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**Subject:** Mares Automatic Drop Back Clause  
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## MARES AUTOMATIC DROP BACK CLAUSE

### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide fillies and 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 fillies and mares when mares-only races have not been programmed or are not run due to a shortage of numbers.
- 1.3 In January 2014 the Policy was amended to allow fillies and mares to drop back one class in a race with divided conditions and in conditioned races.

### 2. CONDITIONS

- 2.1 A filly or mare nominating for any race not already restricted to mares with a front of M1 and better, TM1 and better, C1 and better, T1 and better, R1 and better or TR1 or better shall be automatically granted a drop back of one class for that race.
- 2.2 A drop back of one class may also be utilised in conjunction with the mares drop back clause in divided stakes and conditioned events where there is no determined front of the race.
- 2.3 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) Races specified from time to time by HRNSW in conjunction with the conducting club