

TPOL0005

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## 1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 The objective of this policy is to clearly define the methodology for determining whether or not a thoroughbred race is eligible to be divided.

## 2. POLICY

### 2.1 MAIDEN AND MAIDEN/CLASS 1

The divide rule is based around the maiden balloting conditions in Local Rule 11 below:

**LR.11.1(a)(i)** Balloting conditions and order of entry for Maiden and Maiden/Class 1 races are as follows, and where necessary, horses equal for the ballot will be eliminated by lot:

1. First starters;
2. Placed 1st last start;
3. Placed 2nd last start;
4. Placed 3rd last start;
5. Horses subject to Balloted Out List conditions and rankings (refer LR11(a)(ii)&(iii) below)
6. Placed 4th or 5th last start or only had 1 career start;
7. Placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd at their second last start.
8. Placed 4th or 5th at their second last start or only had 2 career starts.
9. Placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd at their third last start.
10. Placed 4th or 5th at their third last start or only had 3 career starts.
11. 4 career starts
12. 5 career starts
13. Least number of consecutive unplaced runs.

**LR.11(a)(ii)** Maiden horses that have had fewer than 11 race starts and are balloted out (or fail to gain a start as an emergency) on two successive occasions in Maiden or Maiden/Class 1 races are placed on the Balloted Out List and ranked in ascending order by the date they were balloted on the second occasion. Horses with the same second balloted out date are ranked according to the least number of unplaced runs, and then by lot, if equal. Horses that gain a start and are subsequently scratched from the race will only retain their position on the Balloted Out List on presentation of a veterinary certificate. Abandoned, cancelled or deleted races are not considered for Balloted Out listing purposes.

**LR.11(a)(iii)** The ballot out list will not be implemented on the following race days: Devonport Cup day, Tasmanian Derby day, Hobart Cup day and Launceston Cup day.

**LR.11(a)(iv)** The Maiden Balloting Conditions will be declared at the declaration of weights only.

**At the close of nominations, if 6 or more horses, which qualify under clauses 1 to 10 above, will miss out on a start if the race is run as one division, then the race is eligible to be divided.**

**2.2 BENCHMARK 62**

At the close of nominations, if 6 or more horses rated 58 or higher, will miss out on a start if the race is run as one division, then the race is eligible to be divided.

**2.3 CLASS 1 HANDICAPS**

At the close of nominations, if 6 or more horses rated 61 or higher, will miss out on a start if the race is run as one division, then the race is eligible to be divided

**2.4 CLASS 2**

At the close of nominations, if 6 or more horses rated 64 or higher, will miss out on a start if the race is run as one division, then the race is eligible to be divided.

**2.5 BENCHMARK 68**

At the close of nominations, if 6 or more horses rated 64 or higher, will miss out on a start if the race is run as one division, then the race is eligible to be divided.

**2.6 ALL OTHER CLASSES**

All divides will be determined at the discretion of Tasracing.

**2.7** All divides are subject to a minimum of 12 final acceptances being received for each division of the race.

**2.8** Where there are more races eligible for division than there is capacity for on the race programme, then preference is given to the class which has the least opportunity with regards to races programmed in the following two weeks.

**2.9** While a race may be eligible for division, there is no obligation for Tasracing to divide that race. Trainers will be advised via SMS of the intention to divide the nominated race.