

## **1. OBJECTIVE:**

The objective of this policy is to promote equity in participation.

## **2. POLICY**

**2.1.** Except as otherwise provided for by this Policy, horses which are trained by or under the effective control of a trainer will not be selected to comprise more than fifty percent (50%) of the acceptors (excluding emergencies) in any race field.

**2.1.1** Where the maximum field size, for any race is an odd number, the number of acceptors (excluding emergencies) trained by or under the effective control of a trainer, shall not exceed the number rounded down from 50% of the maximum field size. (Example: 50% of 11 is 5.5, maximum runners would be 5).

**2.1.2** A horse that is an acceptor for a race but falls under Clause 8.8 (Last in Selection) of the Harness Handicapping Schedule & Procedures will continue to be selected in line with that clause.

**2.2.** This Policy does not apply to the following:

**2.2.1.** Feature races as defined in the Tasmanian Harness Feature Race Calendar.

**2.2.2.** Races that are finals from heats.

**2.2.3.** Races in which if the restriction in clause 2.1 of this Policy is applied, acceptances for that race will not see the maximum field size for the race achieved, in which case any remaining race field places can be filled by horses which would otherwise have been prevented from racing because of the restriction in clause 2.1.

**2.3.** The Controlling Body may decline to receive, or at any time after having received, reject any nomination or entry for a race in circumstances whereby the Controlling Body determines that the nomination or entry has been made in an attempt to circumvent this Policy.

**2.4.** In the event that any horse/s are to be restricted from participating in any race in consequence of this Policy, the Controlling Body will determine the order in which nominated horses are to be selected to participate in the race, in line with the conditions in place for that race.

**2.5** Notwithstanding any provision of this policy, Tasracing reserves the right to make the final determination in relation to any aspect of the interpretation of this policy.