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A Grade Driver Licence Upgrades

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. This policy has been prepared to standardise the criteria associated with A Grade Driver License upgrades.
- 1.2. The policy also outlines the minimum requirements for B Grade Driver Licence holders to participate in “C” class races at metropolitan meetings.
- 1.3. The Policy was amended in 2011 to better define the period of time to hold a B Grade Licence prior to being eligible for an A Grade Licence.

2. POLICY – A GRADE DRIVER LICENCE UPGRADES

- 2.1. In order to be eligible for an A Grade Driver Licence the following criteria must be met:
 - A. Completed 150 drives
 - B. Driven 10 winners
 - C. Held a B Grade Driver Licence for not less than 12 consecutive months
 - D. Not incurred three (3) or more suspensions for driving related matters in past 150 drives.
 - E. Not incurred twelve (12) or more infringements for driving related matters in past 150 drives.
- 2.2. Once a participant has qualified for an A Grade Driver License they must formally apply to the Regulatory Review Panel at HRNSW to formalise the upgrade, which at the discretion of the panel, may be rejected.

3. POLICY – B GRADE DRIVER LICENCE ELIGIBILITY AT METROPOLITAN MEETINGS

- 3.1. In order for B Grade Driver Licence holders to be eligible to drive in “C” class races at metropolitan meetings the following criteria must be met:
 - A. Completed 75 drives
 - B. Driven 5 winners
 - C. Held a B Grade Driver Licence for not less than 6 consecutive months
 - D. Not incurred two (2) or more suspensions for driving related matters in races for trotters in past 75 drives.

- E. Not incurred six (6) or more infringements for driving related matters in races for trotters in past 75 drives.
- 3.2. Once a participant has qualified to drive in “C” class races at metropolitan meetings they must formally apply to the Regulatory Review Panel at HRNSW to formalise the process, which at the discretion of the panel, may be rejected.

4. POLICY – TROTTERS RACES

- 4.1. B Grade Driver Licence holders are eligible to drive in both “M” and “C” class races for trotters at metropolitan meetings under the following conditions:
- A. Completed 75 drives
 - B. Driven 5 winners
 - C. Held a B Grade Driver Licence for not less than 6 consecutive months
 - D. Not incurred two (2) or more suspensions for driving related matters in past 75 drives.
 - E. Not incurred six (6) or more infringements for driving related matters in past 75 drives.
- 4.2. Notwithstanding the above clause, B Grade Driver License holders will not be allowed to contest Group 1 races for trotters or any other race deemed to be a “classic”.
- 4.3. The Regulatory Review Panel may rescind the right of B Grade Driver Licence holders to contest “M” class races for trotters at its discretion.