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HPOL0081

## **1. OBJECTIVE:**

The objective of this policy is to define the maximum number of starts a horse shall be permitted to have in a thirty (30) day period.

## **2. POLICY**

**2.1.** Except with the permission of the Controlling Body:

**2.1.1.** No horse shall be permitted to start in a race on more than five (5) occasions during any thirty (30) day period.

**2.1.2.** No two-year old shall be permitted to start in a race if the race results in the horse starting in two races that are less than two (2) clear days apart.

**2.2.** The Controlling Body may decline to receive, or at any time after having received, reject any nomination or entry when the frequency of starts of the horse are, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, considered detrimental to the welfare of such horse.

As at 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 the Harness Maximum Number of Starters Policy was introduced.

<https://tasracingcorporate.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/HPOL0081-Maximum-Number-of-Starts.pdf>

To clarify the introduction of this policy:

- The first 30 day period will start from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020;
  - E.g. The first time the 5 starts will be evaluated will be the period up to 30<sup>th</sup> March and the 30 days is a rolling 30 days
- Trials are not included in the 5 starts, this is aces only.
- If a horse has had 4 starts and then nominates for dual meetings the following will apply:
  - If they are deemed a Starter at the premier meeting then they will not be eligible to draw into the secondary meeting.
  - If they are deemed an emergency at the premier meeting, they will be eligible to draw into the secondary meeting under the following conditions.
    - If a scratching occurs prior to the running of the secondary meeting the horse must take the run in the premier meeting scratching no penalty from the secondary meeting.
    - If a scratching occurs after the running of the secondary meeting the horse will be eligible to take it's place in the premier meeting.
  
- No 2YO shall be permitted to start in two races that are less than two (2) clear days apart:
  - If a 2YO has been drawn as a starter at the premier meeting and then nominates for the secondary meeting, and that meeting is within 2 clear days of the premier meeting, the nomination for the secondary meeting will be deemed ineligible.
  - If a 2YO has been drawn as an emergency for the premier meeting, they will be eligible to draw into the secondary meeting, under the following conditions:
    - If drawn as a starter in the secondary meeting, the horse will be scratched from the premier meeting with no penalty
    - If also drawn as an emergency in the secondary meeting, the following conditions apply:
      - If the horse gains a start in the secondary meeting due to a scratching, then they will be scratched as an emergency from the premier meeting
      - If the horse gains a start in the premier meeting due to a scratching, then they will be scratched as an emergency from the secondary meeting