

1. OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this policy is to define the criteria for funding harness races after acceptances have closed with Racing Services Tasmania (RST).

2. RACE FUNDING POLICY

- 2.1. Races with eight (8) or more acceptors will be funded at the advertised stake money.
- 2.2. Races with six (6) or seven (7) acceptors will be funded if RST cannot identify a better alternative. (see 3.1)
- 2.3. Races with five (5) or less acceptors will be deleted.
- 2.4. If a race with stake money of \$10,000 or more is deleted due to a lack of acceptors, it may be rescheduled at a later date.

3. RACE FUNDING 2YO RACES

- 3.1. Races with six (6) or more acceptors will be funded at the advertised stake money.
- 3.2. Any two year old race with four (4) or five (5) acceptors will be conducted for \$3,000.
- 3.3. If acceptances are extended for a four or five horse two year old race, which has been reduced to a maximum of \$3,000 after the original acceptance time, the funding will remain at \$3,000 regardless of the number of additional acceptors received.
- 3.4. Any race with three or less acceptors will be deleted.

4. DELETED RACES OR BETTER ALTERNATIVE

- 4.1. As per Clauses 2.2 and 2.3 where there is a deleted race or a better alternative identified, RST may divide a programmed race if each division has eight (8) or more acceptors. RST will assign the prize money from the race, but it must be at no higher value than the originally programmed race.

5. BALLOT RACES

- 5.1. If after applying Clauses 2-4, RST identifies the opportunity to conduct a race for balloted horses, they will schedule such races in accordance with Clauses 5.2 and 5.3, taking into consideration the availability of Sky time slots and race day stalls.
- 5.2. Where RST identifies nine (9) or more ballots from a programmed race, a ballot race may be programmed for \$3000.
- 5.3. Where RST identifies nine (9) or more ballots within a career assessment range of three classes from programmed races, a ballot race may be programmed for \$3000.

6. NON SKY MEETING FUNDING

- 6.1. Tasracing will not fund any additional harness races at non-Sky meetings.
- 6.2. The conducting club shall not fund additional races at non-Sky meetings unless the number of scheduled races at the contractually mandated (e.g. Sunday twilight) meetings are utilised
- 6.3. A minimum of nine (9) ballot horses are required for an additional race to be conducted.

7. TASRACING DISCRETION

- 7.1. Notwithstanding any of the above, Tasracing may, in exceptional circumstances, consider any race funding application on its merit.
- 7.2. If stake money for any race is changed after the original acceptance deadline, with the exception of clause 3.2, trainers will be advised via SMS and have an opportunity to accept for the race in the extended acceptance period.

8. EXEMPTION RACES

The Harness Racing Victoria Breeders Crown Series, the Tasmanian Yearling Sale Classic and the 3YO TPC Sweepstakes are all exempt from this policy.