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## ELIGIBILITY IN CARNIVAL OF CUPS MEETINGS

### 1. BACKGROUND

1.1 This policy sets the rules with respect to which horses are eligible to contest Carnival of Cups Meetings.

### 2. POLICY

#### 2.1 Eligibility

- a) Australian Bred horses are the only horses eligible to contest 2YO, 3YO, C0, C1, C2, C3 and C4 class events.
- b) All horses will be eligible to contest C5 or better events.

At Carnival of Cups meetings races are to be programmed for horses up to C4 and may also include a race or races for C5 or better horses.

For Example a program may look as below:

<b>Class of Race</b>	<b>Horses Eligible</b>
2YO	Australian Bred Horses
3YO	Australian Bred Horses
Maiden	Australian Bred Horses
C0	Australian Bred Horses
C1	Australian Bred Horses
C2	Australian Bred Horses
C3/C4	Australian Bred Horses
C5 or better	All Horses

Clause 2.1 a) and Clause 2.1 b) also apply to Heats for Finals to be conducted at Carnival of Cups race meetings.

#### 2.2 Concessions

Mares and Driver Concessions apply in accordance with the relevant Policies.

For Example:

### *Mare Concessions*

An Australian Bred mare assessed C2 or better will automatically drop one (1) class in any C1 or better front race (i.e. A C3 mare will be assessed as a C2 horse).

An Australian Bred mare assessed C5 or better can use two (2) claims in C3 or better front races (i.e. A C6 mare will be assessed as a C4 horse if a Concession Driver is declared prior to the close of nominations).

Any mare assessed C7 or better can use two (2) claims in C5 or better front races (i.e. A C8 mare will be assessed as a C6 horse if a Concession Driver is declared prior to the close of nominations).

### *Driver Concessions*

An Australian Bred horse assessed C2 or better will drop one (1) class in any C1 or better front race when a Concession Driver is declared prior to the close of nominations (i.e. A C3 Gelding will be assessed as a C2 horse if a Concession Driver is declared prior to the close of nominations).

Any horse assessed C6 or better will drop one (1) class in any C5 or better front race when a Concession Driver is declared prior to the close of nominations (i.e. A C7 Gelding will be assessed as a C6 horse if a Concession Driver is declared prior to the close of nominations).