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TWO-YEAR-OLD RACING POLICY

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 This Policy was been developed through a series of consultative measures undertaken by HRNSW to enhance, strengthen and guarantee the racing opportunities of two-year-old pacers in NSW.

2. POLICY

- 2.1 The programming of two-year-old races will commence on the 1st of January and end on the 31st of December each year.
- 2.2 A schedule of two-year-old races will be programmed and released by HRNSW in the November preceding the commencement of the Racing Season for the first third of the calendar year (January 1 to March 31).
- a) The schedule will take into consideration established Feature & Futurity Races and will focus on NSW Breeders Challenge eligible horses
 - b) The schedule will be Regional based – Metropolitan, Hunter, Western, and Riverina. Tamworth due to location will have guaranteed two-year-old races programmed based on local horse population.
 - c) The schedule will create race opportunities for fillies on a regional basis.
 - d) The Schedule will not include two-year-old races for prize money below \$6,000. Therefore two-year-old races will not be programmed at Non-TAB Meetings.
 - e) The Schedule will only be amended by HRNSW taking into consideration imperative industry requirements.
 - f) Race conditions will be released in accordance with standard HRNSW practices.
- 2.3 Scheduled two-year-old races in the period January to March will be guaranteed at the value of HRNSW Funding if there is a minimum six (6) horses nominated when the original nominations close.

- a) No less than six (6) horses must remain as acceptors for the scheduled race when the fields are released by HRNSW.
 - i. Where field manipulation occurs or is alleged to have occurred, the matter will be referred to the HRNSW Stewards for deliberation.

Note: if horses have an unfulfilled engagement they will not count as an acceptor with respect to a minimum of six (6) horses nominated when the original nominations close.

- b) If at the close of acceptors a Club has maximum field sizes for a standard meeting of eight (8) races a two-year-old race with six (6) or more acceptors will be additionally included on the meeting program therefore creating nine (9) races however only for the January 1 to March 31 period.
 - i. The additional two-year-old race will be funded from the established Two-Year-Old Guarantee Fund.
 - ii. The division of other race nominations to increase the number of races to the standard eight (8) races so as to enact the ninth (9th) race Two-Year-Old Guarantee will not be permitted.
 - iii. All Futurity races will be required to be included in the standard eight (8) race meeting allocation.

2.4 Notwithstanding clause 2.3, if;

- a) there are twelve (12) or more final acceptances for a standard 2YO race, and;
- b) there are six (6) or more fillies accepted, and;
- c) there are six (6) or more colts & geldings accepted

the race is to be split into a fillies division and a colts & geldings division.

Prizemoney for the additional race will be supplied from the Two-Year-Old Guarantee Fund.

Note: if horses have an unfulfilled engagement they will not count as an acceptor with respect to splitting races (i.e. there are 12 acceptors and 2 horses have unfulfilled engagements, the race will not be split and the 10 horses without a prior engagement will be drawn as starters)

- 2.5 The maximum field size for all 2YO events is ten (10); however two (2) emergencies will be drawn into all Finals and Group events.
- 2.6 Two-year-old horses must have their races spaced at least three (3) days apart (i.e. a two-year-old horse that races or trials on Wednesday can next race on Saturday).
- 2.7 A race for two-year-old horses will be programmed in each Region on a weekly basis for the period April to December but for the avoidance of doubt these races will not be Guaranteed. The use of a two-year-old race during this period (April to December) as a ninth race will be solely at the discretion of HRNSW.

Definition

"Race" means a race or official trial or official time trial or event in which harness racing horses race or participate.