance Certificate a foreign bred horse shall be allocated its existing name and in addition shall have a suffix added to its name to denote the country of origin.
- (3) The suffix to be added to the name shall be as follows:
- | | | | |
|---------------|-----|----------------|-----|
| New Zealand | NZ | Ireland | IRL |
| United States | USA | Italy | ITA |
| Canada | CA | Malta | MLT |
| Europe: | | Netherlands | NLD |
| Austria | AUT | Norway | NOR |
| Belgium | BEL | Russia | RUS |
| Denmark | DNK | Sweden | SWE |
| Finland | FIN | Switzerland | SUI |
| France | FRA | United Kingdom | GBR |
| Germany | GER | | |
- (4) The name of a foreign horse will be checked by the Registrar for verification and recording and the Registrar shall advise the Controlling Body that the name is available or otherwise.
- (5) If the name is not available then a prefix will be applied, and under certain circumstances a new name may be requested by the Registrar. In such case where a name is changed the suffix applicable shall be added to the new name.
- (6) If the name of a foreign horse is of a well known living or deceased Australian person, permission must be obtained by HRA from either the person (if they are living) or from the family (if they are deceased) to allow the name in Australia. Otherwise a name change may be requested by the Registrar.
- (7) The owner of a yearling bred outside Australia shall upon payment of the prescribed fee(s) be permitted to change the name provided the horse has not competed in an official trial or race either in Australia or Overseas, has not bred and the change is made before the end of its yearling season in Australia.
- (8) The owner of a horse 2 years old or older bred outside Australia shall upon payment of the prescribed fee(s) be permitted to change the name provided that horse has not competed in an official trial or race either in Australia or overseas, or has not bred.

- (9) *The owner of a horse 2YO or older bred outside Australia that has been allocated a name and has competed in an official trial in any country can apply to change the name by submitting an application in writing to the Registrar outlining reasons for wanting to make the change. The application will be considered by the Keeper of the Stud Book and the Registrar, and if approved, will require payment of the prescribed fee(s). Any cancelled name will be made available for re-use after 12 months.*
- (10) *Apostrophes, dashes and dots which are part of a foreign horse name will be eliminated.*

Deregistration of a horse

- **Amend Rule 96A(4)(a), (b)**

- 96A.** (4) *The owner or trainer of a registered horse at the time of its death shall:-*
- (a) *In the case of a horse which dies whilst in the care of a licensed trainer immediately notify the Stewards of the death.*
 - (b) *In any other case notify the Controlling Body or Stewards of the death within twenty-four hours of its occurrence.*

Rationale

Time frames in which to notify the death of a horse have been tightened.

Gait Change

- **Add Rule 97A**

- 97A.** *Application to change the gait of a horse shall be made in such form as the Controlling Body may determine.*

Rationale

With the increased use of digital forms and procedures requirements to use HRA approved forms has been deleted to allow individual Controlling Bodies to determine how requirements are met.

Medical and surgical procedures

- **Add new Rule 99A**

- 99A.** (1) *A person shall not perform, attempt to perform or authorise the performance of the procedure of blistering.*
- (2) *For the purposes of this rule blistering means the application or injection of an irritating substance onto or into soft tissue of a horse to create an inflammatory reaction.*
- (3) *A person who fails to comply with sub-rule (1) is guilty of an offence.*

Rationale

On welfare grounds bans the performance of “Blistering”.

- **Add Rule 100A**

100A. *Notification of gelding or performance of other specified procedures shall be given to the Controlling Body or Stewards in such form as the Controlling Body may determine.*

Rationale

With the increased use of digital forms and procedures requirements to use HRA approved forms has been deleted to allow individual Controlling Bodies to determine how requirements are met.

Bleeding attacks

- **Amend Preamble Rule 101(3)**

101. (3) *If the Stewards are satisfied that a horse has suffered a bleeding attack which has originated from the lungs the Stewards shall bar the horse from racing:-*

- **Amend Rule 101B(1), (2)**

101B. (1) *Any time a horse suffers bleeding from one nostril and that blood has originated from the lungs the trainer shall immediately and in any event within twenty four (24) hours notify the Stewards.*

(2) *If the Stewards determine that a horse has bled from one nostril and that blood has originated from the lungs the horse shall not be eligible to race until it has trialed to the satisfaction of the Stewards.*

Rationale

A horse that receives a knock to the head prior to or during a race which results in bleeding from a nostril or nostrils is a situation which does not breach these rules. The addition of the wording “has originated from the lungs” therefore establishes the type of bleeding from nostril/s which will breach the rules.

Atrial Fibrillation

- **Amend Rule 101C(2)(a), (b), (c)**
- **Add new Rule 101C(2)(d)**

101C. (2) *If the Stewards are satisfied that a horse has suffered atrial fibrillation the Stewards shall:*

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

- (b) *After the second episode stand the horse down from racing for a period of 28 days, require the horse to undergo an ECG before trialling and then trial on two occasions to the satisfaction of the Stewards.*
- (c) *If the horse suffers a third episode within twelve months of the second episode bar the horse for life.*
- (d) *If the horse suffers a third episode more than twelve months after the second episode stand the horse down from racing for such period as they consider necessary and require the horse to undergo such veterinary examination and complete such trials as they consider necessary.*

Rationale

Changes the original wording of “attack” to “episode”. Adds a new rule which caters for a stand down period for a third episode after more than twelve months.

Eligibility for Nomination

- **Amend Rule 119B**

119B. *Unless the Stewards otherwise approve, a horse shall not be eligible to be nominated for a race unless for a period of at least twenty eight (28) days immediately prior to the date fixed for nomination the horse has been trained by a licensed trainer and that trainer has lodged with the Controlling Body a stable return for that horse.*

Transfer from disqualified trainer

- **Add Rule 120(3), (4)**
- **Renumber existing Rule 120(3) to 120(5)**
- **Renumber existing Rule 120(4) to 120(6)**
- **Renumber existing Rule 120(5) to 120(7)**

120. (1) *A horse trained but not owned by a trainer whose licence has been suspended or cancelled or who is disqualified (in this rule called the "disqualified person") is ineligible to race until it is transferred to the control of a licensed trainer.*

(2) *A transfer must be approved by the Controlling Body or Stewards.*

(3) *A horse which is trained by a disqualified person shall not without the approval of the Stewards be transferred to an immediate family member or to a person whom the Stewards determine is a close associate.*

(4) *For the purposes of this rule:-*

(a) *An immediate family member means the following persons who are related to the disqualified person:-*

(i) *Spouse, defacto, child, parent, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, cousin;*

- (ii) *Child, parent, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew or cousin of the disqualified person's spouse or defacto partner.*
- (b) *A close associate includes but is not limited to the following which may be existing or prior:-*
 - (i) *Commercial relationship*
 - (ii) *Trainer/owner relationship*
 - (iii) *Trainer/breeder relationship*
 - (iv) *Employee/employer relationship*
 - (v) *Co-located registered training address.*
- (5) *The Controlling Body or Stewards may at any time revoke the approval of a transfer if it or they form the view that the disqualified person is involved with or influencing the training of the horse.*
- (6) *If a transfer is not approved or is revoked the horse is ineligible to race.*
- (7) *A horse may be declared ineligible to race by the Controlling Body or Stewards if it or they form the view that the disqualified person is involved with or influencing the training of the horse.*

Rationale

Strengthens the position of the Stewards that any transfer of ownership, or control, of a horse from a disqualified person must be approved by the Stewards or the Controlling Body.

9. DRIVERS

Priorities concerning horse to be driven

- **Add new Rule 152A**

152A. (1) Where the spouse or partner of a driver is the owner or trainer of a horse in a race the driver shall not without the approval of the Stewards drive any horse in the race other than the horse owned or trained by his/her spouse or partner.

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

Rationale

Creates further restrictions on the driving of "outside horses" in races where a driver has a spouse or partner listed as the trainer.

Horse breaking gait

- **Repeal Rule 155A(1), (2)**

155A. (1) *Notwithstanding the provisions of Rules 154 and 155 any horse which has broken gait free of interference, and remains in the incorrect gait when its nose reaches the finish line, and is covered by any other horse or horses in the correct gait it shall be placed behind such horse or horses.*

(2) *For the purposes of sub-rule (1) “covered” means when a horse has its nose in line with any part of the breaking horse’s body excluding its tail or extended hind legs when the nose of the horse which has broken gait reaches the finish line.*

- **Delete Local Rule 155A**

Rationale

This rule is repealed as it had not been adopted in New South Wales or Western Australia, hence the WA Local Rule 155A which stated “Rule 155A shall not apply.”

States which wish to retain this rule have the option of inserting their own Local Rule.

Whips

- **Amend Rule 156(2)(a)**

156. (2) (a) *A driver shall only apply the whip and/or the rein 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.*

- **Repeal Rule 156(4)(c)**

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

Offences - relating to dress

- **Add new Rule 159A(9), (10)**

159A. (9) *A driver must immediately replace a helmet if:*

(a) *A helmet sustains significant impact or damage or*

(b) *A driver suffers concussion following a fall whilst wearing a helmet.*

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

Rationale

As a part of the steps taken to address the issue of concussion there is now a requirement on a driver to replace a helmet if the helmet is damaged or he/she is concussed from a fall whilst wearing a helmet.

A helmet could be damaged or a driver concussed in many instances where Stewards cannot reasonably be present and this rule now creates an obligation on the driver at all times.

Offences - relating to matters at the start and during the race

- **Repeal Rule 162(1)(vv)**

162. (1) (vv) *lengthen the reins so as to result in loose reining;*

- **Add new Rule 163A(1), (2)**

163A. (1) *A driver shall hold a rein in each hand unless activating adjustable gear.*

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

Offences - relating to sulkies

- **Amend 170(4), (5)**

170. (4) *A driver shall not:-*

(a) *Attempt to or allow his foot or leg to come into contact with the hind legs of the horse he is driving;*

(b) *Attempt to or allow his foot or leg to be placed in the immediate vicinity of the hind legs of the horse he is driving.*

(5) *A driver who fails to comply with any provision of this rule is guilty of an offence and in relation to sub-rule (4) the Stewards may in addition to any other penalty disqualify the horse.*

Rationale

The practice described within this rule is known as “*hocking*”. This rule has been amended to further strengthen the powers of the Stewards in relation to this practice.

10. OBJECTIONS AND PROTESTS

Lodgment

- **Amend Rule 176(6)**

176. (6) *Where a protest has been lodged in accordance with this rule and:-*

(a) *The grounds of the protest are that a horse or its driver has caused interference to another horse or its driver and the Stewards are of the opinion that the horse interfered with would have finished ahead of the first mentioned horse had such*

interference not occurred they shall place the first mentioned horse immediately after the horse interfered with.

- (b) *The grounds of the protest do not include a claim of interference, the Stewards shall dismiss the protest unless they are of the opinion that the horse lodging the protest would have finished ahead of the horse against which the protest has been lodged in which case they shall place the first mentioned horse ahead of the second mentioned horse.*

12. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

Determination of prohibited substance

- **Repeal Rule 188A(2)(d)**

188A. (2) (d) In male horses, other than geldings, 5 α -estrane-3 β , 17 α -diol in urine (including both the free substance and that liberated from conjugates) at a concentration equal to or less than that of 5(10)-estrane-3 β , 17 α -diol in urine (including both the free substance and that liberated from its conjugates).

- **Add New Rule 188A(2)(d)**

188A. (2) (d) In male horses other than geldings, free and glucuroconjugated 5 α -estrane-3 β , 17 α -diol at a mass concentration of 45 micrograms per litre in urine when, at the screening stage, the free and glucuroconjugated 5 α -estrane-3 β , 17 α -diol exceeds the free and glucuroconjugated 5,10 estrane-3 β , 17 α -diol in the urine.

Rationale

Under the Rules of Racing the threshold for estranediol in male horses is expressed as the ratio of estranediol: estrenediol at ≤ 1 . However, under the International Agreement on Breeding, Racing and Wagering (IABRW), the threshold is expressed as an absolute threshold of 45 micrograms per litre in urine, provided that at the screening stage the ratio of estranediol: estrenediol is > 1 .

For consistency with the IABRW, Harness Racing Australia has approved an amendment to the way in which the threshold is expressed in the Rules.

- **Amend Rule 188A(2)(g)(ii), (iv)**

188A. (2) (g) Testosterone -

- (ii) *in geldings, fillies and mares: free testosterone at a mass concentration of 100 picograms per millilitre in plasma,*

188A. (2) (g) Testosterone -

- (iv) *In fillies and mares that have been notified as pregnant so as to comply with Rule 103B: free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its*

conjugates at any concentration in urine or free testosterone at any concentration in plasma.

Rationale

The International Agreement on Breeding Racing and Wagering (IABRW) now contains a plasma testosterone threshold for fillies and mares (unless in foal): 100 picograms free testosterone per millilitre in plasma from fillies and mares.

Harness Racing Australia has approved the inclusion of the international threshold in the Rules.

- **Repeal Rule 188A(2)(j)**

188A. (2) (j) *Theobromine at a mass concentration of 2.00 milligrams per litre in urine.*

Rationale

Theobromine remains a prohibited substance but HRA has amended the rules to remove it from the list of substances that have a threshold applied.

Add new Rule 188A(2)(j)

188A. (2) (j) *Prednisolone (free Prednisolone) at a mass concentration of 10 micrograms per litre in urine.*

Rationale

There is now evidence that Prednisolone is an endogenous substance in horses. In light of this a threshold has now been put in place.

Testing

- **Add new Rule 189A**

189A. *Any sample taken from a horse shall only be analysed by a laboratory approved by the Controlling Body.*

Rationale

Clarifies that samples can only be analysed by approved laboratories.

Out of Competition Testing

- **Amend Rule 190A(4), (5)**

190A. (4) *Any person who is in possession of a substance specified in sub-rule (2) or a metabolite, artifact or isomer of such substance is guilty of an offence.*

- (5) *It shall be a defence to a charge under sub-rule (4) for the person in possession of such substance or preparation to prove that the substance or preparation was prescribed to him, for use by him, by a qualified medical practitioner.*

Rationale

This amendment restricts the prescribing of the any substance to a qualified medical practitioner and removes the reference to veterinarian. The reasoning being that that a substance prescribed for a human does not have any accepted use for a horse and should not be prescribed by a veterinarian.

- **New Heading – Transfer Restrictions**
- **New Rule 190AC**

Transfer Restrictions

190AC. (1) *When a trainer is notified by the Stewards that the presence of a substance prohibited by Rules 188A, 190A or 190AB has been certified to be present in a horse trained by that trainer at the time the sample is taken, the trainer is not permitted without the prior approval of the Stewards to:-*

- (a) *transfer the ownership of any horse they own to any other person;*
 - (b) *transfer any training responsibilities for any horse they train to any other person.*
- (2) *For the purposes of sub-rule (1) “certified” means the issuance of an evidentiary certificate pursuant to Rule 191(1).*
- (3) *A trainer who fails to comply with sub-rule (1) is guilty of an offence.*

Rationale

As mentioned in rationale for Rule 120 amendments this amendment strengthens the position of the Stewards that any transfer of ownership, or control, of a horse from a disqualified person must be approved by the Stewards or the Controlling Body.

Stomach tubing, atomisers and other devices

- **Amend Rule 193(1), (2)**
- **Add new Rule 193(6)**
- **Re-number existing Rule 193(6), (7), (8) to Rule 193(7), (8), (9)**
- **Amend Rule 193(8), (9)**

- 193.** (1) *A person shall not attempt to stomach tube or stomach tube a horse nominated for a race or event within one clear day of the commencement of the race or event.*
- (2) *A person shall not attempt to use or use an atomiser, face mask or other device for the administration of a prohibited substance to a horse nominated for a race or event within one clear day of the commencement of the race or event.*
- (3) *A person shall not administer or allow or cause to be administered any medication to a horse on race day prior to such horse running in a race.*

- (4) *Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-rule (3), a person, with the permission of the Stewards may administer or allow or cause to be administered any medication to a horse on race day prior to such horse running in a race.*
- (5) *The Stewards shall order the withdrawal or disqualification of a horse that has been either treated or attempted to have been treated in breach of sub-rules (1), (2) and (3).*
- (6) *A person shall not without the prior approval of the Stewards administer or allow or cause to be administered any medication to a horse on a racecourse after such horse has run in a race.*
- (7) *For the purposes of this Rule, medication means any treatment with drugs or other substances.*
- (8) *A person shall not allow or permit another person to attempt to perform or perform any of the actions prohibited by sub-rules (1), (2), (3) or (6).*
- (9) *A person who fails to comply with sub-rules (1), (2), (3), (6) or (8) is guilty of an offence.*

Rationale

The time for performing any activities prohibited by sub-rules (1) & (2) is reduced from 48 hours to one clear day.

Rule 193(6) is added to introduce a rule that prevents a person (without prior approval) from administering any medication to a horse at the racecourse after it has raced.

Administering Substances

- **Delete/Repeal Rule 196B(2)(a)**
- **Renumber existing Rule 196B(2)(b), (c) to 196B(2)(a), (b)**

196B. (2) *For the purposes of this Rule -*

- (a) *Administering an injection to a horse means the use of a hypodermic needle or other instrument to introduce or extract any substance from the horse;*
- (b) *It is not necessary to establish whether any substance was injected or the nature of the substance injected.*

- **Repeal Rule 196C(5)**

196C. (5) *For the purposes of this Rule:-
one clear day means the twenty four (24) hour period from 12.01 a.m. to 12 midnight.*

- **Repeal Rule 196D(4)**

196D. (4) *For the purposes of this Rule “one clear day” means the twenty four (24) hour period from 12.01 a.m. to midnight.*

Rationale

Deleted/Repealed as “one clear day” is now defined as explained in rationale on page one.

14. GENERAL OFFENCES

Horses

- Delete/Repeal Rule 213B(3)
- Add new Rule 213B(3)
- Amend Rule 213C(1)
- Add new Rule 213C(2)

213B. (3) *A shockwave therapy device means any device which is capable of delivering a pneumatically generated high energy pressure wave.*

213C. (1) *A person shall not use or have in their possession at a racecourse at which a meeting is being conducted any electrical, mechanical or galvanic device, equipment, appliance or apparatus which can be used to treat a horse.*

(2) *A person who fails to comply with sub-rule (1) is guilty of an offence and any horse that has either been treated or been the subject of an attempted treatment shall be withdrawn or disqualified from the race.*

Deleted/Repealed as “one clear day” is now defined as explained in rationale on page one.

16. DISQUALIFIED PERSONS

Disqualification by conviction

- Amend Rule 267(1), (2)

267. (1) *Subject to sub-rule (2) the Stewards may for such period and on such conditions as they think fit, disqualify a person who is found guilty of a crime or offence in any State or Territory of Australia or in any country which is punishable by a term of imprisonment.*

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

Rationale

Refer to rationale under Rule 90

17. EQUIPMENT AND COLOURS

Gear

- Add Rule 268A(1), (2)

268A. (1) *Applications concerning gear shall be made in such form as the Controlling Body or Stewards may determine and be lodged with the Controlling Body or Stewards no later than forty eight (48) hours before the nomination of a horse for a race.*

(2) *In the event of a change to any of the particulars notified in accordance with sub-rule (1), such change shall immediately be lodged with the Controlling Body or Stewards in such form as the Controlling Body or Stewards may determine.*

Application to change gear

- **Add Rule 269A**

269A. *An application to change any gear shall be made to the Controlling Body in such form as the Controlling Body may determine.*

Rationale

With the increased use of digital forms and procedures requirements to use HRA approved forms has been deleted to allow individual Controlling Bodies to determine how requirements are met.

Offences

- **Amend Rule 273(3)**

273. (3) *A person shall not without the permission of the Stewards start a horse in a race unless the horse is fitted with a false belly band and retaining straps and throat lash and a breast plate.*

Rationale

The wording “with a false belly band or retaining straps” is replaced “with a false belly band and retaining straps.

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NEW PROCEDURE FOR THE MICROCHIPPING OF STANDARDBRED FOALS IN WA - DISCONTINUANCE OF FREEZE BRANDING

Following a decision by Harness Racing Australia (HRA) in September 2020 all foals born in WA during the forthcoming foaling season will only be microchipped as a means identification.

Freeze branding will therefore be discontinued for any foals born from then onwards.

In WA the procedure of microchipping can only be carried out by a veterinary surgeon or by a veterinary nurse under the direct supervision of a veterinary surgeon i.e. the veterinary surgeon has to be present at the time for direct supervision.

Since 2017 the veterinary costs of microchip insertion in standardbred foals has been borne by the breeder, however with the new "microchip only" process the current RWWA foaling registration fee will remain stable and it will include the veterinary costs of microchipping, i.e. breeders will no longer have the Veterinary charges they are currently paying to have a microchip applied.

As from the coming foaling season RWWA has contracted a veterinarian who will travel around the state microchipping foals and collecting DNA samples in the same manner that the freeze branding contractor does at present.

Breeders continue to be responsible for notifying RWWA of the birth of a foal, within the required 21 days of foaling. As is currently the case, penalties apply for late notification of foaling.

There are no issues with breeders applying their own shoulder freeze brands should they choose to do so. Any brands applied must be promptly notified to the RWWA Licensing & Registrations (L&R) department.

Foals born before this coming foaling season that have not been microchipped will still be subject to the previous process.

Breeders are reminded;

- The notification of the birth of a foal (completed Certificates of Service) must be lodged with RWWA within 21 days of foaling, late lodgements fees apply.

- Entitlements to Breeders Bonuses

Within the RWWA Rules of Harness Racing a "Breeder" is;

(a) In the case of a foal which is the result of an embryo transfer, the registered owner or lessee of the donor mare at the time the embryo is flushed from such donor mare and impregnated into a recipient mare.

(b) In all other cases, the registered owner or lessee of the dam at the time of last date of service.

The RWWA L&R department receives many queries from participants in regard to Breeders Bonus payments. For clarification, in relation to future entitlements to Breeders Bonus payments, the Owner or breeding lessee of the dam at the last date of service is deemed to be "the breeder" of a foal. It is therefore essential for Breeders to lodge all transfers of ownership, or breeding leases, of a dam with RWWA prior to any last date of service (mating/insemination) being completed.

Any queries can be directed to the RWWA L&R department on 9445 5507.

RACING COLOURS WITH LOGOS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTICE TO ALL RACING PARTICIPANTS

Transfer of Ownership

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

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

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

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

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

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

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

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

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.

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.

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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.

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.

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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.

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

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

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

RWWA Driving Master 0434 609 604

Licensing and Registrations 9445 5558

GUIDELINES TO APPLY FOR A STABLEHANDS LICENCE

Please read this information carefully

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

STABLEHANDS LICENCE GRADES

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

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

(STABLEHAND DRIVING) applicant must

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

(STABLEHAND NON DRIVING) applicant must

1. Be employed by a trainer
2. Provide a National Police Clearance dated no later than 6-months prior to application

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3. If under 18 years of age a signed parent consent form

If you have any queries regarding your application please contact:

(08) 9445 5558 (Harness Licensing Officer)

LICENSEES AND CLUBS

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

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

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OR LEASE AGREEMENTS - CONTINGENCIES

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

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

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

TRANSFER'S OF OWNERSHIP - POLICY ADVICE

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

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

In circumstances where the ownership of a horse already engaged to compete is subject to change prior to racing, then the onus is on the incoming owners to advise RWWA Racing Accounts of

the impending change so that monies are not released until the transfer is completed. Payments will no longer be held pending the processing of the Transfer or Lease. RWWA will not be liable for retrieval or re-allocation of stake money already paid where adequate notice to RWWA Racing Accounts of the impending change of ownership has not occurred.

PHOTOS TO BE PROVIDED

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.

ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS FOR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP & LEASES

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

STANDARD BRED RACEHORSE SYNDICATION

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

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

OWNERS NOTE SYNDICATES & PARTNERSHIPS

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

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

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

A horse racing syndicate must be registered with the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) before it can operate if it is a "managed investment scheme" (MIS) for the purposes of the Corporations Act. This will generally be the case if the syndicate: has more than 50 members; or is promoted by a person in the business of promoting syndicates unless the investors in the scheme are "wholesale clients" for the purpose of the Corporations Act.

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

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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, Phone 03 5177 3988

From overseas, phone +613 5177 3988

Telephone Interpreter Service 131 450

REPLACEMENT LICENCE CARD

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

NEW WA LICENSES

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

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

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

RECORD OF GEAR

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

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

CHANGES TO LICENCE APPLICATION CHECKLIST FOR TRAINERS

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

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

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

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

FOALING NOTIFICATION FEES FOR 2021/2022

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 2021/22 season that are notified after 31st August 2022, an additional fee of \$1000 will apply to the normal Foaling Notification fee. Once a foal reaches the age of 2 years without having its Foaling Notification lodged with RWWA with the appropriate fee and a Statutory Declaration (on RWWA's website), the registration of that horse may not be approved.

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

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

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GROUP RACES MAY - JUNE 2022

DATE	DAY	RACING CLUB	FEATURE RACE NAME
06-May-22	Friday	Gloucester Park Harness Racing	WASBA Breeders Stakes Fillies And Mares
13-May-22	Friday	Gloucester Park Harness Racing	3YO Pearl Classic
20-May-22	Friday	Gloucester Park Harness Racing	3YO Diamond Classic
27-May-22	Friday	Gloucester Park Harness Racing	APG WA 4YO Consolation (Series 30)
03-Jun-22	Friday	Gloucester Park Harness Racing	Harry Capararo Westbred 4YO & 5YO Mares
10-Jun-22	Friday	Gloucester Park Harness Racing	The Pure Steel
17-Jun-22	Friday	Gloucester Park Harness Racing	Im Themightyquinn
17-Jun-22	Friday	Gloucester Park Harness Racing	Western Crown Fillies
17-Jun-22	Friday	Gloucester Park Harness Racing	Western Crown Colts & Geldings
24-Jun-22	Friday	Gloucester Park Harness Racing	The Lombardo

RACING POLICIES AND GENERAL RACING INFORMATION

EMERGENCY RUNNERS

1. The Handicapper may declare a horse to be an emergency in any race programmed with a Random Barrier Draw.
2. There can be no emergency runners for any race programmed with a Preferential Barrier Draw.
3. A horse declared an emergency in a standing start race will be included in the draw for barrier positions.
4. Except as provided in clause 5 below, where a horse is declared an emergency in a mobile start race it will be allocated the highest number saddlecloth. In the event of a scratching it will take the position of the first scratched horse and retain that horse's allocated barrier number.
5. A horse which is excluded from the draw in a mobile start race may be declared an emergency provided that if it gains a start it shall start from the outside of the line on which the scratching occurs and it will retain its allocated barrier number. An emergency shall not be declared in a mobile race at a track with equal numbers of starters on each line.
6. A horse declared an emergency shall be required to take its place in the field where a scratching occurs prior to 8:30 am on the day of the race.
7. A horse declared an emergency will be withdrawn automatically without penalty at 8:30 am on the day of the race if it is not required.
8. The trainer of a horse declared an emergency may contact Harness Trainers Service Centre (or the Stewards if the meeting is conducted on a weekend or public holiday) at 8:30 am on the day of the race to ascertain if the horse gained a start or not. The Harness Racing Office or the Stewards will attempt to contact the trainer when an emergency gains a start.
9.
 - a) In the event that two horses in a field are scratched at the same time (for example by the same trainer with two runners) then the barrier numbers of the horses scratched will be placed in a barrel and the first number drawn will be taken by the 1st Emergency and the remaining number will be taken by the 2nd Emergency.
 - b) In the unlikely event that three horses are scratched at the same time, then the above procedure will take place with the 1st Emergency drawing one of the three barrier positions available and the 2nd Emergency drawing one of the remaining two barrier positions.

RACE CONDITIONS

Race conditions will include the following detail;

- a) Starting method.
 - b) Stake.
 - c) Race distance.
 - d) Description of eligible horses which includes but is not limited to age, and HWOE level.
 - e) Conditions for the draw for barrier positions.
 - f) Conditions applicable to handicapping.
 - g) A race may carry a condition which stipulates the conditions in which a horse with a higher classification may be eligible for the race. Such condition will be known as an "also eligible" condition.
 - h) In a race of any class, the term 'Mares' shall refer to and include Mares and Fillies and the term 'Entires and Geldings' shall refer to and include Colts, Entires, Rigs and Geldings.
 - i) The eligibility of a horse entered into a race shall be determined as at the time acceptances close for such race. Following that time a horse which is listed as a starter will remain eligible for the race irrespective of any subsequent performance and will retain the same handicap mark or barrier position (unless excluded from the draw) except that a Maiden winning a race will be ineligible to start in a Maiden.
- NOTE:** RWWA has the utmost power to deal with any matter arising, whether or not such matter is specifically covered in the conditions of a race. Any decision by RWWA shall be final and conclusive and binding on all parties

BARRIER DRAWS

Barrier draws will be conducted as Random Barrier Draws (RBD) or Preferential Barrier Draws (PBD) and the mix of draws will be determined through the programming process.

Selected races, i.e. FFA PACERS, FFA TROTTERS, FFA MARES, RESTRICTED AGE and OPEN AGE, may utilise a Preferential Draw on an alternating basis with a Random Barrier Draw OR as a handicapping tool on a regular basis.

There will be two types of Preferential Draws:

1. PBD/L (formerly GPPBD/HWOE)

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

- a) Horses in the same Level/HWOE Groups will be subject to a Random Draw within the Level/Group.
- b) Level 15+/HWOE \$100,000+ shall be drawn together in ascending groups of \$50,000. (Refer Table 2)
- c) An exception will be applied to Fillies & Mares FFA only races which will see mares in the same Level/HWOE Groups subject to a RBD within their Level/Group.
- d) If a race has a "Preference to" clause in the conditions then the preference level will determine the lowest HWOE group applicable for the race.
- e) If a race does not have a "Preference to" clause in the conditions then horses in the same Level/HWOE Groups will be subject to a Random Draw within the Level/Group.
- f) Horses nominating out of their group will be drawn together with the lowest group.
- g) Horses using a concession will be drawn in their original group not a reduced group using the concession value.
- h) Standing start races will have 10-metre handicapping increments

TABLE 1 - Level 1 to 13

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

2. PBD/HWOEL2

This is a STRAIGHT sequential Preferential Barrier Draw on HWOEL2.

Horses with the same HWOE value will be subject to a Random Draw within their values.

The rest are straight sequential using HWOE.

3. PBD/HWOE

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

Horses with the same HWOE value will be subject to a Random Draw within their values.

The rest are straight sequential using HWOE.

4. PBD/MW (Metro staked race wins)

This is a STRAIGHT sequential Preferential Barrier Draw on MW and if used will only apply in 2YO and 3YO Metro staked races.

Horses with the same MW value will be subject to a Random Draw within their values.

The rest are straight sequential using MW.

5. PBD/\$Lx (Dollars earned last x starts) This is a STRAIGHT sequential Preferential Barrier Draw on \$Lx and will only apply in selected races.

Horses with the same \$Lx value will be subject to a Random Draw within their values; HOWEVER, the minimum value placed on this draw will be x times minimum Unplaced Stakes. Horses having their first x starts in WA with LT x times the minimum Unplaced Stakes in \$Lx will be drawn in the minimum Unplaced Stakes group.

The rest are straight sequential using \$Lx.

Example: At present, Preferential Barrier Draws on \$L5 are being programmed. Horses on the same \$L5 value will be subject to a Random Draw within their values; HOWEVER, the minimum value placed on this draw will be \$500 \$750 (5 x minimum Unplaced Stakes).

The rest are straight sequential using \$L5.

6. PBD/CLAIM/HWOEL2

This is a STRAIGHT sequential Preferential Barrier Draw on Claiming Price with horses within each Claiming Price drawn in order of HWOEL2.

Horses within each Claiming Price group with the same HWOEL2 value will be subject to a Random Draw within their values.

7. PBD HWOE GROUPED

A HWOE Grouped Preferential Barrier Draw will only apply in Open FFA races (\$100,000+). Horses will be drawn in ascending groups of \$50,000 (Refer Table 2)

A horse with HWOE LT \$100,000 will be drawn in the LT \$150,000 Group.

TABLE 2 - FFA

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

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN HANDICAPPING RULES

Western Australia has introduced a conditioned handicapping system which will group horses together for the purpose of handicapping based on the stakes they have earned for WINNING races (HWOE).

1. Each time a horse WINS a race the dollar value paid for first is accumulated towards the horses HWOE (Win Only Earnings)
2. Place money and payments back to last do NOT get counted in this calculation and Westbred and other Bonuses are also not included.
3. In the event of a dead-heat for first place the dollar value paid for the number of places affected will be totalled and divided equally amongst the number of dead-heaters. This figure will be added to each of the dead-heaters' HWOE.
4. The formula for the calculation of HWOE for 2YO, 3YO and 4YO are detailed below:

a) 2yo wins in races less than \$100,000 then 25% of win stake to be considered towards the handicap win only earnings to a maximum of \$3,750 per race.

b) 2yo wins in races \$100,000+ then 25% of win stake to be considered towards the handicap win only earnings to a maximum of \$7,500 per race.

c) 3yo wins in races less than \$100,000 then 75% of win stake to be considered towards the handicap win only earnings to a maximum of \$11,250 per race.

d) 3yo wins in races \$100,000+ then 75% of win stake to be considered towards the handicap win only earnings to a maximum of \$22,500 per race.

e) 4yo+ wins in races less than \$100,000 then 100% of win stake to be considered towards the handicap win only earnings to a maximum of \$15,000 per race.

f) 4yo+ wins in races \$100,000+ then 100% of win stake to be considered towards the handicap win only earnings to a maximum of \$30,000 per race.

DETERMINATION OF HWOE - TRANSITION FROM PREVIOUS SYSTEM

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

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

RACING POLICIES AND GENERAL RACING INFORMATION

NOMINATIONS/ACCEPTANCES

1. A completed Stable Return must be lodged via HarnessWeb or in writing direct with Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWWA) immediately when a horse comes under the control of a trainer with the intention of preparing the horse to participate in racing.

2. Any trainer relinquishing the training of a horse shall notify RWWA in writing, or via HarnessWeb, immediately upon the horse leaving his/her care.

3. A horse must be nominated through Racing and Wagering Western Australia by either:

- a. HarnessWeb <https://harnessweb.harness.org.au>
- b. Using the 24 hour Telephone Nomination Service - (08) 9445 5268

4. Trainers who nominate by HarnessWeb are reminded that they should always check any nominations lodged by checking 'MY NOMS' from the navigation menu. This will display all current nominations and engagements and provide the opportunity to rectify any problems or errors.

5. Nominating race preferences – In both nomination methods, where a horse is nominated for more than one race code the race code order in which it is nominated shall be deemed to be the trainer's order of race preference.

6. Preferences may be changed after publication of nominations and before 8.30 am on Acceptance Day by contacting Harness Racing Services on 9445 5267.

7. Unless otherwise specified in the conditions of a race or a race-meeting, the following nomination deadlines apply to all race meetings;

9. There is no limit on the number of meetings or races for which a horse may be nominated.

10. A horse may be nominated for a mobile or standing start race programmed for horses with a higher classification than the horse's classification at the time of nomination, subject to the race conditions allowing such Out Of Class nomination.

11. A horse nominated for a race may be transferred to another race at that meeting or be handicapped behind its automatic handicap with the Trainer's authorisation.

12. A horse taken out of a race PRIOR to Acceptance Time shall be deemed to have been WITHDRAWN. Horses taken out of a race AFTER Acceptance Time shall be deemed to have been scratched and may be subject to a scratching penalty of 14 days reduced to 7 days with receipt of a veterinary clearance.

13. As changes are sometimes made to race programs, trainers should always refer to the online calendar at <http://www.harness.org.au/racing/meeting-calendar/>

14. When nominations for a race are extended, it will be until the advertised Acceptance Time. Preference in field selection will be given to original nominations with late nominations given preference over original nominations which have an unfulfilled engagement.

15. In the event of an extension of nominations past the original Acceptance Time for any race on the programme the horses originally nominated cannot be withdrawn.

16. When nominations have been re-opened for a particular race, any horse that has been withdrawn prior to Acceptance Time, may only be re-nominated on the same handicap mark in a standing start race or under the same HWOE or \$L5 condition in a mobile start race and shall be treated as a late nomination.

17. Nominations for races will be published on HarnessWeb on the day nominations close and on <http://www.harness.org.au/media-room/racing-office/>. Preferences will be displayed.

18. If a horse accepts for two or more races at a meeting, a trainer may notify the RWWA Handicapping Panel of a preference for one race over another, however, such horse may be given a start in the race which allows the handicapper to maximise field size.

19. A horse will be ineligible to gain a start in a race if it has already been drawn into a race on the same day, unless otherwise stated in the race conditions.

20. A horse that is engaged as an emergency for the Final of a race may be granted a start in another race on the same day. If there is a scratching from the Final, such horse is required to contest the Final and will be scratched without penalty from the other race. Should such horse scratch from the Final, it will be deemed ineligible for the other race.

21. A horse that is engaged as an emergency in a feature race of higher stake money may be granted a start in a race of lesser stake money at the same meeting. If there is a scratching from the feature race, such horse is required to contest the feature race and will be scratched without penalty from the other race. Should such horse scratch from the feature race, it will be deemed ineligible for the other race.

22. A horse that is declared as an emergency in two or more Heats/divisions of a race or two individual races at the same meeting shall be deemed as a starter in the Heat/division or individual race from which the earliest timed scratching was taken. Such horse shall then be automatically scratched from the other Heat/division or individual race.

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

DUAL RACE MEETING NOMINATIONS

1. Where a horse is nominated for meetings on consecutive days and where acceptances are on separate days, a trainer not wishing to start the horse at both meetings, shall withdraw the horse prior to final acceptances for the second meeting.
2. Trainers who fail to withdraw such horse prior to Acceptance Time for the second meeting shall incur a 14 day Scratching Penalty if such horse is scratched after Acceptance Time for the second meeting.
3. The Harness Racing Office and Handicapper/s will not assume that a horse gaining a start at its first nominated meeting should automatically be withdrawn for the second nominated meeting.
4. If a horse is nominated for meetings on consecutive days and where acceptances are taking on the same day, a trainer's preference for which race / day they wish to start in shall be considered. However, such horse may be given a start in a race which allows the handicapper to maximise field size.
5. If a horse is nominated for meetings on consecutive days and where acceptances are taking on the same day, if a trainer wishes for their horse to be considered to run at both meetings they must notify their intention to when nominating.

HORSE OMITTED FROM HANDICAPS OR DRAW/ REDRAW FOR BARRIER POSITIONS

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

barrier position according to the preferential barrier draw configuration for the track in question.

b) Where the barrier draw condition for the race is random the included horse's barrier shall be determined by a random draw. The horse previously drawn in that position and all horses drawn outside the included horse shall move out one barrier position according to the preferential barrier draw configuration for the track in question.

5. The nomination of a horse shall not be considered for inclusion in the field and/or inclusion in the draw for barrier positions under the provisions of sub-reg. (1) after 8.30am on the day following the declaration of acceptances for the race or after the time for the declaration of acceptances for the race has been extended.
6. Any person who, in the opinion of the Stewards, attempts to cause, or causes, a horse to be improperly omitted from the field and/or draw for barrier positions commits an offence and may be penalised accordingly.

SCRATCHINGS

1. Any horse, including emergencies, scratched after Acceptance Time (08:30 hrs) and before the day of the race will be stood down for 14 days as per normal Scratching Penalty Policy. This may be reduced to a seven (7) day race ban – if a certificate from a qualified Veterinarian is received which states the reason for the scratching and that the horse is fit to resume at the conclusion of seven (7) days.
2. Horses scratched on the day of the meeting will be automatically stood down from racing for a period of 28 days from the date of the meeting, except that in cases where a veterinary certificate is lodged and accepted by the Stewards within 48 hours* of the meeting, the period of the ban will be a minimum of seven (7) days from the date of the meeting.
3. Final scratchings are taken at 8.30am on the morning of each race meeting. Emergencies will be withdrawn at this time if there have been no scratchings in the race.
4. A horse that is a late scratching due to a float breakdown will be automatically stood down from racing for a period of 28 days from the date of the meeting, except that in cases where a mechanical certificate of repair is lodged and accepted by the Stewards within 48 hours* of the meeting, the ban may be reduced to a minimum of 6 days. If the Stewards are not satisfied that a late scratching due to a float breakdown is legitimate, then the provisions of Rule 88 may be enforced. *Paperwork not lodged within 48 hours for the above penalties may be considered at the discretion of the Stewards for approval or otherwise.
5. If, following the release of fields, a horse is scratched due to a change of ownership, such horse, upon lodgement of the transfer of ownership papers, may apply to have the scratching penalty lifted. A horse that is scratched due to a change of trainer will remain liable to the appropriate scratching penalties, unless such horse has been transferred to an interstate trainer, in which case the scratching penalty may be lifted upon approval from the Stewards.

6. A horse which is a starter in a stand start race and is re-handicapped following a performance in another race may scratch without penalty by contacting the RWWA Handicapping Panel prior to 8.30am on race morning.
7. A horse drawn as an emergency for a Metro race and subsequently drawn as a starter in a Non Metro staked race at another meeting may be scratched by connections without penalty from the Non Metro staked race provided there has been a scratching from the Metro race and application is made to the Harness Racing Office.

HEATS/FINALS

1. A race may be conducted as Heats and a Final (series) and may have a Consolation/s in conjunction therewith provided that:
2. A horse may become ineligible for any further Heat, Final or Consolation of the series if it is reclassified beyond the published conditions of the race for performances in races other than within the series.
3. Horses may contest more than one Heat, unless otherwise stated in the race conditions.
4. Preference in the selection of fields will be given to horses that have contested the least number of Heats.
5. For the purpose of selection of fields, a horse that is disqualified from a Heat will be treated as having been a starter in such Heat.
6. Horses selected in the Heats are deemed to be final acceptors in all rounds of Heats (if applicable) and the Final and will be liable for any penalties if scratched.
7. Horses will qualify for the Final based on finishing position and mile rate recorded in the Heats. If there are multiple horses with the same finishing position in the heats than there are positions in the final, then the horse/s with the fastest mile rate/s will qualify for the final. Note: the mile rate is recorded to two decimal places. In the event of multiple horses recorded with same mile rate than there are positions in the field, then a ballot will take place.
8. Preference in qualification for a Final will be given to horses which completed the course in their Heat.
9. A horse that is disqualified from a Heat will be ineligible to contest the Final.
10. If any qualified horse is unable to take its place in the Final (or subsequent race of the series), the next highest ranked horse based on finishing position or mile rate if applicable will be declared the qualifier.
11. It is the responsibility of the trainer to ascertain whether or not such horse has qualified for the Final.
12. Horses which qualify for a Final will not be permitted to start in any other race on the day the Final is scheduled.
13. Fields for Consolation races will be selected on finishing order and mile rate in the Heats.
14. The type of barrier draw applied to the Heats will also apply to the Final, unless otherwise approved by RWWA.

15. Where a horse contests a Heat and qualifies for the Final, the driver for the Final may be changed from the driver in the Heat, providing the change is notified by the time prescribed for the notification of drivers.
16. In the event of any Heat being abandoned after the declaration of Acceptances, horses (excluding scratchings) will qualify for the Final in descending order of automatic field selection points for Heats selected under the Automatic Field Selection System.
17. Accordingly, horses (excluding scratchings) will qualify at the discretion of the RWWA Handicapping Panel for Heats selected under the Manual Field Selection System.
18. In the event there are insufficient acceptors to run heats the acceptors will be automatically qualified for the final which will be selected using the Field Selection for Feature Races run without heats.
19. Where a horse contests a heat and qualifies for the final, the trainer of such horse IS required to nominate for the Final.
20. The provisions of Rule 195A shall apply, and be read into the conditions of entry, for races run as Heats and Final/ Consolation.

CONCESSION DRIVERS

1. A Novice Concession Driver is a licensed driver who has held a licence for a period of less than five years from the date a Grade B licence was first granted.
2. Concession drivers will be divided into three Concession Groups depending upon the number of winning drives they have had.
3. For the purpose of Concession Drivers, race meetings will be categorised into three classifications:
 - a. Metropolitan Prime (Gloucester Park, Friday), plus any other race where the stake money is \geq \$15,000
 - b. Provincial (includes race meetings classified as Metro Midweek)
 - c. Community (includes race meetings classified as Country)
4. A new B Grade Driver commences with a full concession at all venues (but will not be able to drive in metropolitan prime races until they meet the criteria for an A Grade Driver license). This is a Community concession.
5. Once a driver has more than 100 winners in total (or 20+ Metropolitan Prime Wins) they lose their concession at Community race meetings. This driver continues to have a concession at Metropolitan Prime and Provincial classified race meetings. This is a Provincial concession.
6. Once a driver has more than 150 winners in total (or 35+ Metropolitan Prime Wins) they lose their Provincial concession and can only claim a concession at Metropolitan Prime races. This is a Metro Concession.
7. For the purposes of calculating a novice concession, a dead-heat for first placing shall not count as a win

1. A Novice Concession Driver Claim will be for a five-year period and shall apply from the issue date of the licence to drive in races or until a Novice Concession Driver has driven 50 winners at prime metropolitan race meetings or 200 winners in total, whichever comes first.
2. At the completion of the five year period, a driver who has not driven 50 winners at prime metropolitan race meetings or 200 winners in total, may apply to the licensing steward for an extension of up to 2 years provided, if an extension is granted;
 - a) The driver's performance will be reviewed every 6 months, or more frequently if stewards deem necessary.
 - b) The extension may be cancelled at any time if the driver is not demonstrating a commitment to pursuing a professional driving career.
3. When considering an extension the licensing steward will consider the following:
 - a) Extended periods of injury, or other health issues which caused the driver to be unable to drive in races (including pregnancy).
 - b) Employment circumstances which precluded the driver from being able to pursue a professional driving career.
 - c) Other reasons put forward by the driver which indicate a determination and commitment to pursue a professional driving career.
 - d) The licensing Steward will also consider reports from other stewards and the Driving Master when considering any application and review.
 - e) Disciplinary records will also be considered when an extension is applied for, and time lost due to suspension may preclude the extension being granted, or reduce the term of the extension.
4. This policy will apply to a driver that is eligible to claim a novice concession at the time of enactment. This policy will not apply to a driver that is not eligible for a novice concession under the policy existing at the time this policy comes into effect.
5. A novice concession can only be claimed in a race where the conditions of the race stipulate.
6. Definitions
 - a) "Novice driver" means a licensed driver who is determined to be a Novice Concession Driver by a Controlling Body.
 - b) "Novice Concession Driver concession" means a concession given to a horse in a race whereby it's HWOE are reduced by the Novice Driver's current HWOE Allowance.
7. A horse driven by a Novice Concession Driver claiming a concession can enter a race as determined by the concession clause of that race.
8. The Novice Concession Driver concession applies to race entry only and does not reduce a horse's HWOE for the purposes of the barrier draw.
9. To obtain a Novice Concession Claim in a race, the trainer of the horse must signify at the time of nomination that a novice concession is being claimed.
10. Notification of a specified Novice Concession Drivers for the purpose of a novice concession claim shall be made PRIOR TO Acceptance Time for the race meeting.
11. Where a Novice Concession Driver engaged to drive a horse with a novice concession allowance is unable to fulfil the driving engagement;
 - a) A replacement Novice Concession Driver shall be engaged to drive the horse.
 - b) Provided that where betting on the race has started the driver selected under clause (a) shall be of comparable ability to the replaced driver.
 - c) Where a suitable replacement Novice Concession Driver is not available the horse shall be withdrawn from the race without penalty.
12. When a Novice Concession Driver exceeds the maximum number of lifetime wins permitted for a concession claim and has further driving engagements, the driver will be permitted to claim the relevant concession/s for the remainder of such meeting and any other subsequent meetings where drivers have already been declared as per the advertised driver declaration deadline for the meeting.
13. When a Novice Concession Driver utilises a concession claim in a Heat and the horse he/she drives in the Heats qualifies for the Final, such driver will be eligible to claim that concession in the Final on the same horse even if such driver has won his/her final win for the respective concession claim.
14. If a horse races prior to Acceptance Time for a meeting thereby having its HWOE increased, then provided that such race is one in which a concession may be claimed, a Novice Concession Driver who is eligible to claim a concession may be engaged for, or substituted for, the engaged driver of such horse prior to Acceptance Time.

MARES ALLOWANCE

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

STAKEMONEY DISTRIBUTION

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

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

Owners 87.5% | Trainers 7.5% | Drivers 5%

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

DRIVERS PERCENTAGES & FEES

For all staked races other than Community staked races (\$5,000), the Drivers fee is 5% of the total race prizemoney for drivers finishing first through to fifth.

For Community staked races, the Driver fee is 5% of the total race prizemoney for drivers finishing first through to fourth. All drivers receive a \$70 fee per race drive.

TRAINERS PERCENTAGE

For all staked races other than Community staked races (\$5,000), Trainers with runners placed 1st through to 5th receive 7.5% of the prize money on offer.

For Community staked races, the Trainers percentage is 5% of the total race prizemoney for horses finishing first through to fourth.

OWNERS

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

STAKEMONEY PERCENTAGES BY PLACING

Total Stake	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
\$5,000	52.30	15.00	7.80	5.90	4.00
\$8,500	59.48	16.25	7.89	5.76	3.48
\$10,250	55.88	15.88	9.41	6.47	3.53
\$14,000	60.85	16.62	8.07	5.90	3.56
\$15,000 - \$29,999	60.45	16.74	8.37	4.64	2.80
\$30,000+	64.00	16.00	7.00	4.00	2.00
Nights of Thunder Heats	60.45	16.74	8.37	4.64	2.80
Nights of Thunder Final	64.00	16.00	7.00	4.00	2.00

OFFICIAL TRIALS

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

Eligibility to trial

1. A horse is not eligible to trial unless it is registered, been in the care of a licenced trainer for at least the previous 28 days and a stable return has been lodged.
2. A horse is not eligible to trial if it is currently under a stand-down, such as for a veterinary certificate.

3. A horse must have attained the age of two years old and be named to be eligible to compete in a Qualifying or Official Trial.
4. All horses competing in official trials must have their freeze brand checked against their Registration Certificate or official records of RWWA.
5. Any horse whose identification cannot be established will be withdrawn from the trial.

Nomination for trials

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

In order to qualify or re-qualify,

1. A minimum of four horses must contest the trial, unless otherwise approved by the Stewards.
2. In a mobile qualifying trial, a horse must score up in its correct gait and/or without causing interference to other

- horses, be in its correct barrier positions and within one metre of the mobile barrier by the candy pole and the start.
- The horse must then complete the trial in a competitive manner running the qualifying times below, displaying satisfactory manners.
- In a standing start qualifying trial, a horse must not delay the start through intractability and leave the barrier at the correct gait. The horse must then complete the trial in a competitive manner running the qualifying times below, displaying satisfactory manners.
- When a horse is trialling to qualify or re-qualify and breaks gait through waywardness, displays unsatisfactory barrier manners and/or fails to run a mile rate within the qualifying time, it shall not be qualified or re-qualified.
- If a horse has previously qualified in a mobile trial, it may qualify for standing start races by performing a satisfactory 'jump-out'. (A 'jump-out' means a demonstration of satisfactory barrier manners by the horse and for it to be placed under pressure and maintain its gait for a minimum of 200 metres after the start).
- Any horse barred from racing until it completes a number of satisfactory trials shall not be trialled on the day the bar is imposed or trialled twice on the same day, for the purpose of having the bar removed.
- Only the horse's first trial on any day shall be counted as one official trial toward the bar being removed.
- Where a horse is barred to more than one satisfactory trial, the satisfactory trials must be completed consecutively before the bar will be removed.
- On tracks where there are two (2) rows of runners in an Official Trial, horses that are qualifying or re-qualifying should start from the front row.
- The following minimum mile rates for each individual horse will be observed in order to qualify or re-qualifying in official trials. Trial Supervisors may vary the qualifying time to accommodate adverse track or weather conditions.

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

Group A – Gloucester Park, Pinjarra, Bunbury

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

Group C – Busselton, Collie, Williams.

Re-included in barrier draw

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

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

ALLOCATION OF FIELD SELECTION POINTS

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

Field Selection Points Selection Table

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

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

Example:

Horse qualifies and earns 24 points as above

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

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

FIELD SELECTION

1. All Metropolitan Stakes races will be selected by L5\$ in descending order.
The Automatic Field Selection System and the Unfulfilled Engagement rule are not applicable.
2. Subject to the conditions applicable to a race, where the stake of a race is \$30,000 or higher the selection of the field will be at the discretion of the RWWA Field Selection Panel.
In selecting fields for Group Races the RWWA Field Selection Panel will give consideration to the following:
 - Current season win dollars
 - Stake money earned in last five starts
 - Current form (last 5 race starts)
 - Lifetime performance
 When considering form the Panel will be mindful of the class of races competed in, the quality of the opposition and the circumstances of each race (barrier draw, interference received etc.)
In selecting a field the Handicapping Panel has absolute discretion to apply whatever weighting they consider appropriate to each of the above.
3. All Provincial and Country classified race meetings shall be selected in descending FSP (Field Selection Points) order.
In the event there are multiple horses on the same FSP than there are positions in the field, then the horse/s with the highest L5\$ will take the position/s in the field. In the event that the horse/s in question have the same L5\$, then a random ballot will occur.
4. Where a race has more acceptors than the maximum field size and none of the acceptors have raced, field selection preference will be based on displayed form in Official Trials at the Handicappers discretion.
5. Community Race Meetings Fields for Community race meetings will be selected in descending FSP order with a preference in field selection given to horses that have NOT:
 - a) Won 3 or more races with Stakes > \$5,000 in their last 10 starts,
 - b) Won 1 or more race(s) with stakes > \$14,999 in their last 10 starts.
6. As part of a rotation some races will be for horses with 5+ WA starts and selected entirely on L5\$ in ascending order (i.e. lowest to highest). In the event there are multiple horses on the same L5\$ and there are less positions in the field available, then to determine the horse/s selected the following will apply-
 - a) Horse/s with the Lowest FSP.
 - b) Random ballot.
7. Unless otherwise permitted by RWWA, a horse shall only be selected to start in one race at a meeting where TAB betting is permitted.
8. A horse shall not be selected to start at more than one race meeting on any day.
9. Trotters will not be selected to compete in races with pacers.
10. A horse is deemed to have an unfulfilled engagement when it is declared an acceptor in a race, provided it has not been declared an emergency in the race or is declared an acceptor in a Metro Stakes race.
11. A horse which has an unfulfilled engagement will only be selected for another race after horses which do not have an unfulfilled engagement have been selected.
12. RWWA has the utmost power to deal with any matter arising, whether or not such matter is specifically covered in the conditions of a race. Any decision by RWWA shall be final and conclusive and binding on all parties.
13. A horse must be nominated for a race by the prescribed time to be eligible for selection in the field.
14. Unless otherwise specified, the conditions for a race also apply to the Consolation of a race. The decision to declare acceptors for a Consolation will depend upon there being sufficient suitable acceptors.
15. For standing start races, if a horse is the next horse in but there are no spaces on the handicap mark the horse will be balloted and transferred to their 2nd preference (if there is one).

DELETION OF RACES

- 1) If after final acceptances a programmed race has less than nine (9) acceptors, such race may be deleted and another programmed race with sufficient acceptors divided and held in substitution.
- 2) A race cannot be run with less than nine (9) acceptors, except in the instance of sustaining the viability of a race meeting proceeding.

3) No other race will be run except as detailed below;

a) Races for horses aged 2 years old will be conducted with not less than:

- i. Five (5) acceptors for the period 1st January to 31st March
- ii. Nine (9) acceptors for the period 1st April to 31st August

4) Notwithstanding, the Harness Management Team may grant approval to draw a race with less than the desired minimum number of acceptors after taking into account factors including;

- a) Alternate racing opportunities.
- b) The numbers of acceptors in other races at the meeting.
- c) The effect on wagering turnover.
- d) Other factors considered relevant by the MHR.

DIVISION OF RACES

1. A programmed race may be divided where another programmed race/s has insufficient acceptors to conduct the race/s.
2. The practice whereby preference in field selection is given to a horse already nominated will not apply when a race is divided after nominations for the race have been extended.
3. The decision to divide a race will be based on the following criteria;
 - a) The maximization of wagering turnover.
 - b) The number of acceptors for the race.
 - c) The quality of the acceptors for the race.
 - d) Available stake distribution.
 - e) Available breeding incentive bonus.
 - f) The impact on nominations for a subsequent meeting.
4. The selection of the horses for each division will be based on each horse's HWOE, EXCEPT if a race has been advertised on L5\$ the selection for each division will be based on each horse's L5\$. The total number of available horses being split so as to maximize the field size of each division.
5. The required number of horses with the highest HWOE/ L5\$ (whichever applies) will be selected for the first race.
6. The same principle will apply if there are sufficient nominations to draw a third race.
7. If a race is to be divided based on HWOE and two or more horses have the same HWOE, the horse with the highest L5\$ will be selected in the highest race. If horses are still equal on L5\$ then the division will be made by ballot. If a race is to be divided based on L5\$ and two or more horses have the same L5\$ the horse with the highest HWOE will be selected in the highest race. If horses are still equal on HWOE then the division will be made by ballot.
8. Unless otherwise specified in the conditions of a race, the following procedure will apply in the separation of horses where a race is advertised as being for heats of a final;

- a. For a Futurity Series where two (or more heats) will be run in a Division and no conditions as to the compilation of heats have been specified, the top seeds (based on prizemoney earned that season) will be split to enable two seeds to be placed in each heat (on a random basis, with the exception that horses owned in the same interests or trained by the same Trainer will be separated, if possible). The remaining runners will be randomly allocated between the heats, although horses owned in the same interests or trained by the same Trainer will be separated, if possible.

- b. For all other races, horses will be listed in descending order of Field Selection Points and numbered accordingly

i. If there are two heats horses 1,4,5,8,9,12,13,16,17,20,21,24 will draw in heat one and numbers 2,3,6,7,10,11,14,15,18,19,22,23 will draw in heat two.

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

STANDING START HANDICAPS

1. Standing Start races shall be run as either a Handicap Stand or a Conditioned Stand.
2. Handicap Stands have defined handicaps which roughly reflect a win for each 10 metres at the circuit at which they are programmed.
3. Pacers and Trotters will utilise the same scale.
4. At Prime Metro both Pacers and Trotters will have a minimum HWOE requirement for eligibility.
5. Horses may be nominated out of class but preference in field selection shall be given to horses nominated in their class.
6. Novice Driver and Fillies and Mares Concessions are applicable in Standing Start races.
7. The Concessions values are as follows;
 - a) \$15,000 @ Prime Metro,
 - b) \$6,500 @ Country/Provincial 2/Provincial 1/Metro Midweek,
 - c) \$3,000 @ Community.
8. No concession claims can be made in conditioned stands.

HANDICAP STAND L1+ COMMUNITY

MARK	Level (Concession Level)	FROM	TO	CONCESSION	RACE
FRONT	L1	0	0	0	1
10 METRES	L2	1	2,999	0	2
20 METRES	L3 (CL4)	3,000	5,999	8,999	3
30 METRES	L4 (CL5)	6,000	8,999	11,999	4
40 METRES	L5 (CL6)	9,000	11,999	18,499	5
50 METRES	L6 (CL7)	12,000	18,499	24,999	6
60 METRES	L7 (CL8)	18,500	24,999	32,499	7
70 METRES	L8 (CL9)	25,000	32,499	39,999	8
80 METRES	L9 (CL10)	32,500	39,999	54,999	9
90 METRES	L10 (CL11)	40,000	54,999	69,999	10
100 METRES	L11 (CL12)	55,000	69,999	84,999	11
110 METRES	L12 (CL13)	70,000	84,999	99,999	12
120 METRES	L13 (CL15)	85,000	99,999	129,999	13
130 METRES	L15 (CL15)	100,000	129,999	159,999	15
140 METRES	L15 (CL15)	130,000	159,999	189,999	15
+10 METRES	L15 (CL15)	+30,000 INCREMENTS			15

HANDICAP STAND COUNTRY/PROVINCIAL 1 & 2/MIDWEEK METRO

MARK		FROM	TO	CONCESSION	LEVEL
FRONT	L1	0	0	0	1
10 METRES	L2/3	1	5,999	0	3
20 METRES	L4/5 (CL6)	6,000	11,999	18,499	5
30 METRES	L6 (CL7)	12,000	18,499	24,999	6
40 METRES	L7 (CL8)	18,500	24,999	32,499	7
50 METRES	L8 (CL9)	25,000	32,499	39,999	8
60 METRES	L9 (CL10)	32,500	39,999	54,999	9
70 METRES	L10 (CL11)	40,000	54,999	69,999	10
80 METRES	L11 (CL12)	55,000	69,999	84,999	11
90 METRES	L12 (CL13)	70,000	84,999	99,999	12
100 METRES	L13 (CL15)	85,000	99,999	129,999	13
110 METRES	L15 (CL5)	100,000	129,999	159,999	15
120 METRES	L15 (CL5)	130,000	159,999	189,999	15
+10 METRES	L15 (CL5)	+30,000 INCREMENTS			15

HANDICAP STAND L7+ PRIME METRO

MARK	Level (Concession Level)	FROM	TO	CONCESSION	RACE
FRONT	L1	0	0	0	1
10 METRES	L2/3	1	5,999	0	3
20 METRES	L4/5 (CL6)	6,000	11,999	18,499	5
30 METRES	L6 (CL7)	12,000	18,499	24,999	6
40 METRES	L7 (CL8)	18,500	24,999	32,499	7
50 METRES	L8 (CL9)	25,000	32,499	39,999	8
60 METRES	L9 (CL10)	32,500	39,999	54,999	9
70 METRES	L10 (CL11)	40,000	54,999	69,999	10
80 METRES	L11 (CL12)	55,000	69,999	84,999	11
90 METRES	L12 (CL13)	70,000	84,999	99,999	12
100 METRES	L13 (CL15)	85,000	99,999	129,999	13
110 METRES	L15 (CL5)	100,000	129,999	159,999	15
120 METRES	L15 (CL5)	130,000	159,999	189,999	15
+10 METRES	L15 (CL5)	+30,000 INCREMENTS			15

TROTTERS HANDICAP STAND L7+ PRIME METRO

MARK	Level	FROM	TO	CONCESSION	RACE
FRONT	L7/9	18,500	39,999	NA	9
10 METRES	L10	40,000	54,999	NA	10
20 METRES	L11	55,000	69,999	NA	11
30 METRES	L12	70,000	84,999	NA	12
40 METRES	L13	85,000	99,999	NA	13
50 METRES	L15	100,000	129,999	NA	15
60 METRES	L15	130,000	159,999	NA	15
+10 METRES	L15	+30,000 INCREMENTS			15

CONDITIONED STAND L4+ COMMUNITY (BUSSELTON & COLLIE ONLY)

MARK	Level	FROM	TO	CONCESSION	RACE
FRONT	L4/5	6,000	11,999	5	9
10 METRES	L6/7	12,000	24,999	7	10
20 METRES	L8/9	25,000	39,999	9	11
30 METRES	L10/11	40,000	69,999	11	12
40 METRES	L12/13	70,000	99,999	13	13
50 METRES	L15	100,000	149,999	15	15
(NO CONCESSIONS)					
NOT ELIGIBLE 150,000+					

CONDITIONED STAND L6+ COMMUNITY (BUSSELTON & COLLIE ONLY)

MARK	Level	FROM	TO	CONCESSION	RACE
FRONT	L6/7	12,000	24,999	7	9
10 METRES	L8/9	25,000	39,999	9	10
20 METRES	L10/11	40,000	69,999	11	11
30 METRES	L12/13	70,000	99,999	13	12
40 METRES	L15	100,000	149,999	15	13
50 METRES	L15	100,000	149,999	15	15
(NO CONCESSIONS)					
NOT ELIGIBLE 150,000+					

PRE-PURCHASE HORSE ASSESSMENT & STEWARDS STATUS CHECK

Persons who are considering purchasing a horse from interstate or overseas to race in Western Australia are encouraged to contact the Harness Racing Office (08) 9445 5267 prior to purchase and obtain the horse's Western Australian HWOE Level and whether or not there are any Steward's bars applicable (i.e. ODM/S barred to trials etc.). Due to differences in handicapping systems the horse's assessment/classification in another jurisdiction may be significantly different to what it may be in WA.

RACE MEETING PROGRAMMING

1. The programming of races during a racing season will strive to provide reasonable racing opportunities for each age group and class of horse whilst maximizing the potential for wagering turnover.

Metropolitan Staked Meetings

- 1) Races restricted to fillies and/or mares will be programmed at each meeting (includes races for 2 and 3 year-old fillies).
- 2) A race will be programmed at each meeting restricted to horses with HWOE LT \$40,000
- 3) Races restricted to 2 year-olds will be programmed from 1st January to 31st August each year at 50% of meetings.
- 4) Races restricted to 3 year-olds will be programmed at not less than 50% of meetings each year.
- 5) A race with the condition "Open to any Pacer" will be programmed at each meeting except where such race would adversely affect the nominations for a race with a stake of \$30,000 or higher at an adjacent meeting conducted at a country venue.
- 6) Not less than one metropolitan staked race for trotters will be programmed every four weeks.

All Other Meetings

1. Races restricted to fillies and/or mares will be programmed at each meeting (includes races for 2 and 3 year-old fillies).
2. A race will be programmed at each meeting restricted to horses with HWOE LT \$40,000.
3. Races restricted to 2 year-olds will be programmed from 1st January to 31st December each year at 50% of meetings.
4. Races restricted to 3 year-olds will be programmed at not less than 50% of meetings each year.
5. A race with the condition "Open to any Pacer" will be programmed at each meeting except where such race would adversely affect the nominations for a race with a stake of \$30,000 or higher at an adjacent meeting conducted at a country venue.
6. Not less than one metropolitan staked race for trotters

FIELD SIZE AND NUMBER OF RUNNERS ON A LINE

The following minimum field sizes will apply to all tracks

1. Races for horses aged three years old or older will be conducted with not less than eight (8) acceptors.
2. Races for horses aged 2 years old will be conducted with not less than:
 - a) Five (5) acceptors for the period 1st January to 31st March.
 - b) Eight (8) acceptors for the period 1st March to 31st December.
3. Notwithstanding the above the Harness Management Team may grant approval to draw a race with less acceptors after taking into account factors including:
 - a. Alternate racing opportunities.
 - b. The numbers of acceptors in other races at the meeting.
 - c. The effect on wagering turnover.
 - d. Other factors considered relevant by the Harness Management Team.
4. In a standing start race at venues where the field size is restricted to 10 runners there shall be a maximum of 5 runners on each handicap mark, provided that;
 - a) At Collie there shall be a maximum of 5 runners on any line on each handicap mark.
 - b) At Busselton shall be a maximum of 4 runners on any handicap mark.
5. In a standing start race at venues where the field size is restricted to 12 runners there shall be a maximum of 6 runners on each handicap mark.
6. In standing start races the number of runners on a line shall be determined by track limits.
7. In a mobile start race at venues where the field size is restricted to 10 runners there shall be 6 runners on the front line and 4 on the second line with the exception of Williams where there shall be 5 runners on the front line and 5 on the second line and Collie where there shall be 5 runners on the front line and 3 on the second line.
8. In a mobile start race at Gloucester Park there shall be 9 runners on the front line and 3 on the second line except for the Nights Of Thunder Series which shall have a maximum field size of 9 with a mobile start format of 9 across the front line.
9. In a mobile start race at Pinjarra and Bunbury there shall be 7 runners on the front line and 5 on the second line.
10. In a mobile start race restricted to 2 year old's and conducted between 1st January and 31st May the field size shall be restricted to 10 runners with 6 runners on the front line and 4 runners on the second line except

at:

- a) Pinjarra and Bunbury where there shall be 7 runners on the front line and 3 runners on the second line;
- b) Gloucester Park where there shall be 9 runners on the front line and 1 runner on the second line.

11. As from 1st June the field sizes for two year old's racing at -

- a) Pinjarra and Bunbury will be extended to 12 runners with 7 runners on the front line and 5 on the second line.
- b) Gloucester Park will be extended to 12 runners with 9 runners on the front line and 3 runners on the second line.

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

Venue	Mobile	Stand	Mobile	Stand
Gloucester Park	12	12	9 x 3	6
Albany	10	12	6 X 4	6
Bridgetown	10	12	6 X 4	6
Bunbury	12	12	7 X 5	6
Busseton	n/a	8	n/a	4
Central Wheatbelt	10	12	6 X 4	6
Collie	8	10	5 X 3	5
Narrogin	10	12	6 X 4	6
Northam	10	12	6 X 4	6
Pinjarra	12	12	7 X 5	6
Wagin	10	12	6 X 4	6
Williams	10	12	5 X 5	6

PREFERENTIAL BARRIER DRAW WEIGHTING

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

DRAW FOR BARRIER POSITIONS

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

1. A draw for barrier position may be conducted by utilising the HaRVey operating system computerized barrier draw or by utilising a manual procedure.
2. A manual barrier draw will be conducted for all group races. Generally these will be conducted at the Offices of RWWA unless otherwise stipulated. Contact RWWA Racing Office for details of specific draws.
3. A manual draw for barrier positions will be performed as follows;
 - a) List the horse names for the race in alphabetical order and number each horse starting at one.
 - b) Allocate two separate sets of numbers equivalent to the number of horses requiring a barrier position.
 - c) Place each set of numbers in separate receptacles to facilitate blind selection of the numbers from the receptacle.
 - d) Draw a number from one receptacle and identify

the number, which will then be allocated to the corresponding numbered horse.

e) Draw a number from the other receptacle and identify the number, which will then be allocated as the barrier number for the horse name called at clause 2(d) above.

f) Follow the same process until each horse has a barrier number.

g) The same procedure applies to a manual random or preferential draw for barrier positions.

4. In accordance with Rule LR134, a horse excluded from the draw in mobile start races shall be allocated the highest weighted barrier position in accordance with the start format of the race whether or not the conditions of the race stipulate that the draw for barrier positions must be decided by preference.
5. Notwithstanding clause 3 above, where there is more than one horse excluded from the draw in the race the barrier positions for the horses excluded from the draw will be decided by lot in the case of a random draw or by preference in the case of a preferential draw, and ODM horse will be drawn inside RODM horses.

1. In the event of an error or omission affecting the draw for barrier positions for a race after the declaration of acceptances for the race, the discretion provided by Rule 132 (2) may only be exercised in accordance with Regulation 133.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 2 above the Controlling Body may approve an alternate method of conducting the draw for barrier positions for a race.

BARRIER POSITIONS AFTER SCRATCHING

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

COLOURS

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

1) In the event that two or more horses are scheduled to start in the same set of nominated trainer's colours the following procedure shall be followed in order to ensure no horses start in identical colours

- a) Firstly, by utilising the trainer's second or subsequent set of registered colours being used on the starter with the highest barrier number
- b) Secondly, by utilising the registered colours of the owner of the second or subsequent starter – provided that the Harness Office can verify that the trainer is in possession of the colours
- c) Thirdly, by utilising the registered club colours of the club conducting the race

2) In the event that two or more horses are scheduled to start in the same set of nominated owner's colours the following procedure shall be followed in order to ensure no horses start in identical colours

- a) Firstly by utilising the owner's second or subsequent set of registered colours on the starter with the highest barrier numbers – provided that the Harness Office can verify that the trainer is in possession of the colours
- b) Secondly by utilising the trainer's colours or second set of trainer's colours
- c) Thirdly, by utilising the registered club colours of the club conducting the race

3) Notwithstanding the above, the stewards may give such directions as they think fit about the colours to be worn or

advertising to be displayed in a race

COUNTRY COUNCIL DERBY, COUNTRY DERBY AND COUNTRY OAKS

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

1. To be eligible for a Country Council Derby, Country Oaks and the Country Derby a horse must be:

- a) Westborn, and
- b) Only trained outside the "prescribed-radius" from the 1st September of the Derby season as determined by Stable Returns lodged with RWWA.
- c) Driven by a licensed driver who is domiciled outside the "prescribed radius".

2. Preference in field selection for a Country Council Derby will be given to;

- a) Firstly a horse stabled and trained in the Council district in which the Country Council Derby is conducted.
- b) Secondly a horse which has been balloted from a Country Council Derby.
- c) Thirdly a horse which has not been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a Country Council Derby.

3. Preference in field selection for the Country Derby will be given to;

- a) Four horses with the highest win dollars for the current season.
- b) Four horses with the highest stake money earned in their last five (5) starts, provided a horse selected under clause (a) is excluded from selection under this clause.
- c) The balance of the field will be selected at the discretion of the Field Selection Panel.

4. For the obviation of doubt a horse is deemed to be trained in a particular council area determined by the nearest racecourse or official training centre to where it is stabled and each Council area is delineated as follows;

- a) South West Council race courses/training centres; Bunbury, Bridgetown, Busselton, Collie, Harvey and Pinjarra.
- b) Great Southern Council race courses/training centres; Albany, Narrogin, Wagin and Williams.
- c) North Eastern Council race courses/training centres; Central Wheatbelt, Golden Mile, York and Northam.

5. Subject to clause 1 (c) of this policy a person must hold a;

- a) Grade A or B driver's licence to drive in a Country Council Derby.
- b) Grade A driver's licence to drive in the Country Derby/Country Oaks provided a person who holds a Grade B licence may drive in the Country Derby/Country Oaks with the prior written approval of the Chief Steward Harness.

6. Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 119A, without losing

its eligibility for a Country Council Derby, Country Derby or Country Oaks a horse may after 1st September of the Country Derby season:

- a) Compete in a race or trial conducted in the metropolitan area provided it is returned to its stable outside the prescribed radius within 48-hours of competing; and/or
- b) transferred to a different trainer outside the prescribed radius provided a fresh Stable Return is lodged within the prescribed time, and/or
- c) Be re-located to and race in another Council area provided that it remains in the care of a trainer domiciled outside the prescribed radius

7. No breeding bonus incentive is payable for the Country Oaks or the Country Derby.

8. Definitions

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

POSTPONED MEETINGS

1. When a meeting on which TAB betting is conducted is postponed the following shall apply:

- a) Where possible the decision to postpone shall be made on the day of the meeting by 2:00 p.m. in the case of a night meeting and 4-hours prior to first race in the case of a daylight meeting.
- b) The decision to postpone shall be made after the consultation between the Steward in Charge of the meeting, the Harness Management Team, SKY Channel and the Club conducting the meeting.
- c) The meeting may be postponed to the next available day unless a meeting is already scheduled for that day in which case the meeting shall be abandoned unless otherwise determined by the Controlling Body.

2. Notification of further scratching from a postponed meeting will be extended to the prescribed time on the day on which the meeting is to be conducted.

3. The usual penalties will apply to any scratching made for non-veterinary reasons after 8:30 a.m. on the day on which the postponed meeting is conducted.

4. There will be no penalty for a scratching for non-veterinary reasons from the meeting provided the scratching is made prior to 8:30 a.m. on the day on which the postponed meeting is conducted.

DRIVER AND GEAR CHANGES

The following policy applies pursuant to Rule 210 - Notification of Driver.

1. Notification of a change of driver must be made prior to Driver Notification time for such meeting.
2. The trainer is responsible for ensuring that a notified driver is available.

3. Any alteration to gear for a horse with an upcoming racing engagement must be notified via HarnessWeb or in writing by facsimile 9445 3056 prior to Driver Notification time for such meeting.

4. Except with the Stewards prior approval, a notification of a gear change received after the prescribed time for a horse which has an unfulfilled race engagement, will not be processed until after the race, and the horse will not be permitted to race with/without the gear in the race.

5. At the time a horse is nominated for a race, the person nominating the horse must notify the name of the licensed driver who has been engaged to drive the horse; provided where the horse is to benefit from a novice concession claim the novice concession driver may be nominated in accordance with Policy 14 (2).

6. Any change to the nominated driver after the times mentioned below requires prior approval of the Stewards.

7. Where approval is required for the change of a driver the Stewards may, in granting approval require a replacement driver to be of comparable ability.

RELINQUISHMENT OF THE TRAINING OF A HORSE

1. A trainer shall upon relinquishing the training of a horse immediately give notification of that fact to the Controlling Body in accordance with the provisions of Rule 119.

2. Such notification shall be by way of the lodgment of Harness Web or a fresh Stable Return/Notification of Gear Form indicating the date of relinquishment.

3. A trainer who fails to comply with any provision of the rule is guilty of an offence.

NOTIFICATION OF GELDING OF A HORSE

1. No person shall geld or cause to be gelded a horse without the prior written consent of the owner.

2. A person who has a horse gelded shall notify the Controlling Body of that fact in accordance with the provisions of Rule 100. Such notification shall be by way of the lodgment of a fresh Gear Notification Form indicating the date of gelding.

3. A person who fails to comply with any provision of the rule is guilty of an offence.

WESTBRED BREEDING BONUS CONDITIONS

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

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

For eligible horses a WestBred Owner and Breeder bonus is payable on any 2 or 3 year old race where the total advertised stake is less than \$20,999 and where the horse is placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th. A horse winning its first race at 4yo or older will receive the Westbred bonus on its first win where the advertised race stake is \$20,999 or less.

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

1. Bonuses are paid as follows;

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

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

Where the advertised stake is between \$15,000 - \$20,999

WestBred Owner Bonus Amount	\$6250	WestBred 12.5% Breeder Bonus Amount	\$781.26
1st	\$4,250	1st	\$531.25
2nd	\$1,125	2nd	\$140.63
3rd	\$565	3rd	\$70.63
4th	\$310	4th	\$38.75

- The standard trainer and driver percentages are payable on the Owner bonuses paid 1st-3rd places inclusive.
- Should a Westbred Bonus for 1st place be earned in a 2yo or 3yo race by a Double Westbred eligible horse the Owner and Breeder bonus will be doubled. The Double Westbred Bonus will only apply to the winner and not place-getters.
- The Breeder of a WestBred eligible horse foaled after 1st September 2008 and winning its first race after 1st September 2014 is entitled to a first win bonus of \$3000.
- The race-book Owner of a WestBred eligible horse foaled after 1st September 2008 and winning its first race after 1st September 2014 is entitled to a first win bonus of \$3000.
- The Breeder and Owner first win bonus (as explained in points 3 and 4) are not subject to any trainer and/or driver percentages.
- Westbred Bonus will NOT be paid on Breeders Crown races.
- In the event of a dead-heat for a placing affecting Westbred Breeding Bonus payments the dollar value paid for the number of places affected will be totalled and divided equally with each eligible dead-heater receiving the applicable amount.
These provisions do not apply for a First Win Bonus which is payable in full irrespective of a dead heat for first placing.

WESTBRED REALITY				
Total amount of money available on the race (Including Stakes and Westbred Bonus Payments)				
Effective Race Stakes				
Base Stake	Westbred Bonus	Westbred Bonus + 1st Win*	Double Westbred	Double Westbred +1st Win*
\$5,000.00	\$9,218.75	\$15,218.75	\$10,737.50	\$16,737.50
\$8,500.00	\$12,718.75	\$18,718.75	\$14,237.50	\$20,237.50
\$20,250.00	\$27,281.25	\$33,281.25	\$32,062.50	\$38,062.50

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

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

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

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

AUSTRALIAN DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP REPRESENTATIVES

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

Selection Criteria

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

(Effective 6 February 2020)

AUSTRALIAN FEMALE DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP REPRESENTATIVES

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

Selection Criteria

1. The female driver with the highest ranking on the WA State Drivers Premiership in the preceding 12 month period will be selected as the first representative.
2. The female driver with the second highest ranking on the WA State Drivers Premiership in the preceding 12 month period will be selected as the second representative.
3. Any driver selected is subject to an assessment of their record as a participant by both the Harness Management Team and the Stewards Panel.
4. Should the Harness Management Team decide that any

driver selected fails in an assessment of their record, they shall be replaced by the female driver with the third highest ranking on the WA State Drivers Premiership in the preceding 12 month period.

5. Should any driver selected be associated with an activity deemed to bring the sport into disrepute or found guilty of such an offence prior to the commencement of the Australian Female Drivers Championship Series, they shall be replaced by the female driver with the third highest ranking on the WA State Drivers Premiership in the preceding 12 month period.
6. Any licensee that has been found guilty of an offence resulting in a disqualification will be ineligible to compete in any Drivers Invitation Series for a period of two (2) years from the time of the re-allocation of their drivers licence.
7. All assessments and decisions made by the Harness Management Team under Clauses 3, 4 and 5 shall be final.

(Effective 6 February 2020)

AUSTRALASIAN YOUNG DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP REPRESENTATIVE

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

Selection Criteria

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

1. resulting in a disqualification will be ineligible to compete in any Drivers Invitation Series for a period of two (2) years from the time of the re-allocation of their drivers licence.
2. All assessments and decisions made by the Harness Management Team under Clauses 3, 4, 5 and 6 shall be final.

(Effective 6 February 2020)

DRESS CODE POLICY

PURPOSE

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

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

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

ACCEPTABLE ATTIRE

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

UNACCEPTABLE ATTIRE

- Singlets
- Beach attire, board shorts or football shorts
- Gym attire
- Tank tops
- Track pants or overalls
- Ragged, unclean or torn clothing (includes designer "tears")

- Clothing with offensive slogans
- Thongs, sandals, ugg boots or footwear of an unacceptable standard

PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

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

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

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

1st Offence – Reprimand

2nd Offence - \$50 fine

3rd Offence - \$100 fine

Any further offence – Stewards discretion

(Effective 15 June 2020)



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AMENDMENTS TO RWWA RULES OF HARNESS RACING

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 detailed below.

AMENDMENT TO LOCAL RULES (effective 5 February 2022)

Add Local Rule LR91A Covid Vaccination

LR91A Covid Vaccination

1. Any person (other than a greyhound owner), who is licenced or approved by RWWA or who is otherwise authorised by the RWWA Rules of Racing or stewards to conduct any activity associated with the running of a race meeting, trials, trackwork or similar must be fully vaccinated and ensure their staff and contractors involved in such activities are fully vaccinated by 12.01am on 5 February 2022.
2. Fully vaccinated means having received at least two doses of a registered COVID-19 vaccination and a booster vaccination within one month of being deemed eligible to receive it (noting that government directions and health advice on the timing of booster vaccinations may change from time to time).
3. The licence, approval or authority of any person who is not fully vaccinated by 12.01am on 5 February 2022 will be suspended until such time as they comply with (1) or such time that this rule ceases to be in effect. (NB – a person will be unable to undertake any activity associated with such licence or authority while the suspension continues).
4. Any person who is not compliant with (1) shall be excluded from attending RWWA approved stables and/or training establishments, any race tracks, trial tracks or other venues controlled or operated by RWWA.
5. Any person required to comply with the requirement at (1) must provide proof of vaccination to RWWA. Proof of vaccination must be provided in one of the following forms:
 - a. Medicare COVID-19 digital certificate or printed vaccination certificate from the Australian Immunisation Register; or
 - b. Medicare Immunisation History Statement.
6. Proof of vaccination must be provided to RWWA in the prescribed form as outlined in (5) by Saturday 29 January 2022.
7. A person is exempt, or temporarily exempt, from the requirement at (1) if the person has a medical exemption recorded on the Australian Immunisation Register or a temporary exemption issued to the person by the Chief Health Officer of Western Australia or their delegate.
8. A person is temporarily exempt from the requirement at 6 if there are technical, administrative, or other factors outside the person's control which prevent compliance and RWWA issues an exemption on this basis.
9. RWWA will only collect and use the evidence provided in accordance with this rule for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the rule or as required by law. Evidence provided in accordance with this rule will be stored on a secure database with restricted access and permanently deleted when no longer needed.
10. Any person required to comply with (1) must produce, if requested to do so by RWWA or an authorised person, their photo ID and proof of vaccination as set out in (5). For example, a steward may request this at a race meeting. A person who refuses or fails to comply with such a request must immediately leave the premises where the refusal or failure to comply occurred and can be removed from the premises if required.
11. Any person who:
 - a. Attends any RWWA-approved stable and/or training establishment, race track, trial track or other venue controlled or operated by RWWA when not fully vaccinated in accordance with this rule; or
 - b. Refuses or fails to comply with a request to provide proof of vaccination as specified in (5),

commits an offence and is liable to penalty.

This rule comes into effect on 5 February 2022 and remains in effect until further advised by RWWA.

Further detail with regard to this Rule, including Frequently asked questions, is available from the RWWA Website at <https://www.rwwa.com.au/industry/integrity/rules-policies/local-rule-vaccination-frequently-asked-questions/>

AMENDMENTS TO RULES EFFECTIVE 1 FEBRUARY 2022

DICTIONARY

- **Add definition in Schedule 1 Dictionary:**

“One clear day” means the twenty four (24) hour period from 12.01 a.m. to midnight.

Rationale

Creates a dictionary item to clarify what “One clear day” means within the rules and allows for the rules to reference the dictionary item.

Amend definition in Schedule 1 Dictionary:

“Standardbred” when used with reference to a horse means a horse which is the progeny of a registered Standardbred sire and a registered Standardbred dam.

2. STEWARDS

Powers

- **Amend Rule 15(1)(a)**

15. (1) *Stewards are empowered -*

(a) to direct and control at any time the activities of persons licensed under these rules and anyone else appointed, employed or engaged in any aspect of the harness racing industry, concerning the application of these rules;

Rationale

Previous rule mentioned “at any meeting” whilst amendment states “at any time” which better describes the overall powers of the Stewards to regulate the industry. Further slight amendments to roles within the rule.

3. MEETING AND RACES

Nominations and acceptances

- **Add new Rule 23B**

23B. (1) *A horse cannot be nominated for a race if it is a horse as defined by sub-rule (2) and it has not satisfied the provisions of sub-rule (3).*

(2) (a) *A horse that has not participated in an official trial or race within the twelve month period prior to the race.*

(b) *A foreign horse that has been imported into Australia and has not participated in an official trial or race within the six month period prior to the race.*

(3) *The horse must participate in an official trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards.*

Rationale

Horses that have not raced or trialed within 12 months or imported horses that have not trialed within the last six months must complete a trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being nominated to race.

Stable returns

- **Add Rule 25(1)(b) and re-number Rule 25(1) to 25(1)(a)**

25. (1) (b) *Unless otherwise determined by the Controlling Body or Stewards, a stable return shall be made in such form as the Controlling Body may determine.*

Rationale

With the increased use of digital forms and procedures requirements to use HRA approved forms has been deleted to allow individual Controlling Bodies to determine how requirements are met.

Disqualification

- **Add new Rule 66(i)**

66. *A horse may be disqualified from a race or placed in a lower finishing position in a race if the horse*

-

(i) *is driven in a manner prejudicial or detrimental to the reputational interests of harness racing.*

Claiming Races

- **Amend Rule 75(2)(II)**

75. (2) *Subject to any determination made under sub rule (1) the following applies –*

(II) *where a horse is declared to race in a claiming race and is subsequently withdrawn on veterinary advice the trainer shall at the time of its withdrawal or as soon thereafter as the Stewards may direct produce a veterinary certificate stating precisely the reason for the withdrawal.*

Rationale

The wording “or as soon thereafter as the Stewards may direct” has been added.

4. LICENCES

Grant of Licences and other matters

- **Add Rule 90(6)**
- **Renumber existing Rule 90(6) to Rule 90(7)**
- **Renumber existing Rule 90(7) to Rule 90(8)**
- **Renumber existing Rule 90(8) to Rule 90(9)**

90. (6) *An applicant for a licence or an existing licence holder shall if found guilty of a crime or offence which is punishable by term of imprisonment immediately notify the Controlling Body or Stewards of that finding of guilt.*

(7) *A licence may be suspended or cancelled:*

(a) *by the Controlling Body or the Stewards for breach of a term or condition of the licence; or*

(b) *by the Controlling Body where the Controlling Body is satisfied that the person holding the licence is not a fit and proper person to be associated with harness racing.*

(8) *The type, grade or class of a licence held by a person may be varied by the Controlling Body or by the Stewards.*

(9) *The terms or conditions attaching to a type, grade or class of licence may be varied by the Stewards or the Controlling Body.*

Rationale

Rule 267 empowers the Stewards to penalise a person who has been convicted by an Australian or overseas Court of a crime or an offence. Stewards would not necessarily be aware in many instances of a licensee being convicted and therefore this new rule requires a person to notify the Stewards of conviction. A licensee or applicant for a licence is required to notify the Controlling Body of “any change to personal particulars”. That requirement should extend to notification of conviction for a crime or offence. This is achieved by amending Rule 90 to include as sub-rule (6) “an applicant for a licence or an existing licence holder shall if convicted by any Court of a crime or offence immediately notify the Controlling Body or Stewards of that conviction”.

5. HORSES

Eligibility for registration and naming

- **Amend Rule 93(1)(a)**

93. (1) *A horse shall not be eligible for registration unless:*

- (a) *It is the progeny of a Standardbred sire and a Standardbred dam and its registration conforms with these rules.*

- **Amend Rule 93(4)**

93. (4) *The Controlling Body shall not register a horse foaled outside its jurisdiction unless the horse is eligible for registration in an Australian State or Territory.*

- **Amend Rule 94(6)(b), (c), (d)**

94. (6) (b) *The owner of a horse less than two years old that has been allocated a name by the Registrar shall upon payment of the prescribed fee(s) be permitted to change the name provided the horse has not competed in an official trial, race or bred and the change is made before the end of its yearling season. Any cancelled name will be made available for re-use after twelve months.*

- (c) *Subject to paragraph (d) hereof the owner of a horse two years old or older that has been allocated a name by the Registrar shall upon payment of the prescribed fee(s) be permitted to change the name provided the horse has not competed in an official trial or race or has not bred. Any cancelled name will be made available for re-use after twelve months.*

- (d) *The owner of a horse two years old or older that has been allocated a name by the Registrar and has competed in an official trial in any country can apply to change the horse's name by submitting an application in writing to the Registrar outlining reasons for wanting the change. The application will be considered by the Keeper of the Stud Book and the Registrar, and if approved, will require payment of the prescribed fee(s). Any cancelled name will be made available for re-use after twelve months.*

Foreign horses

- **Amend Preamble Rule 95A(1)**
- **Amend Rule 95A(1)(a), (b), (c)**
- **Renumber existing Rule 95A(2)(a) to 95A(1)(e)**
- **Renumber existing Rule 95A(2)(c) to 95A(1)(d)**
- **Renumber existing Rule 95A(2)(b) to 95A(1)(f)**
- **Renumber existing Rules 95A(3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11) to 95A(2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10).**

- 95A. (1) *A foreign horse shall not be eligible for registration in Australia unless:*

- (a) *Such horse is registered with the Controlling Trotting Authority of the country it was cleared from;*
- (b) *Such horse is capable of satisfying the registration requirements applicable to a horse foaled in Australia;*
- (c) *Such horse has been parentage verified by D.N.A. genotyping or blood typing;*

- (d) Such horse is microchipped in accordance with [HRA's Microchipping Regulations](#), freezebranded or otherwise identified by a method approved by HRA;
- (e) HRA receives a clearance certificate from the country in which such foreign horse was last registered;
- (f) The appropriate clearance registration fee is paid.
- (2) Upon the receipt of a Clearance Certificate a foreign bred horse shall be allocated its existing name and in addition shall have a suffix added to its name to denote the country of origin.
- (3) The suffix to be added to the name shall be as follows:
- | | | | |
|---------------|-----|----------------|-----|
| New Zealand | NZ | Ireland | IRL |
| United States | USA | Italy | ITA |
| Canada | CA | Malta | MLT |
| Europe: | | Netherlands | NLD |
| Austria | AUT | Norway | NOR |
| Belgium | BEL | Russia | RUS |
| Denmark | DNK | Sweden | SWE |
| Finland | FIN | Switzerland | SUI |
| France | FRA | United Kingdom | GBR |
| Germany | GER | | |
- (4) The name of a foreign horse will be checked by the Registrar for verification and recording and the Registrar shall advise the Controlling Body that the name is available or otherwise.
- (5) If the name is not available then a prefix will be applied, and under certain circumstances a new name may be requested by the Registrar. In such case where a name is changed the suffix applicable shall be added to the new name.
- (6) If the name of a foreign horse is of a well known living or deceased Australian person, permission must be obtained by HRA from either the person (if they are living) or from the family (if they are deceased) to allow the name in Australia. Otherwise a name change may be requested by the Registrar.
- (7) The owner of a yearling bred outside Australia shall upon payment of the prescribed fee(s) be permitted to change the name provided the horse has not competed in an official trial or race either in Australia or Overseas, has not bred and the change is made before the end of its yearling season in Australia.
- (8) The owner of a horse 2 years old or older bred outside Australia shall upon payment of the prescribed fee(s) be permitted to change the name provided that horse has not competed in an official trial or race either in Australia or overseas, or has not bred.

- (9) *The owner of a horse 2YO or older bred outside Australia that has been allocated a name and has competed in an official trial in any country can apply to change the name by submitting an application in writing to the Registrar outlining reasons for wanting to make the change. The application will be considered by the Keeper of the Stud Book and the Registrar, and if approved, will require payment of the prescribed fee(s). Any cancelled name will be made available for re-use after 12 months.*
- (10) *Apostrophes, dashes and dots which are part of a foreign horse name will be eliminated.*

Deregistration of a horse

- **Amend Rule 96A(4)(a), (b)**

- 96A.** (4) *The owner or trainer of a registered horse at the time of its death shall:-*
- (a) *In the case of a horse which dies whilst in the care of a licensed trainer immediately notify the Stewards of the death.*
- (b) *In any other case notify the Controlling Body or Stewards of the death within twenty-four hours of its occurrence.*

Rationale

Time frames in which to notify the death of a horse have been tightened.

Gait Change

- **Add Rule 97A**

- 97A.** *Application to change the gait of a horse shall be made in such form as the Controlling Body may determine.*

Rationale

With the increased use of digital forms and procedures requirements to use HRA approved forms has been deleted to allow individual Controlling Bodies to determine how requirements are met.

Medical and surgical procedures

- **Add new Rule 99A**

- 99A.** (1) *A person shall not perform, attempt to perform or authorise the performance of the procedure of blistering.*
- (2) *For the purposes of this rule blistering means the application or injection of an irritating substance onto or into soft tissue of a horse to create an inflammatory reaction.*
- (3) *A person who fails to comply with sub-rule (1) is guilty of an offence.*

Rationale

On welfare grounds bans the performance of “Blistering”.

- **Add Rule 100A**

100A. *Notification of gelding or performance of other specified procedures shall be given to the Controlling Body or Stewards in such form as the Controlling Body may determine.*

Rationale

With the increased use of digital forms and procedures requirements to use HRA approved forms has been deleted to allow individual Controlling Bodies to determine how requirements are met.

Bleeding attacks

- **Amend Preamble Rule 101(3)**

101. (3) *If the Stewards are satisfied that a horse has suffered a bleeding attack which has originated from the lungs the Stewards shall bar the horse from racing:-*

- **Amend Rule 101B(1), (2)**

101B. (1) *Any time a horse suffers bleeding from one nostril and that blood has originated from the lungs the trainer shall immediately and in any event within twenty four (24) hours notify the Stewards.*

(2) *If the Stewards determine that a horse has bled from one nostril and that blood has originated from the lungs the horse shall not be eligible to race until it has trialed to the satisfaction of the Stewards.*

Rationale

A horse that receives a knock to the head prior to or during a race which results in bleeding from a nostril or nostrils is a situation which does not breach these rules. The addition of the wording “has originated from the lungs” therefore establishes the type of bleeding from nostril/s which will breach the rules.

Atrial Fibrillation

- **Amend Rule 101C(2)(a), (b), (c)**
- **Add new Rule 101C(2)(d)**

101C. (2) *If the Stewards are satisfied that a horse has suffered atrial fibrillation the Stewards shall:*

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

- (b) *After the second episode stand the horse down from racing for a period of 28 days, require the horse to undergo an ECG before trialling and then trial on two occasions to the satisfaction of the Stewards.*
- (c) *If the horse suffers a third episode within twelve months of the second episode bar the horse for life.*
- (d) *If the horse suffers a third episode more than twelve months after the second episode stand the horse down from racing for such period as they consider necessary and require the horse to undergo such veterinary examination and complete such trials as they consider necessary.*

Rationale

Changes the original wording of “attack” to “episode”. Adds a new rule which caters for a stand down period for a third episode after more than twelve months.

Eligibility for Nomination

- **Amend Rule 119B**

119B. *Unless the Stewards otherwise approve, a horse shall not be eligible to be nominated for a race unless for a period of at least twenty eight (28) days immediately prior to the date fixed for nomination the horse has been trained by a licensed trainer and that trainer has lodged with the Controlling Body a stable return for that horse.*

Transfer from disqualified trainer

- **Add Rule 120(3), (4)**
- **Renumber existing Rule 120(3) to 120(5)**
- **Renumber existing Rule 120(4) to 120(6)**
- **Renumber existing Rule 120(5) to 120(7)**

120. (1) *A horse trained but not owned by a trainer whose licence has been suspended or cancelled or who is disqualified (in this rule called the "disqualified person") is ineligible to race until it is transferred to the control of a licensed trainer.*

(2) *A transfer must be approved by the Controlling Body or Stewards.*

(3) *A horse which is trained by a disqualified person shall not without the approval of the Stewards be transferred to an immediate family member or to a person whom the Stewards determine is a close associate.*

(4) *For the purposes of this rule:-*

(a) *An immediate family member means the following persons who are related to the disqualified person:-*

(i) *Spouse, defacto, child, parent, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, cousin;*

- (ii) *Child, parent, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew or cousin of the disqualified person's spouse or defacto partner.*
- (b) *A close associate includes but is not limited to the following which may be existing or prior:-*
 - (i) *Commercial relationship*
 - (ii) *Trainer/owner relationship*
 - (iii) *Trainer/breeder relationship*
 - (iv) *Employee/employer relationship*
 - (v) *Co-located registered training address.*
- (5) *The Controlling Body or Stewards may at any time revoke the approval of a transfer if it or they form the view that the disqualified person is involved with or influencing the training of the horse.*
- (6) *If a transfer is not approved or is revoked the horse is ineligible to race.*
- (7) *A horse may be declared ineligible to race by the Controlling Body or Stewards if it or they form the view that the disqualified person is involved with or influencing the training of the horse.*

Rationale

Strengthens the position of the Stewards that any transfer of ownership, or control, of a horse from a disqualified person must be approved by the Stewards or the Controlling Body.

9. DRIVERS

Priorities concerning horse to be driven

- **Add new Rule 152A**

152A. (1) Where the spouse or partner of a driver is the owner or trainer of a horse in a race the driver shall not without the approval of the Stewards drive any horse in the race other than the horse owned or trained by his/her spouse or partner.

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

Rationale

Creates further restrictions on the driving of "outside horses" in races where a driver has a spouse or partner listed as the trainer.

Horse breaking gait

- **Repeal Rule 155A(1), (2)**

155A. (1) *Notwithstanding the provisions of Rules 154 and 155 any horse which has broken gait free of interference, and remains in the incorrect gait when its nose reaches the finish line, and is covered by any other horse or horses in the correct gait it shall be placed behind such horse or horses.*

(2) *For the purposes of sub-rule (1) “covered” means when a horse has its nose in line with any part of the breaking horse’s body excluding its tail or extended hind legs when the nose of the horse which has broken gait reaches the finish line.*

- **Delete Local Rule 155A**

Rationale

This rule is repealed as it had not been adopted in New South Wales or Western Australia, hence the WA Local Rule 155A which stated “Rule 155A shall not apply.”

States which wish to retain this rule have the option of inserting their own Local Rule.

Whips

- **Amend Rule 156(2)(a)**

156. (2) (a) *A driver shall only apply the whip and/or the rein 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.*

- **Repeal Rule 156(4)(c)**

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

Offences - relating to dress

- **Add new Rule 159A(9), (10)**

159A. (9) *A driver must immediately replace a helmet if:*

(a) *A helmet sustains significant impact or damage or*

(b) *A driver suffers concussion following a fall whilst wearing a helmet.*

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

Rationale

As a part of the steps taken to address the issue of concussion there is now a requirement on a driver to replace a helmet if the helmet is damaged or he/she is concussed from a fall whilst wearing a helmet.

A helmet could be damaged or a driver concussed in many instances where Stewards cannot reasonably be present and this rule now creates an obligation on the driver at all times.

Offences - relating to matters at the start and during the race

- **Repeal Rule 162(1)(vv)**

162. (1) (vv) *lengthen the reins so as to result in loose reining;*

- **Add new Rule 163A(1), (2)**

163A. (1) *A driver shall hold a rein in each hand unless activating adjustable gear.*

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

Offences - relating to sulkies

- **Amend 170(4), (5)**

170. (4) *A driver shall not:-*

(a) *Attempt to or allow his foot or leg to come into contact with the hind legs of the horse he is driving;*

(b) *Attempt to or allow his foot or leg to be placed in the immediate vicinity of the hind legs of the horse he is driving.*

(5) *A driver who fails to comply with any provision of this rule is guilty of an offence and in relation to sub-rule (4) the Stewards may in addition to any other penalty disqualify the horse.*

Rationale

The practice described within this rule is known as “*hocking*”. This rule has been amended to further strengthen the powers of the Stewards in relation to this practice.

10. OBJECTIONS AND PROTESTS

Lodgment

- **Amend Rule 176(6)**

176. (6) *Where a protest has been lodged in accordance with this rule and:-*

(a) *The grounds of the protest are that a horse or its driver has caused interference to another horse or its driver and the Stewards are of the opinion that the horse interfered with would have finished ahead of the first mentioned horse had such*

interference not occurred they shall place the first mentioned horse immediately after the horse interfered with.

- (b) *The grounds of the protest do not include a claim of interference, the Stewards shall dismiss the protest unless they are of the opinion that the horse lodging the protest would have finished ahead of the horse against which the protest has been lodged in which case they shall place the first mentioned horse ahead of the second mentioned horse.*

12. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

Determination of prohibited substance

- **Repeal Rule 188A(2)(d)**

188A. (2) (d) In male horses, other than geldings, 5 α -estrane - 3 β , 17 α -diol in urine (including both the free substance and that liberated from conjugates) at a concentration equal to or less than that of 5(10)-estrane-3 β , 17 α -diol in urine (including both the free substance and that liberated from its conjugates).

- **Add New Rule 188A(2)(d)**

188A. (2) (d) *In male horses other than geldings, free and glucuroconjugated 5 α -estrane-3 β , 17 α -diol at a mass concentration of 45 micrograms per litre in urine when, at the screening stage, the free and glucuroconjugated 5 α -estrane-3 β , 17 α -diol exceeds the free and glucuroconjugated 5,10 estrane-3 β , 17 α -diol in the urine.*

Rationale

Under the Rules of Racing the threshold for estranediol in male horses is expressed as the ratio of estranediol: estrenediol at ≤ 1 . However, under the International Agreement on Breeding, Racing and Wagering (IABRW), the threshold is expressed as an absolute threshold of 45 micrograms per litre in urine, provided that at the screening stage the ratio of estranediol: estrenediol is > 1 .

For consistency with the IABRW, Harness Racing Australia has approved an amendment to the way in which the threshold is expressed in the Rules.

- **Amend Rule 188A(2)(g)(ii), (iv)**

188A. (2) (g) *Testosterone -*

- (ii) *in geldings, fillies and mares: free testosterone at a mass concentration of 100 picograms per millilitre in plasma,*

188A. (2) (g) *Testosterone -*

- (iv) *In fillies and mares that have been notified as pregnant so as to comply with Rule 103B: free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its*

conjugates at any concentration in urine or free testosterone at any concentration in plasma.

Rationale

The International Agreement on Breeding Racing and Wagering (IABRW) now contains a plasma testosterone threshold for fillies and mares (unless in foal): 100 picograms free testosterone per millilitre in plasma from fillies and mares.

Harness Racing Australia has approved the inclusion of the international threshold in the Rules.

- **Repeal Rule 188A(2)(j)**

188A. (2) (j) *Theobromine at a mass concentration of 2.00 milligrams per litre in urine.*

Rationale

Theobromine remains a prohibited substance but HRA has amended the rules to remove it from the list of substances that have a threshold applied.

Add new Rule 188A(2)(j)

188A. (2) (j) *Prednisolone (free Prednisolone) at a mass concentration of 10 micrograms per litre in urine.*

Rationale

There is now evidence that Prednisolone is an endogenous substance in horses. In light of this a threshold has now been put in place.

Testing

- **Add new Rule 189A**

189A. *Any sample taken from a horse shall only be analysed by a laboratory approved by the Controlling Body.*

Rationale

Clarifies that samples can only be analysed by approved laboratories.

Out of Competition Testing

- **Amend Rule 190A(4), (5)**

190A. (4) *Any person who is in possession of a substance specified in sub-rule (2) or a metabolite, artifact or isomer of such substance is guilty of an offence.*

- (5) *It shall be a defence to a charge under sub-rule (4) for the person in possession of such substance or preparation to prove that the substance or preparation was prescribed to him, for use by him, by a qualified medical practitioner.*

Rationale

This amendment restricts the prescribing of the any substance to a qualified medical practitioner and removes the reference to veterinarian. The reasoning being that that a substance prescribed for a human does not have any accepted use for a horse and should not be prescribed by a veterinarian.

- **New Heading – Transfer Restrictions**
- **New Rule 190AC**

Transfer Restrictions

190AC. (1) *When a trainer is notified by the Stewards that the presence of a substance prohibited by Rules 188A, 190A or 190AB has been certified to be present in a horse trained by that trainer at the time the sample is taken, the trainer is not permitted without the prior approval of the Stewards to:-*

- (a) *transfer the ownership of any horse they own to any other person;*
 - (b) *transfer any training responsibilities for any horse they train to any other person.*
- (2) *For the purposes of sub-rule (1) “certified” means the issuance of an evidentiary certificate pursuant to Rule 191(1).*
- (3) *A trainer who fails to comply with sub-rule (1) is guilty of an offence.*

Rationale

As mentioned in rationale for Rule 120 amendments this amendment strengthens the position of the Stewards that any transfer of ownership, or control, of a horse from a disqualified person must be approved by the Stewards or the Controlling Body.

Stomach tubing, atomisers and other devices

- **Amend Rule 193(1), (2)**
- **Add new Rule 193(6)**
- **Renumber existing Rule 193(6), (7), (8) to Rule 193(7), (8), (9)**
- **Amend Rule 193(8), (9)**

- 193.** (1) *A person shall not attempt to stomach tube or stomach tube a horse nominated for a race or event within one clear day of the commencement of the race or event.*
- (2) *A person shall not attempt to use or use an atomiser, face mask or other device for the administration of a prohibited substance to a horse nominated for a race or event within one clear day of the commencement of the race or event.*
- (3) *A person shall not administer or allow or cause to be administered any medication to a horse on race day prior to such horse running in a race.*

- (4) *Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-rule (3), a person, with the permission of the Stewards may administer or allow or cause to be administered any medication to a horse on race day prior to such horse running in a race.*
- (5) *The Stewards shall order the withdrawal or disqualification of a horse that has been either treated or attempted to have been treated in breach of sub-rules (1), (2) and (3).*
- (6) *A person shall not without the prior approval of the Stewards administer or allow or cause to be administered any medication to a horse on a racecourse after such horse has run in a race.*
- (7) *For the purposes of this Rule, medication means any treatment with drugs or other substances.*
- (8) *A person shall not allow or permit another person to attempt to perform or perform any of the actions prohibited by sub-rules (1), (2), (3) or (6).*
- (9) *A person who fails to comply with sub-rules (1), (2), (3), (6) or (8) is guilty of an offence.*

Rationale

The time for performing any activities prohibited by sub-rules (1) & (2) is reduced from 48 hours to one clear day.

Rule 193(6) is added to introduce a rule that prevents a person (without prior approval) from administering any medication to a horse at the racecourse after it has raced.

Administering Substances

- **Delete/Repeal Rule 196B(2)(a)**
- **Renumber existing Rule 196B(2)(b), (c) to 196B(2)(a), (b)**

196B. (2) *For the purposes of this Rule -*

- (a) *Administering an injection to a horse means the use of a hypodermic needle or other instrument to introduce or extract any substance from the horse;*
- (b) *It is not necessary to establish whether any substance was injected or the nature of the substance injected.*

- **Repeal Rule 196C(5)**

196C. (5) *For the purposes of this Rule:-
one clear day means the twenty four (24) hour period from 12.01 a.m. to 12 midnight.*

- **Repeal Rule 196D(4)**

196D. (4) *For the purposes of this Rule “one clear day” means the twenty four (24) hour period from 12.01 a.m. to midnight.*

Rationale

Deleted/Repealed as “one clear day” is now a defined as explained in rationale on page one.

14. GENERAL OFFENCES

Horses

- Delete/Repeal Rule 213B(3)
- Add new Rule 213B(3)
- Amend Rule 213C(1)
- Add new Rule 213C(2)

213B. (3) *A shockwave therapy device means any device which is capable of delivering a pneumatically generated high energy pressure wave.*

213C. (1) *A person shall not use or have in their possession at a racecourse at which a meeting is being conducted any electrical, mechanical or galvanic device, equipment, appliance or apparatus which can be used to treat a horse.*

(2) *A person who fails to comply with sub-rule (1) is guilty of an offence and any horse that has either been treated or been the subject of an attempted treatment shall be withdrawn or disqualified from the race.*

Deleted/Repealed as “one clear day” is now a defined as explained in rationale on page one.

16. DISQUALIFIED PERSONS

Disqualification by conviction

- Amend Rule 267(1), (2)

267. (1) *Subject to sub-rule (2) the Stewards may for such period and on such conditions as they think fit, disqualify a person who is found guilty of a crime or offence in any State or Territory of Australia or in any country which is punishable by a term of imprisonment.*

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

Rationale

Refer to rationale under Rule 90

17. EQUIPMENT AND COLOURS

Gear

- Add Rule 268A(1), (2)

268A. (1) *Applications concerning gear shall be made in such form as the Controlling Body or Stewards may determine and be lodged with the Controlling Body or Stewards no later than forty eight (48) hours before the nomination of a horse for a race.*

(2) *In the event of a change to any of the particulars notified in accordance with sub-rule (1), such change shall immediately be lodged with the Controlling Body or Stewards in such form as the Controlling Body or Stewards may determine.*

Application to change gear

- **Add Rule 269A**

269A. *An application to change any gear shall be made to the Controlling Body in such form as the Controlling Body may determine.*

Rationale

With the increased use of digital forms and procedures requirements to use HRA approved forms has been deleted to allow individual Controlling Bodies to determine how requirements are met.

Offences

- **Amend Rule 273(3)**

273. (3) *A person shall not without the permission of the Stewards start a horse in a race unless the horse is fitted with a false belly band and retaining straps and throat lash and a breast plate.*

Rationale

The wording “with a false belly band or retaining straps” is replaced “with a false belly band and retaining straps.

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