

**EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 2015****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 Tasracing and RST cannot identify a better alternative. (see 4.1 and 4.2)
- 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 extended. If after the close of extended nominations there are six (6) or more acceptors the race will be funded at the advertised stake money. If there are four (4) or five (5) acceptors the race will be funded at \$3,000.
- 3.3 Any race with three or less acceptors will be deleted.

**4. DELETED RACES OR BETTER ALTERNATIVE**

- 4.1 The handicapper will make the final decision regarding the makeup of the fields following consultation with Tasracing and the Club conducting the meeting.
- 4.2 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 any changes or additions to the original race program or 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.

## **9. RACE ORDER**

Following consultation with the club conducting the race meeting, Tasracing will determine the race order for each harness race meeting.



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## GOVERNANCE

### RESPONSIBILITY

<b>Policy Owner</b>	Tasracing
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### VERSION CONTROL AND CHANGE HISTORY

Vs	Action	Approval Date	Effective Date	Approved by	Amendment
1	Created				
1	Amended			RP&RSC	35912,37488
1	Amended		1 Dec 2012	RP&RSC	35644 – Obsolete Refer R Drive
2	Amended	12.4.2013	1 May 2013	RP&RSC	
3	Amended	20.11.2013	1.1.2014	RP&RSC	
4	Amended	18.3.2015	1.1.2015	RP&RSC	

### DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT

CATEGORY	
Original	R:\2012\Racing\Racing Code Document Library\Policies\Harness\Current
Pdf Copy	R:\2012\Policy\Racing\Harness\Harness Policy Manual

### POLICY UPDATE REQUIREMENTS

ACTION		
Refer Harness Procedure Manual	Policy Creation and Amendment Procedure	HPRO0001

I hereby certify that the above information has been check and is correct.

Signed: .....  
Kevin Neilson, Code Development Manager - Harness

Date: ...../...../2013