

AUSTRALASIAN GRAND CIRCUIT

Rules of Conduct

In 1992, the then Inter Dominion Harness Racing Council ("the Council") established a group of races known as the Grand Circuits for Pacers and Trotters in all States of Australia, and in New Zealand, and formally declared the following rules for its conduct:

1. Until otherwise decided the Circuit of races shall be known as the Australasian Grand Circuit(s) ("the Circuit").
2. The Inter Dominion Event Committee (IDEC) in its discretion will decide the criteria for entry of races into "the Circuit".
3. Until the IDEC otherwise decides, the names of races which appear in "the Circuit" shall be as listed in the Grand Circuit Calendar.
4. A race shall not be entered in or deleted from the Grand Circuit Calendar without the prior consent of the IDEC.
5. A race shall not be entered in the Grand Circuit Calendar unless it carries Group One level stakemoney as specified in Clause 6.
6. All races, whether single event races or where the event is raced, as a series - the final race of such series, shall have a minimum stakemoney of \$100,000 for pacers and \$50,000 for trotters.
7. Races in "the Circuit" may be mobile or standing start events and may be raced over any distance of a mile or more.
8. All races in "the Circuit" with the exception of the Miracle Mile shall be open nomination events and without discrimination as to age, sex, ownership, training or domicile.
9. Clubs conducting races in "the Circuit" may set such other conditions as they may desire providing they are not in conflict with or the intent of Clause eight (8) or other applicable rules and/or agreements.
10. Any group of Member Clubs conducting "the Circuit" races may combine to establish point score competitions, or the like, whereby additional prizes or bonuses are paid to the owners of the winner of a group of races or meet some other condition.
11. The prospective dates of all races in "the Circuit" shall be ratified by the IDEC and shall not be changed without the prior consent of the IDEC.
12. The Controlling Body of each State, or New Zealand, shall ensure that a race or Carnival will not be programmed so as to clash with "the Circuit" races.

13. Each individual race of "the Circuit" shall be raced under the Rules of Harness Racing of the State or New Zealand concerned and where applicable the Rules of the IDEC.
14. These Rules shall be reviewed as the need arises.

Australasian Grand Circuit Champion

15. A Point Score Competition shall be conducted on all races of both Australasian Grand Circuits on the basis of five points for a win, two points for a second, and one point for a third to decide the Australasian Grand Circuit Champion(s).
16. In the event of a dead heat, the points of such horses dead heating shall be added together and equally divided.
17. The horse with the greatest number of points at the conclusion of the Australasian Grand Circuit series shall be declared the winner of the Point Score Competition for that racing season, that is Australasian Grand Circuit Champion(s).
18. In the event two or more horses tie for first placing on points such horses shall be declared joint winners of the Point Score Competition. There are no count back provisions.
19. For the purposes of calculating points the winner and placegetters are those, which are ultimately declared the winner and placegetters of such race.

Note: For the purposes of nomination and ratification each Country's National Body nominates its races through its respective Grading Committees – Harness Racing New Zealand and Harness Racing Australia. The latter's Grading Sub-Committee is the HRA Executive.

Please Note: On 2nd March 2008 the Inter Dominion Harness Racing Council was formally dissolved at a meeting in Melbourne. The supervision of future Inter Dominion Series will be undertaken by an Event Committee (IDEC) comprising of members appointed by Harness Racing Australia and Harness Racing New Zealand. This document has been adapted from the previous IDHRC document to reflect the new arrangement.

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