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OFFICIAL TRIALS POLICY

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Some trial results are not being submitted to HRNSW.
- 1.2 Some trial results contain inaccurate and/or incomplete data.
- 1.3 HRNSW has an obligation to provide complete and accurate trial results to stimulate wagering turnover and meet the minimum standard of professionalism expected from the industry.
- 1.4 Unnamed horses have been allowed to contest official trials.
- 1.5 Horses are qualifying and requalifying in official or unofficial trials that are not made known to the public.
- 1.6 The need for a revision of minimum qualifying and requalifying standards.
- 1.7 It has not been compulsory for drivers to wear white driving pants in trials.
- 1.8 A nomination based system for trials was initially introduced at Tabcorp Park Menangle and Penrith whereby the HRNSW Racing Office assembles the trial fields. This process has proven to be a success and has been expanded over time to include numerous Clubs.

2 POLICY

- 2.1 For any official trials to take place a HRNSW authorised Supervisor must be present.
- 2.2 Clubs must submit trial results within two business days of them being conducted. Trial results must be accurate and complete.
- 2.3 HRNSW will provide support, where possible, to help clubs achieve this objective.

POLICY STATEMENT

- 2.4 Any club that does not submit their trial results within two business days of them being conducted in accordance with this Policy Statement may not be allowed to conduct trials and/or face sanction from the Controlling Body as per Clause 30 of the Harness Racing Act, 2009.
- 2.5 A horse may only qualify or requalify in an official trial, and until the full details of that trial are made available to HRNSW for inclusion in the trial results, the horse will not be allowed to contest an official race.
- 2.6 All horses must be named before being allowed to contest official trials. Unnamed horses will only be allowed to contest education or green trials.
- 2.7 Trial dates must be submitted to HRNSW at least three months in advance for inclusion on the www.harness.org.au website.
- 2.8 Only participants holding a current Driver's License are permitted to partake in official trials, however a suspended driver is eligible to contest official trials.
- 2.9 Horses must have at least one horse drawn to its inside and one horse to its outside in order to qualify or requalify for standing start events.
- 2.10 In order to qualify or requalify, a minimum of four horses must contest the trial unless otherwise approved by HRNSW Stewards.
- 2.11 With the permission of Stewards, any horse stood down from competition after the closing time of nominations can be added to the trial fields.
- 2.12 OD and ROD horses are allowed to requalify for "in running" offences from OD and ROD positions.
- 2.13 Drivers are required to wear full race attire including safety equipment and white driving pants. Jeans and tracksuit pants are not permitted.
- 2.14 The following minimum mile rates will be observed in order to qualify or requalify in official trials:

Age	Distance	Gait	Start	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E
2YO	1609m	Pacer	Stand	2:10.00	2:12.00	2:12.00	2:12.00	2:12.00
2YO	1609m	Pacer	Mobile	2:04.00	2:06.00	2:07.00	2:08.00	2:09.00
3YO+	1609m+	Pacer	Stand	2:06.00	2:08.00	2:09.00	2:10.00	2:10.00
3YO+	1609m+	Pacer	Mobile	2:02.00	2:04.00	2:05.00	2:06.00	2:07.00
2YO	1609m	Trotter	Stand	2:11.00	No restriction	No restriction	No restriction	No restriction
2YO	1609m	Trotter	Mobile	2:06.00	No restriction	No restriction	No restriction	No restriction
3YO+	1609m+	Trotter	Stand	2:07.00	2:09.00	2:09.00	2:12.00	2:12.00
3YO+	1609m+	Trotter	Mobile	2:04.00	2:06.00	2:06.00	2:07.00	2:08.00

* *These times are a guide and Supervisors may allow for external factors.*

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E
Menangle	Bankstown	Dubbo	Albury	Armidale
	Bathurst	Maitland	Blayney	Bargo
	Canberra	Parkes	Broken Hill	Canowindra
	Fairfield	Tamworth	Coolamon	Nowra
	Goulburn	Wagga	Cootamundra	
	Harold Park	Young	Cowra	
	Newcastle	Riverstone	Eugowra	
	Penrith	Bulli	Forbes	
		Cessnock	Inverell	
		Muswellbrook	Junee	
			Leeton	
			Narrabri	
			Orange	
			Peak Hill	
			Temora	
			West Wyalong	

3 SUPERVISORS

The following persons are authorised by HRNSW to act as Supervisors at Official Trials and have the authority to qualify and requalify horses under the provisions of the Policy.

Allan Wallet	Garry Edwards	Peter Crook
Arthur Harrison	Gill Buckley	Peter Dewsbury
Athol White	Gordon Helson	Peter Grenfell
Barry Murray	Greg Hando	Peter Shepherdson
Bill Jardine	Jeff Thompson	Ray Hornsby
Bruce Knight	John Bullock	Richard Earnshaw
Chris Miles	John Dumesny	Sue Vandeven
Colin Thomas	John Waite	Therese Kliendienst
Craig Dumesny	Keith Ambrose	Tom Copelin
Danny Dwyer	Keith Boxsell	Tony Hagney
Darrell Rogers	Laurie Carpenter	Trevor Picken
David Wonson Jnr	Laurie James	Vicki Hogan
Dick Osborn	Lester Hoy	Wal Blezard
Don Clough	Neil Brooks	Wayne Smith
Douglas Lee	Noel Hollingworth	Lance Defraime
Edward French	Paul Richards	Colin Hobday
Anthony Deep	Jane Walker	Gill Buckley
Colin Watts	Rose McGeehan	Toni Radburn
Ross Scherf	Brian Ingram	Rachael Micallef