



RACING AND WAGERING WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## 23/24 Financial Year: Harness Initiatives

RWWA has funded increases into stakes and breeding bonuses for the harness code for the 2023/24 financial year.

\$0.74 million has been allocated to the Westbred and Westbred First Starter Bonus schemes.

Last year it was announced that from 1 January 2023, Westbred 2yo pacers would be eligible to earn increased bonus amounts under a new three tier structure, whilst 3yo Westbred pacers remained under the existing two-tier structure.

From 1 January 2024, the three-tier structure will apply to all 2yo and 3yo races for stakes under \$22,000. Also, a 4yo or older Westbred horse having its first win will be entitled to a Westbred First Win bonus under the three-tier structure.

Placing	Stakes <\$6,499	\$6,500 - \$14,999	\$15,000 - \$21,999
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$2,550 (+12.5% breeder)	\$3,400 (+12.5% breeder)	\$5,100 (+12.5% breeder)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$675 (+12.5% breeder)	\$900 (+12.5% breeder)	\$1,350 (+12.5% breeder)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$338 (+12.5% breeder)	\$450 (+12.5% breeder)	\$675 (+12.5% breeder)
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$187 (+ 12.5% breeder)	\$300 (+12.5% breeder)	\$375 (+12.5% breeder)

\$0.75 million has been allocated to increase base stakes across metropolitan, provincial and community staked races.

Metropolitan base stakes at Gloucester Park will increase whilst still retaining a tiering structure that is currently in place. Listed below is the class of the race, their current funding and the new amounts that will apply from 4 August 2023.

	CLASS	CURRENT STAKE	NEW STAKE
1	FFA	\$30,000	\$31,000
2	FFA – MARES	\$26,000	\$27,000
3	CONDITIONED PACE	\$23,750	\$25,000
4	L10/11	\$22,000	\$23,000
5	L7/9	\$20,250	\$21,000
6	LT \$25K	\$20,375	\$21,000
7	LT \$20K	\$18,750	\$19,000
8	3YO	\$20,250	\$21,000
9	2YO	\$20,250	\$21,000
10	L7/9+ STANDING START	\$20,250	\$21,000
11	L10/11+ STANDING START	\$22,000	\$23,000
12	TROTTERS	\$20,250	\$21,000
13	LT \$12K	\$9,000	\$9,360

Provincial stakes will increase from \$9,000 to \$9,360 and Community staked races will increase from \$6,000 to \$6,240.

All metropolitan, provincial and community stakes contain 1% which is allocated to animal welfare initiatives.

Furthermore, RWWA has funded-

- The introduction of two new \$100,000 races for Westbred 4yo's (one for each sex).
- An increase of 2.5% to clubs in event fees and industry training.

Also, Listed races as determined by Harness Racing Australia will now run for a minimum of \$35,000,

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