

METROPOLITAN HANDICAPPING SYSTEM – AMENDMENTS

The introduction of the Ratings Based Handicapping System means that the Metropolitan Handicapping System is required to be reviewed.

Due to the success of the Metropolitan Handicapping System that is in place it is proposed that the System is in principle retained with the following changes:

- a) The M0 becomes an Up to 70 National Rating Points event
- b) M1 type events are eliminated which will increase the pool of horses available to race in the System
- c) Reword the conditions to work in unison with the Ratings Based Handicapping System, noting there is to be no Driver or Mares Concessions

Up to 70 National Rating Points Event

A \$20,000 Up to 70 National Rating Points event is to be programmed at all race meetings with an also eligible clause which allows horses that have not won a race \geq \$20,000 as a 4YO or older horse.

Fields are to be selected in descending order (highest to lowest) based on dollars won in the last five (5) starts.

An \$11,000 event may be conducted consisting of ballots from the \$20,000 race with the field selected in descending order (highest to lowest) based on dollars won in the last five (5) starts.

This race provides opportunities for emerging Metropolitan horses as a spring board to the Metropolitan Handicapping System and also provides a competitive event for horses whose points have decreased to \leq 70 National Rating Points due to a drop in form while contesting races in the Metropolitan Handicapping System.

No Driver or Mares Concessions can be used in this event.

The Barrier Draw is to rotate weekly using RBD & PBD/NR (National Rating).

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Where there is also a Mares race programmed and a Mare is dually nominated, a Mare will be drawn in the Mares race in the first instance.

Field Selection

Horses are divided into separate fields of ten (10), plus one (1) emergency, according to prizemoney won in the last five (5) starts.

Barrier Draws

There will be two types of Barrier Draw used:

Prizemoney won in the last five (5) starts

Step 1: Barrier Draw positions are based on prizemoney won in the last five (5) starts.

Step 2: The horse drawn in the widest position in the Level below will be drawn as an emergency in the race above, in Barrier 1.

Random Barrier Draw

All horses draw randomly

Prizemoney Thresholds

The Metro Handicapping System prizemoney levels are:

Level	When Level 1 is Feature	When there is another Feature on the Program
Level 1	\$30,000	\$22,000
Level 2	\$22,000	\$16,000
Level 3	\$16,000	\$11,000
Level 4	\$11,000	\$11,000

For further information concerning the Metropolitan Handicapping System please go to www.hrnsw.com.au and click the following banner:



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The handicapping system is based on the total earnings of the nominated horses in their last five (5) starts which will determine the race of four (4) probable races the horse will be drawn.

The dollars earned in their last five starts will also provide the barrier draw order on rotation with a random barrier draw. The split is to be:

Four (4) meetings in the month Three (3) x PBD/\$L5, One (1) x RBD

Five (5) meetings in the month Three (3) x PBD/\$L5, Two (2) x RBD

The handicapping system, which has the support of the majority of the trainers who regularly compete at Tabcorp Park Menangle, also allows only for a maximum ten (10) starters in each mobile start race as well as a single starting line (no horses to commence from the second row).

Field Selection

Horses are divided into separate fields of ten (10), plus one (1) emergency, according to prizemoney won in the last five (5) starts.

Barrier Draws

Step 1: Barrier Draw positions are based on prizemoney won in the last five (5) starts.

Step 2: The horse drawn in the widest position in the Level below will be drawn as an emergency in the race above, in Barrier 1.

or

Step 1: Horses randomly draw barriers

Prizemoney Thresholds

The Metro Handicapping System prizemoney levels are:

Level	When Level 1 is Feature	When there is another Feature on the Program
Level 1	\$30,000	\$22,000
Level 2	\$22,000	\$16,000
Level 3	\$16,000	\$11,000
Level 4	\$11,000	\$11,000

METROPOLITAN HANDICAPPING SYSTEM CONDITIONS

1. Nominated horses will be banded into Levels (races) based on the prizemoney earned in their last five (5) starts in a descending order (highest to lowest earner).
2. The races will be identified as Level 1, Level 2, Level 3 and Level 4. If sufficient nominations are received races titled Level 5 may be included on the race programme (at the discretion of the conducting Club).
3. Each of the divisions will consist of ten (10) starters and one (1) emergency which will be also drawn into the fields. The one (1) emergency will be drawn in the next lower Level.
4. All starters will commence from the front row of the mobile barrier.
5. All divisions will be drawn based on dollars earned in the last five (5) starts in descending order (11 down to 1) or drawn randomly.
6. If engaged at the race meeting in another race, horses drawn as the emergency must take the place of a withdrawn horse up to the official scratching time of 9.00am on the day of the race meeting.
7. The nominations for the entire race meeting will not be displayed for consideration by participants.
8. In the event there is a Mares only race programmed and conducted all Mares will be considered for the Mares race in the first instance.
9. Driver and Mares Concessions do not apply.

PRIZEMONEY

10. Prizemoney for each Level is as follows:

Level 1 - \$30,000
Level 2 - \$22,000
Level 3 - \$16,000
Level 4 - \$11,000
Level 5 - \$11,000
Level 6 - \$11,000

11. Where another Feature race is programmed (and conducted) which offers prizemoney of \$30,000 or more at Tabcorp Park Menangle or at another NSW track for horses assessed 95 National Rating Points or better within two (2) days of a meeting the Levels of prizemoney will be as follows:

Level 1 - \$22,000
Level 2 - \$16,000
Level 3 - \$11,000
Level 4 - \$11,000
Level 5 - \$11,000
Level 6 - \$11,000

In such circumstances it is possible that only two (2) Levels of races will be conducted.

12. The prizemoney split for races conducted under this handicapping system only is as follows:

- 1st – 52%
- 2nd – 18%
- 3rd – 12%
- 4th – 6%
- 5th – 4%
- 6th – 2%
- 7th – 2%
- 8th – 2%
- 9th – 2%
- 10th – 2%

RACE DISTANCES

13. Races will be contested over the 1609 metres distance, however, as near as possible taking Feature races into account, the 2300 metres distance will be contested on a three (3) to one (1) cycle, however only when a \$30,000 Level 1 race is conducted.

OTHER RACES AT METROPOLITAN MEETINGS

14. All other mobile start races at the Metropolitan meeting will have maximum fields of ten (10) plus one (1) emergency (where nominations allow) inclusive of Trotters races. Emergencies will be permitted to scratch in accordance with HRNSW Policies and Procedures and not be compelled to start.

15. In all other mobile races all starters will start from the front row, inclusive of Trotters.

16. The nominations for the entire race meeting will not be displayed for consideration by participants. In the event of an extension of nominations for any race on the program the horses originally nominated cannot be withdrawn.

17. Other grades of races such as Up to 70 National Rating Points, Mares (on rotation as per the Metropolitan Handicapping System - Mares), Trotters and Aged and established Feature races will continue to be programmed. Horses can be nominated for the Metro Handicapping System races and if drawn in those races (top 41) other than for Mares, these events will take precedence (Note Condition 8).

OTHER RACES AT OTHER TABCORP PARK MENANGLE MEETINGS

18. Claiming Races will not be programmed at Metropolitan meetings, however, a two claiming races for claiming values of \$9,000 and \$14,000 will be programmed at all Tabcorp Park Menangle Midweek meetings.

19. Field sizes and barrier configurations for mobile events at Midweek Tabcorp Park Menangle meetings will continue to include twelve (12) horses for Pacers and fourteen (14) horses for Trotters.

***HRNSW at its absolute discretion may amend or alter these Conditions.**