

2017 – FEMALE DRIVER INVITATION SERIES

1. The Series

- 1.1 Twelve female drivers will compete in a series of six (6) heats at Albion Park on Saturday evening November 18, 2017.
- 1.2 Total prizemoney of **\$63,240** will be on offer for the six (6) heats.
- 1.3 All heats will be PENALTY EXEMPT - **winning horses will not take a penalty for their win.**
- 1.4 Driver fees are payable to drivers competing in the series.

2. Selection and Eligibility of Drivers

2.1 Entry to the Female Drivers Series is by invitation only. The Albion Park Harness Racing Club are responsible for issuing the invitations.

- a) Twelve (12) female drivers will be invited to compete.
 - b) A standby driver will be selected for the series to act as a substitute should one of the drivers be unable to compete.
- 2.2 Drivers unable to contest the series should advise the Albion Park Harness Racing Club or Racing Queensland as soon as possible.

3. Series Conditions

- 3.1 Drivers will be randomly drawn a letter, as per the table below, and are to drive the horses drawn in the allocated barriers in each corresponding heat:

Drivers Position hereunder to be Balloted	Heat One	Heat Two	Heat Three	Heat Four	Heat Five	Heat Six
A	1	12	4	10	3	8
B	2	11	7	5	9	4
C	3	10	6	8	1	12
D	4	9	2	12	6	5
E	5	8	3	11	7	10
F	6	7	1	9	2	11
G	7	6	9	1	11	2
H	8	5	11	3	10	7
I	9	4	12	2	5	6
J	10	3	8	6	12	1
K	11	2	5	7	4	9
L	12	1	10	4	8	3

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- 3.2 A driver will not be eligible to drive a horse which they have trained, has been trained by an employer or driven by that driver from **1 January 2017** to race day.
- 3.3 Should a driver not be able to drive a horse under clause 3.2:
- They will change with the driver that has drawn to the immediate outside on the same line.
 - If the driver has drawn the outside of a line, they will change with the driver that has drawn to the immediate inside on the same line.
- 3.4 Points shall be awarded to each driver on the following basis:

12 Starters		11 Starters		10 Starters		9 Starters	
Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1 st	19	1 st	18	1 st	17	1 st	16
2 nd	14	2 nd	13	2 nd	12	2 nd	11
3 rd	11	3 rd	10	3 rd	9	3 rd	8
4 th	9	4 th	8	4 th	7	4 th	6
5 th	8	5 th	7	5 th	6	5 th	5
6 th	7	6 th	6	6 th	5	6 th	4
7 th	6	7 th	5	7 th	4	7 th	3
8 th	5	8 th	4	8 th	3	8 th	2
9 th	4	9 th	3	9 th	2	9th	1
10 th	3	10 th	2	10 th	1		
11 th	2	11 th	1				
12 th	1						

- 3.5 If a horse is withdrawn from any heat, the driver of the withdrawn horse will receive the median points, based on finishing midfield:

11 Starters		10 Starters		9 Starters	
Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
6 th	7	5 th – 6 th	6.5	5 th	6

- 3.6 In the event of a dead heat for any placing in any race, the points for the horses involved in the dead heat will be added together and divided equally.
- 3.7 No points will be awarded to any driver who fails to finish a heat.
- 3.8 In the event a driver cannot take their place in a race, the standby driver shall replace that driver. The points earned by the standby driver will be allocated to their own personal tally.
- 3.9 The driver after the running of the six (6) heats with the highest points tally will be declared the winner of the series.

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- 3.10 In the event of a tie for the highest points tally a count-back system will be conducted using the following criteria as follows:
- a) The driver with the most heat wins will be declared the winner, if equal,
 - b) The driver with the most 2nd placing's; will be declared the winner, if equal,
 - c) The driver with the most 3rd placing's will be declared the winner and so on until there is a winner.
- 3.11 In the event that there is a tie on the count back system then the drivers involved will be declared joint winners.

4. Race Schedule

- 4.1 The series will be conducted as per the following schedule:

18 Nov	Albion Park	Band 4/2	\$10,540	MS	2138m
18 Nov	Albion Park	Band 5	\$10,540	MS	1660m
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18 Nov	Albion Park	Q0	\$10,540	MS	1660m
18 Nov	Albion Park	Q0	\$10,540	MS	1660m
18 Nov	Albion Park	Mares Pace	\$10,540	MS	1660m

- 4.2 Heat Numbers will be determined at the time of the race order being released. For example, (Heat 1) will be the first heat conducted on the evening.