

HARNESS RACING AUSTRALIA INC

Group Racing Guidelines

1. Harness Racing Australia shall cause a list to be compiled of such races as it may in its entire discretion decide and which it shall designate as comprising Group or Listed Races.
2. Unless Harness Racing Australia otherwise decides the names of races which appear in the Group and Listed Races shall be as listed on the National Internet Site.
3. No race shall be entered in the Schedule until its listing therein is approved by the Council Executive following a recommendation from the State Controlling Body Member.
4. For the purpose of the Group Races list all Australasian Grand Circuit races shall be listed as Group One races.
5. Group One, Two, Three and Listed Race status is not automatic. Application in writing must be made and recommended by the State Controlling Body, and then approved by the HRA Executive.
6. Harness Racing Australia may in its discretion decide the criteria for entry of races into the respective Group and Listed Race lists.
7. Harness Racing Australia delegates to the HRA Chief Executive the responsibility to appraise applications and to review lists from time to time and submit recommendations to the Council Executive. The HRA Chief Executive will communicate and/or call meetings with Member Chief Executives to plan and schedule the Grand Circuit and Feature Race Lists for the coming Season as required.
8. Unless Harness Racing Australia otherwise decides the criteria for entry of races published on the National Internet Site shall be as follows:

A. GROUP ONE RACES

- (i) A Grand Circuit Event, Free For All, Handicap, Classic or State Restricted Event of National Importance where the minimum stakemoney threshold must be \$100,000 or more for Grand Circuit Events and other races in respect of races for pacers and, \$50,000 or more for trotters.
- (ii) Recognising the time honoured and historical significance of the State Derby and State Oaks races conducted in each State, these races are exempted

from the stakemoney threshold requirements of Group One Racing and are deemed Group One Races for both Pacers and Trotters. Therefore, all State Derbies and State Oaks races will be Group One irrespective of stakemoney.

B. GROUP TWO RACES

A Handicap, Free For All, Classic or State Restricted Event of National or State Importance, where the minimum stakemoney threshold must be \$50,000 or more in respect of races for pacers, and, \$30,000 or more for trotters.

C. GROUP THREE RACES

A Handicap, Free For All, Classic or State Restricted Event of State Importance, where the minimum stakemoney threshold must be \$30,000 or more in respect of races for pacers, and, \$20,000 or more for trotters.

D. LISTED RACES

An event of Major, National or State Importance for Pacers and Trotters. Note: The stakemoney for a Listed Pacers Race is \$25,000.