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*Australian Handicapping Rules*  
*Harness Racing Act 2009*  
*HRCC Meeting - 13 May 2008*  
*HRNSW Board Meeting – 7 July 2008*  
*HRNSW Board Meeting – 19 November 2008*  
*HRNSW Board Meeting – 21 January 2009*  
*HRNSW Board Meeting – 29 September 2010*  
*HRNSW Board Meeting – 31 July 2012*  
*HRNSW Board Meeting – 28 January 2014*  
*HRNSW Board Meeting – 9 October 2018*  
*HRNSW Board Meeting – 27 November 2018*

### CONCESSION DRIVER TERMS & CONDITIONS

#### BACKGROUND

- 1.1. This policy establishes the term of a drivers claim, what is a win, the threshold of wins allowed prior to losing the right to claim, the minimum front of the races where a claim can be used and the restrictions on races where a claim cannot be used.
- 1.2. Former changes to previous versions stemmed from a decision by the HRA Executive to standardise conditions that are applied in each state or territory that determine the term of the concessions driver's licence and what counts as a win.
- 1.3. Additional changes were made in 2012 to the minimum fronts (as a three month trial) and the term. With respect to the term Concession Drivers that did not win 50 races 5 years from attainment of an initial B Grade Drivers Licence or the driver reaches the age of 23, whichever is the latter, gained a term extension of two years or up to 50 wins, whichever occurs first.
- 1.4. In 2014 further changes were made to the minimum fronts to allow them to come in line with the Mares Drop Back Policy and other jurisdiction minimum fronts.
- 1.5. In October 2018, changes were made in relation to the definition of a 'Term'. In addition, the restrictions stating 'A race with prizemoney ≥ \$30,000' will now include (with the exception of level racing) which is the current position taken with Menangle level racing. Furthermore, the Definitions 'Career (Standard) Race' will be updated from \$3500 to \$4500.
- 1.6. Following an internal review, changes were made in relation to the extension of the concession claim to be amended from 50 wins to 100 wins.

**POLICY**

The Concession Driver terms and conditions are:

<b>Term</b>	<b>Condition</b>
Term	5 years from attainment of an initial B Grade Drivers Licence.
<b>Term</b>	<b>Condition</b>
What is a Win?	A win will count whether or not a concession has been claimed. (A dead-heat does not count as a win).
Wins	250 (for the Term)
Term Extension	Should a driver not win 100 races during the Term then they will receive a two year Term Extension. The Term Extension will end upon whichever of the following occurs first: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) a driver wins the 100th race of their career</li> <li>b) at the conclusion of the two years of the Term Extension</li> </ul> Term Extensions are not retrospective and commence with drivers coming out of their Term on 1 December 2018.
Minimum Front	M1 C1 R1 – TM0 T1 TR1
Restrictions (Claim cannot be used)	M0, C0 & R0 front races plus T0 & TR0 front races 2YO & 3YO races Special Handicap Conditions Discretionary Handicaps Claiming Races NSW Breeders Challenge Races Classic Events A race with prizemoney ≥ \$30,000 (with the exception of level racing) Races specified from time to time by HRNSW in conjunction with the conducting club

***All conditions are subject to annual review.***

**DEFINITIONS**

Career Penalty	A penalty of one class imposed to adjust the Career Class of a horse.
Career (Standard) Race	A race with stakemoney greater than \$4,500 but not exceeding the threshold amount for a Metropolitan race
Dead Heats	A driver shall not incur any penalty as provided by these Rules for dead-heating for first placing in a race.
Drivers Concession	A horse driven by a concession driver claiming a concession will have its classification reduced by one class for that race.



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Graduation Penalty	A penalty of one class imposed to adjust the Graduation Class of a horse.
Graduation Race	A race with stakemoney greater than \$2,000 but not exceeding \$4,500.
Metropolitan Penalty	A penalty of one class imposed to adjust the Metropolitan Class of a horse.
Metropolitan Race	<p>A race with specified stakemoney in excess of the metropolitan threshold amount that is set by a State's Controlling Body for application within the State for the 12 months period commencing 1<sup>st</sup> September each year.</p> <p>NB. The metropolitan threshold amounts set by the respective State Controlling Bodies for the 2018/19 racing season are: NSW - \$14,999 Queensland - \$14,999 South Australia - \$14,999 Tasmania - \$14,999 Victoria - \$14,999 Western Australia - \$14,999</p>
Out Driving Claim	When a concession driver wins their final concession claim race in a year at a meeting where they have further driving engagements, the driver will be permitted to claim the relevant concession/s for the remainder of such meeting and any other meeting on the same day only.
Penalty Free Race	A race with stakemoney of \$2,000 or less.