TERMS & CONDITIONS

2015 - QUEENSLAND YOUNG DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Series

1.1 Ten young drivers will compete in a series of six (6) heats at Redcliffe & Albion Park.

1.2 Total prizemoney of **$32,000** 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 The selected drivers will be chosen using the following criteria:

a) Drivers must have been aged 22 years or under as at **31 August 2014**.

b) Drivers must hold an A Grade driver's licence as at Monday, **4 May 2015**. However, if insufficient A Grade young drivers are available at time of conduct of the series, B Grade drivers may be selected (i) based on their current standing in the 2014/15 Queensland drivers premiership (ii) lifetime wins.

c) Ten (10) drivers will be selected to compete.

d) The top three (3) drivers, subject to clauses a) and b), on the **2014/15** Queensland Driver's Premiership as at Monday, **4 May 2015** will gain automatic selection.

e) The remaining seven (7) drivers, subject to clauses a) and b), will be selected from those that have driven the most lifetime winners as at Monday, **4 May 2015**.

f) Should two (2) or more drivers qualify for the last position in the series, the final driver selected will be the one with the best percentage of overall winners to starters.

g) The driver ranked 11th shall be the standby driver for the series.

h) The standby driver shall be in attendance at each meeting where the heats are run in case a driver is not able to fulfil their engagement. Should the standby driver not drive in a race, they shall receive $50 per meeting for being in attendance.

2.2 Drivers unable to contest the series should advise the Handicapper no later than 4.00pm on Monday, **11 May 2015**.

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	10	5	6	3	8
B	2	9	3	8	5	6
C	3	8	4	7	2	9
D	4	7	2	9	1	10
E	5	6	1	10	4	7
F	6	5	10	1	7	4
G	7	4	9	2	10	1
H	8	3	7	4	9	2
I	9	2	8	3	6	5
J	10	1	6	5	8	3

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 September 2014** to race day.

3.3 Should a driver not be able to drive a horse under clause 3.2:

a) They will change with the driver that has drawn to the immediate outside on the same line.

b) 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:

10 Starters		9 Starters		8 Starters		7 Starters	
Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	17	1	16	1	15	1	14
2nd	12	2	11	2	10	2	9
3rd	9	3	8	3	7	3	6
4th	7	4	6	4	5	4	4
5th	6	5	5	5	4	5	3
6th	5	6	4	6	3	6	2
7th	4	7	3	7	2	7	1
8th	3	8	2	8	1		
9th	2	9	1				
10th	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:

9 Starters		8 Starters		7 Starters	
Place	**Points**	**Place**	**Points**	**Place**	**Points**
5th	5	4th – 5th	4.5	4th	4

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.

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.

3.12 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:

20 May	Redcliffe	C2/C3	$4,000	MS	2040m
20 May	Redcliffe	C1	$4,000	MS	1780m
22 May	Albion Park	C3/C4	$4,000	MS	1660m
22 May	Albion Park	C1/C2	$4,000	MS	1660m
23 May	Albion Park	Q1/Q2	$8,000	MS	2138m
23 May	Albion Park	Q0	$8,000	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 at Redcliffe.