

Harness Race Fields Compilation Process Trial Period Season 2018/2019

The Office of Racing Integrity (ORI) would like to thank those that provided feedback on the proposed Race Fields Compilation process. ORI have carefully considered all comments and have amended some aspects of the proposal.

A trial period will commence for fields compiled from **18th February 2019** until the end of the current racing season, 31st August 2019. A review will be undertaken prior to the end of the current season to determine whether this process will continue in the 2019/2020 season.

TRIAL PROCESS

- When **one** meeting is programmed for compilation:
 - Fields for a single meeting will be compiled on a Tuesday with nominations closing at 9.30 am for release by 5.00pm
 - Any extended nominations will be advised by SMS and open for approximately 1 ½ hours.
- When **two** meetings are programmed for compilation:
 - **Fields for PRIMARY meetings will be compiled on Tuesday with nominations closing at 9.30 am, release by 5.00pm**
 - Any extended nominations will be advised by SMS and open for approximately 1 ½ hours.
 - Results from trials will already be completed and recorded in Harvey. It is suggested that trainers notify ORI if they believe the ODM/ODS status shown is incorrect prior to nominations closing through the nomination comments in HarnessWeb or on the fax nomination form.
 - **Fields for SECONDARY meetings will be compiled on Wednesday with nominations closing at 9.30 am, release by 5.00pm**
 - Any extended nominations will be advised by SMS and open for approximately 1 ½ hours.
 - Results from trials will already be completed and recorded in Harvey. It is suggested that trainers notify ORI if they believe the ODM/ODS status shown is incorrect prior to nominations closing through the nomination comments in HarnessWeb or on the fax nomination form.

BENEFITS OF NEW PROCESS

- Clarity of the unfulfilled engagements policy from primary meeting to secondary meeting; as the primary meeting will be released prior to the nominations closing for the secondary meeting.
- Ability to better distinguish between the primary and secondary meetings (This will be clearly advertised by Tasracing).
- More opportunity for trainers to nominate across both meetings as they will know if their horse has gained a start in the primary meeting before nominating for the secondary meeting.
- Less margin for error internally with reduced 'manual' data entry during the field selection process.
- Horses will receive ballot points from each meeting balloted from, therefore lower points horses will obtain a better chance at gaining a start for their next nomination.
- Trainers will still be able to nominate for both meetings at the same time should they wish.
- Assist with ensuring the welfare of horses by allowing additional recovery time from weekend races to time of nomination. IE Trainers will be able to better assess the recovery of their horse.

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