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1. OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this policy is to define the criteria for funding harness races after acceptances have closed with Office of Racing Integrity (ORI).

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 ORI 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 five (5) or more acceptors will be funded at the advertised stake money.
- 3.2 Any two year old race with four (4) acceptors will be extended. If after the close of extended nominations there are five (5) or more acceptors the race will be funded at the advertised stake money. If there are four (4) 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, ORI may divide a programmed race if each division has eight (8) or more acceptors. ORI 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, ORI 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 ORI identifies nine (9) or more ballots from a programmed race, a ballot race may be programmed for \$3000.

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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.