

TASRACING HARNESS RACE PROGRAMMING GUIDELINES

AIMS

The aims of harness race programming are:

1. To maximise revenue for Tasracing from the harness product by providing race programs that are likely to achieve, or exceed, the minimum number of races planned for each meeting with maximum, or close to maximum, field sizes in each race.
2. To maximise the available racing stock by providing attractive racing options for all horses (pacers and trotters), regardless of form or ability, on a regular basis.

METHOD

The method for achieving the revenue aim is:

1. At least eight races will be programmed for the major meeting and seven races for the minor meeting when two race meetings are scheduled during a week.
2. At least nine races will be programmed at a major race meeting featuring an open age feature race worth \$25,000 or more.
3. At least nine races will be programmed when only one race meeting is scheduled for a week.
4. Based on historic data on wagering and field sizes for two year olds (2YO's) and trotters, major race meetings will not feature both a 2YO race and a trot race. Furthermore, an additional race (refer above to the above clauses – 1, 2 and 3) *may* be programmed when a 2YO race or a trot race are scheduled at a major meeting.

The method for achieving attractive racing options for all classes and abilities of horses is:

- **2YO's.**

At least three (3) races per month will be programmed from January to March.

At least four (4) races per month will be programmed from April to August.

A minimum of one (1) maiden race per month will be programmed from February to August.

No standing start races will be programmed.

- **3YO's.**

At least two (2) maiden races will be programmed each month. These races may include 4YO and older maidens.

Based on historical data, 3YO races from September to November are highly likely to include older horses. When this occurs, win restrictions will apply to 4YO and older horses.

At least two (2) 3YO age restricted races will be programmed every month from December - August.

No standing start races will be programmed at Hobart, Launceston, Devonport and Carrick.

Standing start races may be programmed at St Marys, Scottsdale and Burnie.

- **Maiden Races**

A maiden race is a race for horses that have not previously won a race.

Details of 2YO and 3YO maiden races are listed above.

4YO and older maidens are likely to be programmed to race against 3YO maidens (minimum of two (2) races programmed each month). The barrier draw for these races will be 3YO's drawn first from September to December and RBD from January to August.

No standing start races will be programmed at Hobart, Launceston, Devonport and Carrick.

Standing start races may be programmed at St Marys, Scottsdale and Burnie.

- **4YO and Older Restricted Wins**

From August to December, a minimum of one (1) race will be programmed each month for 4YO and older horses with no more than two (2) lifetime wins.

From January to July, a minimum of two (2) races will be programmed each month for 4YO and older horses with no more than two (2) lifetime wins.

- **Fillies and Mares**

A minimum of two (2) races will be programmed each month for fillies and mares from August to December and a minimum of three (3) races each month from January to July.

A minimum of one (1) race every six weeks will be programmed for 3YO and older fillies and mares from January to August. Preference in field selection will be given to horses with the least number of LTW's and the barrier draw will be based on LTW's with 3YO's drawing first in each win category. These races will have LTW restrictions. An example is 3YO and older fillies and mares with NMT 2 LTW's.

- **Claimers**

A minimum of two (2) races per month will be programmed for Claimers with a mix of standing start and mobile start types.

The front for standing start Claimers will be \$5,000.

The range for mobile start Claimers will be \$1,000 to \$12,000.

- **Open Class Races**

Open class races will be scheduled around open class feature races.

Every major race meeting will include a minimum of one (1) open class race. From May to September, one of the open class races each month will be a mobile start Claimer (\$1,000 to \$12,000).

A minimum of one (1) standing start and one (1) mobile start open class race (includes feature races) will be programmed each month. At least one (1) standing start each month will be programmed as a discretionary handicap.

Excluding feature races, the barrier draw for mobile start races will be on NR or LTW's.

- **Trainers Encouragement Races**

Trainers Encouragement races will be programmed with a minimum of one (1) race per month from August to December and a minimum of two (2) races per month from January to July.

- **Standing Starts**

A minimum of two (2) standing start races (includes feature races) will be programmed each month. The front for these races will be in the NR range of 50 - 65 (excluding feature races).

- **Mobile Start Racing options at Major Meetings**

At all major meetings, every endeavour will be made to achieve mobile start racing opportunities for all horses in the NR range of 50 - 79.

A maximum of 15 NR points will apply when framing races for horses in the NR range of 60 - 80. For example, a range could be 60 - 74 or 65 - 79.

A maximum of 10 NR points will apply framing races for horses in the NR range of 50 - 59.

- **Trotting Races**

Two (2) trotting races will be programmed each month.

At least 25% will be MS races.

Standing start races will be programmed as discretionary handicaps or conditioned handicaps.

- **Mare and Novice Driver Concessions**

Mare and Novice Driver Concessions will not apply to any race with a front of NR 54 or lower.