

HARNESS RACE PROGRAMMING GUIDELINES (updated July 2021)

METHOD

The method for achieving the revenue aim is:

- a. 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.
- b. At least nine races will be programmed at a major race meeting featuring an open age feature race worth \$25,000 or more.
- c. At least nine races will be programmed when only one race meeting is scheduled for a week.
- d. Based on historic data on wagering and field sizes for two-year-olds (2YO's) an additional race (refer above to a), b) and c)) may be programmed when a 2YO race is scheduled at a major meeting.

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

- **2YO's.**

No 2YO races will be programmed in January and February.

At least three races each month will be programmed from March to June.

At least four races each month will be programmed from July to December.

A minimum of one maiden race each month will be programmed from April to December.

No SS races will be programmed.

- **3YO's.**

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

The A/E 4YO & Older clause will only be utilised from 1 January – 30 June.

At least two 3YO age restricted races will be programmed every month.

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

SS 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 with 3YO maidens (minimum of two races programmed each month).

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

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

- **4YO and Older Restricted Wins**

A minimum of two races will be programmed each month for 4YO and older horses with no more than two lifetime wins.

A minimum of one race will be programmed each month for 4YO and older horses with no more than four lifetime wins.

Conditions will change to 3YO & Older from 1 July.

- **Fillies and Mares**

A minimum of three races will be programmed each month for fillies and mares.

One of the three races will be for 3YO and older fillies and mares. 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 NMT2LTW's.

- **Claimers**

A minimum of two races per month will be programmed for Claimers with a mix of SS and MS start types.

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

The range for MS 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 each week will include a minimum of one open class race.

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

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

- **Trainers Encouragement Races**

A minimum of two races per month will be scheduled.

Race conditions will vary dependant on time of year:

- 1 January – 30 April: For Trainers who trained 10 or less winners last season.
- 1 May – 31 August: For Trainers who have trained 5 or less winners this season.
- 1 September – 31 December: For Trainers who have trained 10 or less winners this season.

- **Standing Starts**

A minimum of two 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 (excludes feature races).

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

At all major meetings, every endeavour will be made to achieve MS 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.

- **Mare and Novice Driver Concessions**

Mare and Novice Driver Concessions will not apply to any race with a front of NR54 or lower.

- **Claiming Novice Driver Races**

A minimum of one race each month will be programmed for Claiming Novice Drivers.

- **Tasbred Selected First**

All rating-based races with a National Rating front from 30-59 at Premier meetings will carry the 'Tasbred Selected First' race condition.

Exclusions will be:

- Aged based race
- NMT LTW races
- Trainer Encouragement Pace races
- Feature or Special races