



HARNESS RACING QUEENSLAND RACING INFORMATION

1. STABLE RETURNS

- 1.1 A Stable Return and Gear Form, with all sections completed, must be lodged with Harness Racing Queensland (HRQ) immediately a horse comes under the control of a trainer with the intention of preparing the horse to participate in education, official trials or racing.
- 1.2 Any trainer relinquishing the training of a horse shall notify HRQ in writing, or via HarnessWeb, immediately upon the horse leaving his/her care.

2. EDUCATION SESSIONS

- 2.1 The conditions for education sessions are as follows:

- a) Nominations – Must be to the Racing Office, HRQ no later than 10am on the working day prior on 07 3262 7977. Trainers must supply the horses name or in the case of un-named horses the horses breeding and age.
- b) Eligibility – Only horses that have **not** had a race start are allowed to participate.
- c) Brands and markings will be checked by Officials.
- d) Stewards reserve the right to cancel these sessions at their discretion.

- 2.2 Education Sessions are as follows:

- a) Albion Park – Tuesday

Session 1

- Commence - 1 hour and 30 minutes prior to first race.
- Completed and removed - 1 hour and 15 minutes prior to first race.
- Start and finishing times will be strictly enforced.
- Education period will be **without** the mobile.

Session 2

- Commence – immediately after the last trial.
- Completed and removed - 15 minutes after commencement.
- Start and finishing times will be strictly enforced.
- Education period will be **with** the mobile.

- b) Redcliffe – Wednesday

- Commence - 1 hour and 30 minutes prior to first race.
- Completed and removed - 1 hour and 15 minutes prior to first race.
- Start and finishing times will be strictly enforced.
- Education period will be **with** the mobile.



c) Gold Coast – Thursday

- Commence – immediately after the last trial.
- Completed and removed - 15 minutes after commencement.
- Start and finishing times will be strictly enforced.
- Education period will be **with** the mobile.

HRQ reserves the right, due to unforeseen circumstances, to cancel any programmed education session.

3. OFFICIAL TRIALS (from 30 September 2008)

3.1 Fees & Closing Times

a) The fee schedule is as follows:

Nomination Fee	\$11.00 (GST inclusive)
Late Scratching Fee	\$11.00 (GST inclusive)

b) Nominations and scratchings are to close as per the following schedule (except on Public Holidays):

Day	Nominations Close	Scratching Close
Tuesday (D)	Monday, 10.00am	Tuesday, 8.30am
Wednesday (N)	Tuesday, 10.00am	Wednesday, 8.30am
Thursday (D)	Wednesday, 10.00am	Thursday, 8.30am
Saturday (D)	Thursday, 10.00am	Saturday, 8.30am
Sunday (M)	Friday, 10.00am	Sunday, 7.30am

c) Scratchings should be phoned in on the HRQ Scratching Hotline **1800 331 308**, except for Marburg, which should be phoned in on **0409 269 659**.

When scratching a horse, trainers must clearly identify the following:

- i. Trainers Name
 - ii. Trainers Licence Number
 - iii. Meeting Details
 - iv. Horses Name
- d) Owners of all official trial nominees are to be charged by HRQ a nomination fee as described in Clause 3.1 a); there is to be no pay up on course.
- e) Horses that are scratched prior to the scratching close time in Clause 3.1 b) will incur a nomination fee as described in 3.1 a).
- f) Horses that are scratched after the scratching close time in Clause 3.1 b) (without an acceptable reason) will incur an additional late scratching fee as described in Clause 3.1 a).



- g) In all cases the split of race fields in all trials and the handicapping of horses in standing start trials are at discretion of the HRQ Handicapping Panel. All decisions will be final and any scratchings will incur the relevant fees.

Examples of Fees

If you:

- Nominate and start the owner will be invoiced \$11.00 (GST inclusive).
- Nominate and scratch by scratching closing time, the owner will be invoiced \$11.00 (GST inclusive).
- Nominate and scratch after scratching closing time or do not attend the official trials after nominating, the owner will be invoiced an \$11.00 (GST inclusive) nomination fee and an \$11.00 (GST inclusive) late scratching fee.

3.2 Trial Sessions

a) Albion Park – Tuesday & Gold Coast – Thursday

- To be conducted between races, except for the last trial which is conducted after the last race.
- Standing start trials are to be programmed as the last trial(s).
- If there are no standing start trials then the 2yo trial is to be programmed as the last trial.

b) Redcliffe – Wednesday

- To commence 1 hour prior to the advertised time of the first race.

c) Rocklea – Saturday

- A maximum of two (2) trials are to be conducted at Rocklea, unless permission is granted by HRQ to run additional trials.
- In the event where two (2) trials are programmed, the first trial will commence 45 minutes prior to the advertised time of the first race, with the second to be held immediately after.
- Where only one (1) trial is programmed it is to commence 30 minutes prior to the advertised time of the first race.
- Where ballots are required preference in selection will be given to horses in the following order of preference:
 - i. have not qualified from a standing start
 - ii. need to re-qualify

d) Marburg – Sunday

- Trials commence at 8.00am.
- Mobile trials are to be conducted prior to Standing Start trials.



HRQ reserves the right, due to unforeseen circumstances, to cancel any programmed official trial.

3.3 Qualifying to Race

- a) A horse must be named to be eligible to compete in a Qualifying or Official Trial.
- b) To be eligible for a mobile start race a horse must qualify in a mobile start Qualifying Trial and/or to be eligible for a standing start race a horse must qualify in a standing start Qualifying Trial.
- c) If a trial is divided into a division with 2YO's only engaged then the trial will be run over the distance closest to 1609m.
- d) To qualify to race, a horse must complete the following requirements within the qualifying mile rates as listed below:
 - i. In a mobile start – score up without interference to other horses and be in its correct barrier position at the candy pole until the starting point, then complete the trial in a competitive manner without losing gait or rhythm.
 - ii. In a standing start – not delay the start through intractability and begin at the correct gait then complete the trial in a competitive manner without losing gait or rhythm.

Track	PACERS		TROTTERS	
	Mobiles	Stands	Mobiles	Stand
Albion Park	2.05.0	2.07.0	2.08.0	2.10.0
Gold Coast	2.05.0	2.07.0	2.08.0	2.10.0
Redcliffe	2.07.0	N/A	2.10.0	N/A
Rocklea	N/A	2.12.0	N/A	2.14.0
Marburg	2.07.0	2.09.0	2.10.0	2.12.0

An additional time allowance will be permitted as follows:

- One (1) second for 3yo's
 - Three (3) seconds for 2yo's
- e) For such qualifications to be valid, a minimum of four horses must contest the trial, unless otherwise approved by HRQ Stewards.
 - f) Any horse which is presented to compete in an Official Barrier Trial for the purposes of qualifying to race for the first time, and fails to qualify as per Clause 3.3 d), may be excluded from the draw or be stood down and not permitted to compete in any Official Barrier Trial for a period of up to 14 days, except in circumstances where it failed to qualify because of the actions of another runner, and/or with permission of the Chairman of Stewards.



- g) Any horse which has not competed in a race for a period exceeding six (6) months must perform competitively, to the satisfaction of the Stewards, in an official barrier trial, before being entered to start in any race. In addition, a horse which has not raced for six (6) months, and has attained the age of twelve (12) years or older, will also be required to have a veterinary certificate of soundness provided, prior to competing in such barrier trial. The veterinary certificate must be provided prior to acceptance time for the trial.

** For the purposes of this policy a horse must perform in such trial in accordance with Clause 3.3 d).*

- h) Horses cleared from other states and/or countries:
- i. A horse trained outside the state of Queensland will be qualified to race in a mobile start at a race meeting in Queensland if such horse has raced or qualified from a mobile start in the State or Country where it is trained, or has qualified in the state of Queensland.
 - ii. A horse trained outside the state of Queensland will be qualified to race in a standing start at a race meeting in Queensland if such horse has raced or qualified from a standing start in the State or Country where it is trained, or has qualified in the state of Queensland.
- i) To change the gait of a horse, the owner or trainer must lodge with HRQ a written request accompanied by the assessment certificate. The horse must qualify to the satisfaction of Stewards on two (2) occasions. Both trials cannot be performed on the same day. A further change of gait cannot be approved until the expiration of three months from the date of the previous request. A horse changing gait will keep its current assessment (i.e. a C2 becomes a T2, a T2 becomes a C2).
- j) If a horse is required to produce a vet certificate prior to trialling, it must be received by acceptance time for the event it is accepting for.
- k) The total of 24 Field Selection Points gained by a horse when first qualified to race will not be altered if the horse thereafter qualifies for the alternate type of start (mobile or stand) in a Qualifying Trial.
- l) There are no points awarded in official trials.

4. NOMINATIONS

- 4.1 A horse must be nominated for a race or official trial on an official nomination form, in neat and legible print, or via HarnessWeb. Nominations by telephone are NOT permitted.
- 4.2 Nominations for horse education ONLY are permitted via phone by contacting the HRQ Racing Office. Nominations close at 10.00am the day prior to the race meeting. Trainers are to state the horses name or breeding and age of an un-named horse when nominating.
- 4.3 All nominations close with Harness Racing Queensland only.



- 4.4 No trainer will be permitted to enter a horse for a race, or any driver be declared for any engagement, which is scheduled for the following (new) season, unless the relevant person has renewed his/her respective licence at the time of the declaration.
- 4.5 Trainers who nominate by facsimile should ensure that their machine has the correct time, date and ID facsimile number. In the event of a nomination not being received by HRQ, this information may enable HRQ to ascertain whether the horse's nomination should be accepted.
- 4.6 Trainers who nominate via HarnessWeb are reminded that they should always check any nominations lodged by using the 'MY NOMS' icon. This will confirm that nominations have been correctly lodged and provide a chance to rectify any problems or errors.
- 4.7 As changes are sometimes made to race programs, trainers should always refer to the latest edition of the Queensland Harness Racing Magazine. Updated programs are also available at www.harness.org.au and on HarnessWeb.
- 4.8 A horse must be qualified to race prior to the close of acceptances for the race they have nominated for.
- 4.9 In the event that an unqualified horse is nominated for a race for which nominations are extended, and then qualifies prior to the close of extended nominations, such horse shall be deemed to be a late nomination for the purpose of field selection.
- 4.10 If a horse is required to produce a vet certificate prior to racing, it must be received by acceptance time for the event it is accepting for.
- 4.11 Unless otherwise advised by HRQ, when nominations for a race are extended, it will be until 10.00am the next business day. Preference in field selection will be given to original nominations.
- 4.12 When nominations have been extended for a particular race, any horse that has been scratched prior to acceptance time, may only be re-nominated on the same handicap mark in a standing start race or under the same assessment mark in a mobile start race and shall be treated as a late nomination. Effectively, a concession claiming driver may not be substituted for a non-concession claiming driver, and accordingly, a non-concession claiming driver may not be substituted for a concession claiming driver.
- 4.13 For a horse to be eligible for a claiming race, a correct claiming authority form must be lodged prior to acceptance time.
- 4.14 Except with the approval of the HRQ Stewards, the claiming price for a horse may not be altered after the advertised close of acceptances, even when the nominations are extended.
- 4.15 Claiming Prices for events graded \$1,000 to \$9,000 may only be in increments of \$500 (i.e. \$2,000 or \$2,500)



- 4.16 Claiming Prices for events graded \$10,000 or higher may only be in increments of \$1,000 (i.e. \$12,000 or \$15,000)
- 4.17 In standing start claiming races claiming prices may only be in increments of \$1,000. Horses are handicapped 10 metres for each \$1,000 that their claiming price exceeds the front of the race.
- 4.18 The claiming price of a horse may be increased (from the most recently lodged claiming authority form) by the trainer in writing, via HarnessWeb nomination or on the official nomination form, but may only be decreased (from the most recently lodged claiming authority form) by the owner/s on an official claiming authority form.
- 4.19 A horse claimed from a claiming race will become ineligible for any other claiming race for which nominations have closed or acceptances have been taken.
- 4.20 Any horse that is owned or trained by a person/s listed on the 'Unpaid Forfeits List' at the time nominations close will be made ineligible.
- 4.21 A confirmed driver engagement must be notified to HRQ no later than the time prescribed beneath the individual race program in Queensland Harness Racing Magazine. If not notified a fine may apply.

5. FIELD SELECTION

- 5.1 If a horse accepts for two or more races at a meeting, a trainer may notify the HRQ Handicapping Panel of a preference for one race over another.
- 5.2 Any horse which qualifies in a Heat, Repechage or Semi-Final and is scratched from that Final before Acceptance Time will incur the penalties as described in Clause 10.4.
- 5.3 Where a race is being split to allow for the maximum number of races budgeted per meeting to be conducted, races are to be split in the following order of preference:
 - a) Owners
 - b) Trainers
- 5.4 Wherever deemed appropriate, HRQ may conduct a restricted penalty race with stakemoney up to \$2,500 comprised of horses balloted from a country penalty race/s. Trainers of balloted horses will be phoned to ascertain their willingness to run in such race and will be contacted in highest to lowest points score order.
- 5.5 A horse that is engaged as an emergency for the Final of a race may be granted a start in another race on the same day. If there is a scratching from the Final, such horse is required to contest the Final and will be scratched without penalty from the other race. Should such horse scratch from the Final, it will be deemed ineligible for the other race.



- 5.6 A horse that is engaged as an emergency in a feature race of higher stakemoney may be granted a start in a race of lesser stakemoney at the same meeting. If there is a scratching from the feature race, such horse is required to contest the feature race and will be scratched without penalty from the other race. Should such horse scratch from the feature race, it will be deemed ineligible for the other race.
- 5.7 A horse that is engaged as an emergency in a country penalty race may be granted a start in a restricted penalty or penalty free race with stakemoney up to \$2,500 on the same day. If there is a scratching from the country penalty race, such horse is required to contest that race and will be scratched without penalty from the other race. Should such horse scratch from the country penalty race, it will be deemed ineligible for the other race.
- 5.8 A horse that is declared as an emergency in two or more heats/divisions of a race shall be deemed as a starter in the heat/division from which the earliest timed scratching was taken. Such horse shall then be automatically scratched from the other heat/division. The trainer of such horse may not scratch from one heat/division in preference to another heat/division.
- 5.9 Pursuant to Rule 133 (1) & (2) every effort will be made to meet the above conditions, however the inclusion of any horse over another shall not be grounds for requesting a redraw, nor shall any liability of any nature be incurred by the HRQ as a result of any error. In all cases the decision of the HRQ Handicapping Panel will be final.

6. AUTOMATIC FIELD SELECTION SYSTEM

- 6.1 Fields for all meetings (except for Albion Park Saturday Night meetings and other chosen feature events) are selected in accordance with the Queensland Automatic Field Selection System (refer to the policy on pages 15-17).
- 6.2 A horse will be awarded 7 field selection points if it is balloted from a race selected using the Automatic Field Selection System. These ballot points are treated as a points scoring performance and will replace such horse's fifth previous points scoring performance. This will not be applicable under the following scenarios:
- a) When a horse has an unfulfilled engagement;
 - b) When a horse is a late nomination;
 - c) When a horse is deemed ineligible at acceptance time;
 - d) When a horse is balloted from a race having gained a start in another race on the same day.
 - e) When a horse is balloted from a race having already been balloted from another race on the same day.
 - f) If the horse is declared an emergency but is scratched.
 - g) If the race is declared a 'no-race' or is abandoned.



- h) When the total number of points will decrease if seven (7) field selection points are awarded.
- 6.3 Ballot points are to be credited to a horse's field selection points total after the running of the race meeting from which the horse has been balloted.
- 6.4 When a horse qualifies to race it will be initially allotted a points score of 24 points (4 'gifted' starts x 6 points). The points score of a newly qualified horse will then be calculated in the same manner as for a horse with a racing history, that is, by considering the horse's last five points scoring performances and discarding the least points scoring performance so that the total of the remaining four points scoring performances becomes the points score used in the Automatic Field Selection System.
- 6.5 For all races selected in accordance with the Queensland Automatic Field Selection System, in the event of two or more horses being equal with the same points score, a count back will determine which horse gains a start, with preference given to the horse which earned the highest points at its last start. If both/all horses earned the same points, this procedure will be repeated through each previous start. If both/all horses cannot be separated, the computer will implement a random ballot to determine which horse/s gain a start.
- 6.6 A horse that has an engagement as a starter in a race at Acceptance Time for a given meeting will be deemed as having an Unfulfilled Engagement. Horses with an unfulfilled engagement will only be selected after horses without an engagement.
- 7. SATURDAY NIGHT MEETINGS**
- 7.1 Fields for Saturday night meetings are selected by the HRQ Field Selection Panel in accordance with the Race Field Selection Policy – Albion Park Saturday Night's. The Automatic Field Selection System and the unfulfilled engagement rule are not applicable (refer to the policy on pages 18-19).
- 8. FIELD LIMITS**
- 8.1 Unless otherwise approved by HRQ:
- i. At all TAB racetracks, a field limit of 10 starters in mobile races and 12 starters in standing start races will apply, except for races to the value of \$20,000 or more where an emergency may be drawn.
 - ii. At Rocklea and Marburg, a field limit of 8 starters in all races will apply.
- 9. SEEDED PREFERENTIAL BARRIER DRAWS**
- 9.1 In mobile start races at Albion Park and Gold Coast, barriers are allocated in the following sequence – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 6, 7, 10 and 11.
- 9.2 In mobile start races at Redcliffe, barriers are allocated in the following sequence – 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 5, 6, 10 and 11.



- 9.3 In mobile start races at Marburg, barriers are allocated in the following sequence – 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 4, 5, and 8.

10. SCRATCHINGS

- 10.1 Final scratchings close by 8.30am on the morning of each meeting. Emergencies will be withdrawn at this time if there have been no scratchings in the race. Trainers are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that should their horse be declared an emergency, they are required to ascertain whether their horse has been granted a start after the official scratching time.
- 10.2 Scratchings should be phoned in on the HRQ Scratching Hotline **1800 331 308**.

When scratching a horse, trainers must clearly identify the following:

- a) Trainers Name
 - b) Trainers Licence Number
 - c) Meeting Details
 - d) Horses Name
 - e) Reason for Scratching
- 10.3 If a horse is declared to race in a claiming race and is subsequently withdrawn from that event for veterinary reasons, at the time of its withdrawal, the trainer must submit a veterinary certificate stating the condition or injury, and/or any treatment or administration of medications which prevented it from starting.
- 10.4. The following criteria will apply to any withdrawal at all meetings:
- a) No fee and stood down for 28 days, except with proof of mechanical breakdown;
 - b) \$25.00 and stood down for a minimum 6 days;
 - c) \$25.00 and a veterinary certificate of suitability to race if resuming within 6 days; or
 - d) \$35.00 if scratched after the official scratching time

The above scratching fees will apply to any horse which is withdrawn up until the time it enters the track for the race in which it is declared to run. It will not apply if a horse is withdrawn because it has been stood down or is ineligible.

- 10.5 A horse engaged as an emergency can be scratched penalty free prior to 8.30am on the morning of the meeting, except as provided in Clause 5.
- 10.6 Notwithstanding Clause 10.4, a horse that is declared to run in a race prior to accepting for a feature event to the value of \$15,000 or more may scratch without penalty from the first engagement if declared to run in the upcoming feature event.



- 10.7 If a horse gains a start in a race it is the responsibility of the trainer to withdraw such horse from subsequent nominations before Acceptance Time if he/she does not want such horse to gain another start.
- 10.8 If after acceptance time a horse is scratched due to a change of ownership or trainer, such horse, upon notification of such transfer may be scratched penalty free.
- 10.9 On a race day where the forecast maximum temperature for the race meeting venue is determined by the Bureau of Meteorology to exceed thirty eight degrees Celsius (38°C), the trainer of a horse engaged at that meeting may scratch the horse free of penalty prior to 8.30am on the day of the meeting. Scratchings effected after 8.30am on race day will attract the normal scratching penalty. Such applications may only be made on the day of the race.

11. TERMINOLOGY

- 11.1 In a race of any class, the term 'Mares' shall refer to and include Fillies & Mares and the term 'Entires and Geldings' shall refer to and include Colts, Entires and Geldings.
- 11.2 A horses' eligibility for a race shall be determined by the handicapper and/or stewards. The eligibility of a horse entered into a race shall be determined as at the time acceptances close for such race.

12. OUT OF CLASS RACING

- 12.1 A horse may race out of class, and if successful, its class will increase by one (1) handicapping penalty based on the classification of the race.

13. HORSES THAT HAVE RACED OUTSIDE OF QUEENSLAND

- 13.1 Horses which last raced outside Queensland, or unraced horses registered outside Queensland, must obtain a clearance from the body where the horse was last domiciled prior to competing in Queensland. The clearance must be applied for prior to acceptance time.
- 13.2 Any owner or trainer considering importing a horse from New Zealand or overseas is advised to forward a copy of the horse's winning performances to the HRQ Handicapping Panel before purchasing the horse. This will enable the horse's official handicapping assessment to be determined before committing to the purchase.

14. DRIVER SUSPENSIONS

- 14.1 In the event of a driver being suspended from driving in races for a period, such person may be permitted, upon application, to fulfil any drives for which they have been engaged if the driver declaration deadline for that meeting has passed.



- 14.2 Any driver who has been engaged for drives for a meeting at acceptance time, and is subsequently suspended before driver declaration deadline for that meeting, may not be permitted to fulfil those drives except in exceptional circumstances.
- 14.3 It is the suspended driver's responsibility to notify affected trainers if he/she is ineligible to drive.
- 14.4 A suspended driver may be eligible to drive in Qualifying and Official Trials, unless otherwise directed by the Stewards.

15. GEAR

- 15.1 Any alteration to gear for a horse with an upcoming racing engagement must be notified in writing or via HarnessWeb prior to Driver Notification time for such meeting as advertised in the Queensland Harness Racing Magazine.
- 15.2 Gear adjustments are to be made wherever possible before a horse enters the racetrack.
- 15.3 Trainers are reminded that the Clerks of the Course are only there to assist drivers whilst they make gear adjustments, and are not responsible for the application, or addition, of any gear to a horse. It is the responsibility of the driver to ensure the gear is properly fitted and secured.
- 15.4 Tongue Ties should be secured and spares carried by the driver. Tongue Ties will not be provided by officials at the start.

16 CHANGE OF TACTICS

- 16.1 Trainers must advise Stewards as soon as practicable if they intend to change tactics contrary to recent performances.

17 RACING COLOURS

- 17.1 Trainers are required to notify HRQ which set of colours are to be used on multiple stable runners by driver declaration time, as printed in the Queensland Harness Racing Magazine. Club colours may be placed on multiple stable runners at the discretion of HRQ if no contact is made.

18 RE-INCLUSION INTO BARRIER DRAW (ODM, ODS)

- 18.1 A horse seeking re-inclusion into the barrier draw is required to barrier trial at an Official Qualifying Trial or in a race on two consecutive occasions to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being re-instated in the barrier draw. Both trials/races cannot be performed on the same day.
- 18.2 Trainers can only apply to have their horse re-included into the barrier draw either at the races or when it trials and must sign the appropriate documentation prior to re-inclusion. Applications for re-inclusion into the barrier draw may only be accepted by Stewards.



18.3 To be deemed a satisfactory start:-

- a) Mobile Start – A horse must score up and be in its correct barrier position at the candy pole to the starting point, then negotiate the first 200 metres without losing gait or rhythm.
- b) Standing Start – A horse must not delay the start through intractability. It must begin at its correct gait and then negotiate the first 200 metres without losing gait or rhythm.

19 WALK UP STARTS

19.1 In the event that the mobile malfunctioned, or the conditions are too wet for it to gain traction walk-up starts are not to be permitted under any circumstances for any race held within the jurisdiction of HRQ.

20 WHIPS

20.1 General

- a) A driver shall only use an approved whip in accordance with Rule 156 (A)
- b) A whip shall have a shaft with a one piece leather keeper.

20.2 Use

- a) After the start has been effected a driver will only be permitted to cross their reins and apply the whip on no more than three (3) occasions within the first 100m of any race

20.3 Carriage

- a) Drivers are not permitted to carry the whip over their shoulder. A whip may only be carried in a forward position or under the drivers' armpit.

21 FALSE STARTS

21.1 Drivers are advised that unless there is clear evidence of gear breaking during the score-up, a driver will not be permitted to use a gear malfunction as an excuse to alert the Starter. Evidence of any broken gear must be verified by the Starter or the Stewards.

22 DRIVERS FEES

22.1 For all races at TAB meetings, the driver's fee is \$50, a recompense of \$25 is to be paid by HRQ for all runners which finish 5th to last.

22.2 For all races at Non-TAB meetings, the driver's fee is \$0.



23 NOTIFICATION OF CONDITION AND TREATMENT OF A HORSE

- 23.1 In accordance with Rule 188 (A) (4) "Notification of Condition and Treatment" forms are available for horses treated within the preceding seven (7) days and require a trainer to notify:
- a) The horse's condition for which it was treated;
 - b) Treatment administered;
 - c) The date of the last administration of treatment;
 - d) Person who administered the last treatment.
- 23.2 This notification must be submitted to the Stewards or the Official Veterinary Surgeon no later than 1 hour prior to the scheduled starting time of the race.

24. HRQ STAKEMONEY SCHEDULE

CLASS	MINIMUM STAKE
Saturday (Metropolitan)	\$10,001
Saturday (Country)	\$ 6,000
Tuesday	\$ 4,000
Friday	\$ 3,400
Wednesday	\$ 3,250
Thursday (Country)	\$ 2,750
Thursday (Graduation)	\$ 1,750
Sunday	\$ 1,500
Non-TAB	\$500

- *Does not include Top Alley Heats*

25. DRESS STANDARDS

- 25.1 Licensed persons are reminded that they are expected to maintain an appropriate level of attire at all times whilst attending race meetings regardless of whether they have a horse engaged to race. This includes suitable footwear, which provides safe and adequate protection.
- 25.2 Failure to adhere to these requirements may lead to action being taken by the Stewards.

All information is current as at 1 September 2008. Any changes are to be communicated in the Queensland Harness Racing Magazine, on the national website (www.harness.org.au) and to registered users of the HRQ SMS service.



POINT SCORE SYSTEM & AUTOMATIC FIELD SELECTION SYSTEM

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 There is a large horse population in South–East QLD and horses can receive 5 ballots and still not gain a run with 20 points.
- 1.2 When horses receive a ballot, they receive ballot points and can actually lose points for their next nomination (if a second drops out {8 points} and 5 ballot points are granted).
- 1.3 A win at Rocklea against restricted company equates in points to a win in open company at TAB meetings (10 points per win). This scenario does not best represent the class of races or form of horses.
- 1.4 Horses winning at Rocklea or in restricted events at the Gold Coast on Thursday are currently earning more points than horses running 5th in quick time and getting beaten by small margins at metropolitan meetings. This scenario also does not best represent the class of races or form of horses.

2. POINT SCORE SYSTEM

- 2.1 Points are to be awarded to starters in each race in accordance with the table below:

Place	Sat (N) – (M) Other (M) TAB	Sat (N) – (C) Tue (D) TAB	Fri (N) Wed (N) TAB	Thu (D) Sun (All) TAB	Non-TAB (All)
1 st	15	12	11	10	8
2 nd	13	10	9	8	6
3 rd	12	9	8	7	5
4 th	11	8	7	6	4
5 th	10	7	6	5	3
6 th	9	6	5	4	2
7 th	8	5	4	3	1
8 th	7	4	3	2	0
9 th	6	3	2	1	0
10 th	5	2	1	0	0
11 th	4	1	0	0	0
12 th	3	0	0	0	0
DNF	0	0	0	0	0
DISQ	0	0	0	0	0



- 2.2 A horse will be awarded seven (7) field selection points if it is balloted from a nominated event. These ballot points are treated as a points scoring performance and will replace such horse's fifth previous points scoring performance. This will not be applicable under the following scenarios:
- a) Any race as described in Clause 3.2 a) and 3.2 b);
 - b) When a horse has an unfulfilled engagement;
 - c) When a horse is a late nomination;
 - d) When a horse is deemed ineligible at acceptance time;
 - e) When a horse is balloted from a race having gained a start in another race on the same day.
 - f) When a horse is balloted from a race having already been balloted from another race on the same day.
 - g) If the horse is declared an emergency but is scratched.
 - h) If the race is declared a 'no-race' or is abandoned.
 - i) When the total number of field selection points will decrease if seven (7) field selection points are awarded.
- 2.3 All points will be credited to a horse's field selection points total after the running of the race meeting from which the horse has been balloted.
- 2.4 When a horse qualifies to race it will be initially allotted a points score of 24 points (4 'gifted' starts x 6 points). The points score of a newly qualified horse will then be calculated in the same manner as for a horse with a racing history, that is, by considering the horse's last five points scoring performances and discarding the least points scoring performance so that the total of the remaining four points scoring performances becomes the points score used in the Automatic Field Selection System.

3. AUTOMATIC FIELD SELECTION SYSTEM

- 3.1 A horse's points score is the total of its best four point scoring performances from its last five starts and is tallied from the point score system table in Clause 2.1 and ballot points awarded in clause 2.2 (if applicable). The lowest point scoring performance of its last five starts is not counted.
- 3.2 Fields are to be automatically selected in highest to lowest points order in all races except for the following events:
- a) All races at Albion Park on Saturday night (refer to Race Field Selection Policy – Albion Park Saturday Night's)



- b) Other Metropolitan Penalty events which are approved to be selected using the Race Field Selection Policy – Albion Park Saturday Night's (i.e. Gold Coast Cup, Redcliffe Cup etc)
 - c) R0 and R0/R1 races at Thursday meetings are to be selected in lowest to highest points order.
- 3.3 In the event of two or more horses being equal with the same points score, a count back will determine which horse gains a start, with preference given to the horse which earned the highest points at its last start. If both/all horses earned the same points, this procedure will be repeated through each previous start. If both/all horses cannot be separated, the computer will implement a random ballot to determine which horse/s gain a start.
- 3.4 A horse that has an engagement as a starter in a race at Acceptance Time for a given meeting will be deemed as having an Unfulfilled Engagement (except for 3.2 a) and 3.2 b)). Horses with an unfulfilled engagement will only be selected after horses without an engagement.

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RACE FIELD SELECTION POLICY ALBION PARK SATURDAY NIGHTS

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Currently there is no formal approved policy in place for manual race field selection at Albion Park on Saturday Nights. This significant process which is undertaken by the Handicapping Panel presently depends on unwritten criteria that have evolved over a number of years.
- 1.2 The lack of a formal policy is a weakness and therefore there needs to be guidelines which clearly define how this process is to occur, which will enable trainers and owners to better understand why their horse has received a ballot at the expense of a declared starter and will allow handicappers to better explain their decision against a set of written guidelines

2. POLICY

- 2.1 The best credentialed horses in every race will be selected with the Handicapping Panel referring to the following horse performance information:

(All information assessed equally)

- a) Current Figure Form (last 6 race starts)
 - b) Margins Beaten
 - c) Mile Rates
 - d) Class of Opposition
 - e) Class of Races
 - f) Positions In Running
 - g) Barrier Draws
 - h) Interference Received
- 2.2 The horses which in the opinion of the HRQ Handicapping Panel have the best overall form based on the above criteria will be declared as starters in the field.
 - 2.3 The unfulfilled engagement rule does not apply.
 - 2.4 Multiple stable runners can be drawn as the only selection criteria is overall form.
 - 2.5 Permission may be granted at the sole discretion of the HRQ for other Clubs to apply these conditions on selected events.



3. ALL CARE BUT NO RESPONSIBILITY

- 3.1 Pursuant to Rule 133 (1) & (2) every effort will be made to meet the above conditions, however the inclusion of any horse over another shall not be grounds for requesting a redraw, nor shall any liability of any nature be incurred by the HRQ or any Club Official as a result of any error. In all cases the decision of the HRQ Handicapping Panel will be final.

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