



CONDITIONS

Preamble

The Australasian Young Drivers Championship is a Championship Series contested by nominated representatives from Australia and New Zealand. It is not "an encouragement" Series but rather an age limited Championship Series designed to seek out an Australasian Young Driving Champion through participation in competition. It is modelled on the format of the World Drivers Championship conducted by the International Trotting Association.

Championship Timing

1. The rotation of the Series shall be arranged so that the Controlling Body of the Australian State or New Zealand conducts it during the period when the Inter Dominion Carnival is conducted therein.

Rotational Basis

2. The rotation of the Championship in accordance with Clause 1 will therefore be:
2004 Western Australia
2005 Auckland
2006 Tasmania
2007 Adelaide
2008 Melbourne
2009 Brisbane
2010 Sydney
2011 Christchurch
2012 Western Australia

Role of Conducting Controlling Body

3. The Championship Series is controlled, arranged and organised by the Controlling Body of the Australian State or New Zealand under its Rules and these Guidelines.
4. Selection of venues and internal organisation are matters for the conducting Controlling Body.
5. The airfares of the participants shall be arranged by the Controlling Body of the Australian State or New Zealand nominating such participants. Airfares are to be sponsored or paid for participating drivers ONLY.
6. The conducting Controlling Body may arrange internal sponsorship(s), which may be subsidiary to a main sponsorship if able to be arranged.
7. Accommodation, meals and travelling to venues within the conducting State or New Zealand are to be arranged and paid for by the conducting Controlling Body and/or participating venues. Drinks, entertainment, travelling etc. not provided by the participating venues or Controlling Body are to be paid personally by the participating drivers.

Nomination & Eligibility of Representatives

9. The conducting Controlling Body in association with those Clubs participating in the Series will provide every opportunity to promote the Series and the recognition of the Young Drivers and whom they represent.
10. The participating drivers will be notified by the conducting Controlling Body of the Guidelines and Conditions under which they will drive at least two weeks prior to the first race of the Series and of the arrangements for accommodation, travelling and personal expenses together with the logistics of travel and accommodation involved in the Series.
11. Each Australian Controlling Body shall be invited to nominate one driver.
12. In the case of New Zealand, Harness Racing New Zealand shall be invited to nominate a driver from each of the North and South Islands together with the New Zealand Young Driving Champion, if eligible, under these Guidelines.
13. The Defending Champion of the previous year's Series shall be eligible to compete, if eligible, independently of the State or New Zealand selection process, except as provided hereafter. The Defending Champion, if eligible, will also represent their original nominating State, who will fund his/her representation.
14. The maximum number of participating drivers in the Series shall be limited to ten (10) drivers and should there be a vacancy(ies) created for any reason, the conducting Controlling Body will select another driver or drivers from Australia or New Zealand on further nomination to ensure each original nominating Body is represented.
15. If either the Defending Champion is unavailable or ineligible, or an original nominating Body is unable to provide a further nomination to represent them then the conducting Controlling Body can nominate a further Young Driver to ensure that the maximum field of ten (10) drivers is achieved.
16. Each of the drivers competing shall be licensed by the nominating Body.
17. Participants are to be named by the respective Controlling Bodies and advised to the conducting Controlling Body as soon as possible.
18. An Australasian Young Driver means a licensed driver who has not attained the age of twenty-five (25) at the date of the commencement of the Australian or New Zealand racing season

Racing Conditions & Points System

19. For the purpose of handicapping, the races on which the Series will be determined shall be Win and Winning Stake Exempt (subject to clauses 13(d) and 14 of the Handicapping System Regulations) to the horses winning these races.
20. Each race in the Series shall be restricted to no more than 10 starters plus 2 emergencies.
21. Championship races shall be run under the safety limits of the host club/venue.
22. The re-entry time for Championship races shall be 12.00pm on the day of the meeting for a night meeting and 7.30am on the day of the meeting for a day meeting.
23. As far as possible the total number of races for the Series shall be no less than 6 and no more than 10 races, with 10 starters in each race and with each driver participating.
24. Driving assignments will be drawn in accordance with the barrier draw template used in the World Driving Championships. (Refer to 2011 Australasian Young Drivers Championship Barrier Draw on www.hrnz.co.nz Official Notices). A driver shall not drive a horse such driver normally drives or works.

25. Should the number of races or starters vary the principle or spirit of these regulations shall be adhered to and if for any reason some inequalities exist in any Series for any of these reasons the issue shall be decided by ballot.
26. Points for the Championship will be awarded in each race on the following basis:
Number of starters 10: 17(1), 12(2), 9(3), 7(4), 6(5), 5(6), 4(7), 3(8), 2(9), 1(10).
Number of starters 9: 16(1), 11(2), 8(3), 6(4), 5(5), 4(6), 3(7), 2(8), 1(9).
Number of starters 8: 15(1), 10(2), 7(3), 5(4), 4(5), 3(6), 2(7), 1(8).
27.
 - a. In the event of a horse being scratched or failing to complete the race as a result of a racing incident deemed by the Meeting's Stewards Panel five (5) points shall be awarded to the driver. In all other cases where a horse and driver fail to complete the race the driver will receive one (1) point.
 - b. In the event of a dead heat for any placing in any race the points for the horses involved in the deadheat will be added together and divided equally among the drivers concerned.
 - c. In the event of a driver being suspended in a race in the Series points will not be awarded to the driver for that race.
28. In the event of a driver who has been suspended in a race in the Series being suspended in a later race in the Series the driver shall not be eligible to compete in any remaining races in the Series.
29. In the event a driver cannot take his place in a race for whatever reason and a substitute driver is not available from the nominated drivers then the horse the representative was to drive will be scratched.
30. All drivers must compete in all races in the Series, unless unable to do so because of illness, injury or exceptional circumstances. In the event a driver is unable to compete, his driving assignments will be handled at the option of the Controlling Body.
31. In the event of a tie for any position, the driver with the most number of winning drives in the Championship races shall be declared winner; if still tied the greater number of second placed drives and so on until the winner is declared.
32. Driving fees shall to be paid to the competing drivers.
33. The driver with the most points after "all clear" is given in the last race of the Series shall be declared the Australasian Young Drivers Champion.

Other

34. Each participating Controlling Body shall be responsible for the insuring of their nominated representatives in accordance with the normal commercial insurance arrangements currently in place in the Australian and/or New Zealand racing environment in which the Series is conducted.
35. Each participating Controlling Body shall be responsible for outfitting their respective entrants and shall at the time of nomination provide the host Controlling Body with photographs and written profiles.
36. In the event of a situation arising that is not covered by these Guidelines, then the conducting Controlling Body referred to in Clause 3 of the overall 2011 Australasian Young Drivers Championship Conditions shall have the authority to determine the matter.
37. The Australasian Young Drivers Championship Perpetual Trophy will be presented by the Chairman of the Inter Dominion Event Committee to the Chairman of the Controlling Body of the Australian State or New Zealand which the winning Driver is deemed to represent.
38. A gold, silver and bronze medal shall be created by the conducting Controlling Body and awarded to the first three drivers in the Series based on total points achieved in descending order. (Note: The Fremantle Trotting Club's Sponsorship of the Perpetual Trophy and Drivers Commemorative Medals is greatly appreciated).