

## **Carrick Trainers Encouragement Series**

A series to be conducted in two heats and a Final at the Carrick Park Pacing Club.

The series is restricted to horses which have been in the stable prior to 1 September 2019 of a trainer who trained six or less winners in the 2018/19 season and which has lifetime earnings of \$25,000 or less.

The series shall be a mobile barrier start over 2150 metres with a Preferential Draw for both the heats and the final on National Ratings at the time the fields for the heats are determined.

The selection of the fields shall be done in accordance with the Race Field Selection of the Harness Handicapping Policy.

Mare or Driver concessions may be claimed in the heats and if claimed must be used in the Final. A concession cannot be claimed in the final unless it was claimed in the heats.

Two heats will be conducted with the first five horses finishing in each heat qualifying for the final with the sixth placed horse in the fastest heat being named as emergency.

### **Carrick 1 December 2019.**

The 30 to 75 national ratings nominations will be divided into 6 races provided there are sufficient nominations.

No driver concessions apply to any race. Mares concessions will be applied to all fillies and mares.

The races will be formed by selecting the horses from the lowest national rating upwards (after mares concessions have been applied) as starters for each race.

The emergency (highest rating horse) selected in a race shall also be named as a starter in the next race.

In the event of horses on the same rating having to be split, the horse with the lowest field selection points shall be deemed the lowest rating and, if still equal, then the horse with the lowest number of Life Time Wins will be deemed the lowest rating and then if still equal a random draw shall be conducted.

Emergencies which gain a start are required to contest that race and be scratched from the other event in which they are engaged.

If there are insufficient nominations for at least six races, the nominations shall be extended and the races to be conducted shall be determined following the extension.

If there are excess nominations for six races, either before or following extending nominations, horses with unfulfilled engagements shall only be included, selected from lowest national rating upwards, to make the number of starters required for the six races. Once the horses to contest the six races have been determined then the formation of the races will be undertaken.