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AUSTRALASIAN YOUNG DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP REPRESENTATIVE

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 This policy was introduced as there was no formal policy concerning the selection of the NSW representative at the Australasian Young Drivers Championship.
- 1.2 The precedent in recent years has been that the driver who finished the highest in the NSW Drivers Premiership and was under the age of 25 at the start of the racing season was chosen to as the representative.
- 1.3 A further precedent was that unless they were the reigning champion of the series, if they had represented NSW previously they would not be selected again and the driver who finished next highest on the list would be chosen, and so on until a person that had not represented was selected.
- 1.4 Due to the introduction of the NSW Rising Stars Series there is now an avenue for up and coming drivers to compete in a driving series. It is therefore essential that the NSW Australasian Young Drivers Championship Representative is of an elite level.
- 1.5 Due do the issues raised in 1.4 it was recommended that a driver could represent NSW on no more than two (2) occasions.

2. SELECTION CRITERIA

- 2.1 A driver is eligible to compete if they were under the age of 25 prior to the start of the racing season.
- 2.2 If the driver that won the previous years Australasian Young Drivers Championship is eligible under Clause 2.1 they receive automatic entry into the following year's series and the state they represented is able to nominate an additional representative.
- 2.3 The driver who is eligible as per clause 2.1 and finished highest on the NSW Drivers Premiership in the previous season will be selected as the representative/additional representative.
- 2.4 If the driver eligible for selection under Causes 2.1, and 2.3 has previously represented NSW on two (2) occasions then the person who finished second highest on the NSW Drivers Premiership will be chosen as the representative, and so on until a driver that has not represented on two (2) occasions is selected.
- 2.5 If a driver is selected under Clause 2.2 and would have been selected under Cluse 2.3 then Clause 2.4 applies.
- 2.6 If any driver selected has been found guilty of an offence resulting in disqualification, they will be ineligible to represent NSW at the championships.

POLICY STATEMENT

- 2.7 Any driver selected is subject to an assessment of their record as a participant by both the HRNSW Board and the Stewards Panel.
- 2.8 Should the HRNSW Board decide that any driver selected fails in an assessment of their record, they shall be replaced.
- 2.9 Should any driver selected be associated with an activity deemed to bring the sport into disrepute or found guilty of an offence prior to the commencement of the Australasian Young Drivers Championship Series, they shall be replaced.
- 2.10 All assessments and decisions made by the HRNSW Board under Clauses 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9 shall be final.