



MARES DROP BACK CLAUSE

The HRNSW Board made an amendment to the Mares Drop Back Clause at its meeting of 28 January 2014.

Background

The Mares Automatic Drop Back Policy has been in existence since April 2010.

Since its introduction there have been changes to the landscape of racing in NSW.

These changes have been brought about by the programming of multiple conditioned events, races for R1 and better horses at Tier 3 meetings being framed by the Handicapping Panel and the Reduction In Class Rule has taken its full effect, meaning that a small percentage of the horse population progresses to C4 or better.

Due to the above facts, HRNSW needed to reconsider the conditions of the Policy

Amendments

It was endorsed that the Policy be amended to allow fillies and mares to drop back one class in divided stakes events (i.e. races programmed as R1 or better) and in conditioned events where there is no determined front of the race (i.e. For horses assessed no better than C2 that have not won more than \$1,000 in their last 4 starts).

New Conditions – effective 1 March 2014

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. *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.*
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*

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