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MARES AUTOMATIC DROP BACK CLAUSE

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide mares with an opportunity to remain competitive while racing, increase their potential earnings and enhance their value as a broodmare proposition.
- 1.2 To provide a viable alternative for mares when mares-only races have not been programmed or are not run due to a shortage of numbers.

2. CONDITIONS

- 2.1 A mare nominating for any race not already restricted to mares with a front of M1 and faster, TM1 and faster, C1 and faster, T1 and faster or R1 and faster shall be automatically granted a drop back of one class for that race.
- 2.2 The drop back clause cannot be applied in the following types of races:
 - (a) Discretionary Handicap
 - (b) A 2yo or 3yo age race
 - (c) A claiming race
 - (d) A race with a front of M0, TM0, C0, T0 and R0
 - (e) A race with Divided Conditions
 - (f) Conditioned Races
- 3 Additional concessions may also be utilised in conjunction with the mares drop back clause except in the case of a race with a front of M0, TM0, C0, T0 and R0.