

Launceston 5 April 2020

The 30 to 79 national ratings nominations will be divided into 6 races. All races will be PBD/LTW.

The races will be formed as follows:

- The 12 horses with the highest rating will be selected as starters for the first race.
- The horse with the next highest rating will be selected as an emergency for the first race and will not be included as a starter in any race.
- The 12 horses with the next highest rating will be selected for the second race.
- The horse with the next highest rating will be selected as emergency for the second race and will not be included as a starter in any race.
- And so on until 6 races each with an emergency have been selected.

In the event of horses on the same rating having to be split or named as an emergency, the following will apply:

- For selection as a starter – the horse/s with the highest field selection points and if still equal, then the horse with the Highest Lifetime Wins and then by a random draw.
- For selection as the emergency – the horse with the lowest field selection points and if still equal, then the horse with the lowest Lifetime Wins and then by random draw.

If there are 72 or more but less than 78 nominations received, then the formation of the races shall be as per the above and nominations will be extended to endeavour to list one emergency for each race. The emergencies (or the balance of emergencies required) will be a horse from the extended nominations with the highest rating (as defined above for selection as a starter) within the ratings of the race formed. If there is not a horse with a rating within the ratings of the race then the horse with the next highest rating below the front of the race will be named the emergency and the front of the race will be amended, but the field already formed will not be changed (apart from the inclusion of the emergency).

If there are less than 72 nominations received then those horses shall be starters and nominations will be extended with the remaining starters being selected from the extended nominations received from the highest rating down. The horses selected as starters will then be divided into 6 races from the highest rating down. The emergency named for each race will be a horse from the extended nominations with the highest rating (as defined above for selection as a starter) within the ratings of the race formed. If there is not a horse with a rating within the ratings of the race then the horse with the next highest rating below the front of the race will be named the emergency and the front of the race will be amended, but the field already formed will not be changed (apart from the inclusion of the emergency).