

## **ASPIRATIONAL RACES / GRASS ROOTS RACING GUIDELINES**

### **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 Aspirational / Grass Roots racing was implemented to provide increased opportunities to the less successful participants in harness racing.
- 1.2 Through increased opportunities at the grass roots level the aim is to grow participation in the sport and allow more chances for connections to win, be competitive or earn enough to make a viable living from the sport.

### **2. GUIDELINES**

- 2.1 For the Aspirational Series trainers to be eligible must have not trained or driven a winner of 3 races worth more than \$10,999 in the last two years. (Relative to the date of the upcoming race) or on alternate months trainers to be eligible must have not trained or driven a winner of a race worth more than \$10,999 in the last two years.
- 2.2 For the similar midweek Grass Roots / Hobbyist races trainers to be eligible must have not trained or driven a winner of 6 races worth more than \$5,999 in the last two years. (Relative to the date of the upcoming race)
- 2.3 Trainers must hold a Queensland trainers license to be eligible.
- 2.4 Horses must have been in the trainers stable for at least 30 days prior to the race as evidenced by current stable return.
- 2.5 Additional or varied race conditions may be placed on these races at Racing Queensland's discretion.
- 2.6 Racing Queensland (RQ) will be the sole judge to determine eligibility.
- 2.7 RQ reserve the right to omit any horse from the nominations should it be deemed a trainer may be taking an unfair advantage of the conditions.