

Policy: 632.1
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Subject: Race Placement Guidelines
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RACE PLACEMENT GUIDELINES

1. PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY

- 1.1 At present approximately 70% of Clubs allow the HRNSW Handicapping Panel to set the race order, while approximately 30% of Clubs set their own.
- 1.2 The number of race orders selected by the racing office are however the opposite (30% HRNSW/70% Clubs).
- 1.3 For an extended period of time poor turnover races have been placed in the best turnover timeslots.

Examples

1. At an afternoon meeting the best turnover race is in most cases the last two events:
 - a) On occasions a race with 8 or less horses has been programmed as the last event while a race with an even ten horse field has been conducted earlier in the program.
 - b) On occasions a race with a short priced favourite drawn favourably has been programmed as the last event.
2. Clubs have programmed their best four races at night meetings around the Quadrella, as opposed to the best performing timeslots.
- 1.4 This policy is based on statistical evidence that proves the higher the number of final acceptors, the greater the turnover generated and determines the order by which races are to be run at all meetings.
- 1.5 Based on the statistical evidence it aims to increase turnover and provide punters with a better wagering product.
- 1.6 It is imperative that Non-TAB meeting race times compliment the TAB covered meeting and do not compete with it.

2. AUTHORITY

- 2.1 The overall responsibility for the application of this policy rests with the HRNSW Handicapping Panel.
- 2.2 The Panel shall have the ability to amend race orders should designated race club staff not adhere to or not have logical reason to stray from the race order guidelines.

3. RACE ORDER GUIDELINES (TAB DAY MEETINGS)

- 3.1 If a Race Club is determining the race order they must be supplied with a set of race fields in Barrier Order prior to setting the race order.
- 3.2 The best credentialed races will be selected in descending order with Race Clubs and/or the HRNSW Handicappers assessing and considering the following;
- a) Number of horses drawn in the race
 - b) Number of genuine chances in the race (evenness of the field)
 - c) Probable price of favourite
 - d) Class of the race
 - e) Number of recognised horses

- 3.3 When considering the above credentials races are to be placed as per the following overstated example:

Races \geq 8-6 The races with the most horses drawn, with the most number of winning chances, with a favourite to start \$2.00 or more.

If the above criteria are met, priority is to be given to races of a high class with a number of recognised horses.

Races 5-3 The races with the middle number of horses drawn, with some winning chances, with a favourite to start \$1.80 or more.

If the above criteria are met, priority is given to the highest class of race available with some recognised horses.

Races 2-1 The races with the least number of runners drawn or races with full fields with a standout favourite that is likely to start odds on and/or races with the lowest class and least recognised horses.

* *Clubs will be able to place feature events in a timeslot which suits the running of the meeting.*

4. RACE ORDER GUIDELINES (TAB TWILIGHT & NIGHT MEETINGS)

- 4.1 If a Race Club is determining the race order they must be supplied with a set of race fields in Barrier Order prior to setting the race order.
- 4.2 The best credentialed races will be selected in ascending order with Race Clubs and/or the HRNSW Handicappers assessing and considering the following;
- a) Number of horses drawn in the race
 - b) Number of genuine chances in the race (evenness of the field)
 - c) Probable price of favourite
 - d) Class of the race
 - e) Number of recognised horses

POLICY STATEMENT

- 4.3 When considering the above credentials races are to be placed as per the following overstated example:

Races 1-4 The races with the most horses drawn, with the most number of winning chances, with a favourite to start \$2.00 or more.

If the above criteria are met, priority is to be given to races of a high class with a number of recognised horses.

Races 5-6 The races with the middle number of horses drawn, with some winning chances, with a favourite to start \$1.80 or more.

If the above criteria are met, priority is given to the highest class of race available with some recognised horses.

Races 7-≥8 The races with the least number of runners drawn or races with full fields with a standout favourite that is likely to start odds on and/or races with the lowest class and least recognised horses.

* *Clubs will be able to place feature events in a timeslot which suits the running of the meeting.*

5. RACE TIMES (NON-TAB MEETINGS)

5.1 Given that industry funds are derived from wagering on TAB covered meetings it is imperative that Non-TAB clubs promote our TAB meetings to their on course patrons.

5.2 It is therefore a requirement that races at Non-TAB meetings are run in between the starting times for our TAB meetings conducted on the same day, in the same timeslot and not in competition.

5.3 The issue of promotion of TAB meetings is now more prevalent given that our Metropolitan meeting at Menangle is conducted on Saturday night and that the majority of Non-TAB meetings are run in this timeslot.

5.4 In order to maintain maximum exposure of TAB covered meetings conducted in the same timeslot as a Non-TAB meeting, Non-TAB clubs may only conduct one race either before the first TAB covered event and/or one race after the final race of a TAB covered event.

5.5 The following table provides an example of actual race times and required race times moving forward:

Menangle Actual	Leeton Actual	Leeton Required	Broken Hill Actual (AEDST)	Broken Hill Required (AEDST)
18:21				
18:50		19:00		
19:15	19:35	19:30	19:40	19:30
19:45	20:05	20:00	20:10	20:00
20:15	20:35	20:30	20:40	20:30
20:45	21:05	21:00	21:10	21:00
21:15	21:35	21:30	21:40	21:30
21:45	22:05	22:00		
	22:35			