



Carnival of Cups Bonus Scheme 2025-2026

1.0 BACKGROUND

This Policy sets the rules with respect to the bonus for the Harness Racing NSW (HRNSW) Carnival of Cups bonus for 2025-2026.

2.0 RACES

- 2.1 i) All races will be conducted for National Ratings (NR) up to 120.
- ii) Races will be run over the following track and distances:

Date	Track	Distance
14 November 2025	Wagga	2800m
5 December 2025	Newcastle	2550m
30 January 2026	Bathurst	2790m
13 February 2026	Albury	2555m
20 March 2026	Penrith	2525m

- 2.2 There is no requirement for horses to be trained in NSW.
- 2.3 There is no requirement for a horse to be bred in NSW, or Australia.

3.0 FIELD SELECTION

- 3.1 Races will be selected manually by the HRNSW Handicapping Panel
- 3.2 Any horse, or horses, that have won a previous Carnival of Cups Bonus race in the 2025-26 Series will have first preference for subsequent Carnival of Cups Bonus Races

4.0 BONUS PRIZEMONEY

- 4.1 Horses that win all, or part of, the races determined to be Carnival of Cups Bonus Races will be eligible for the following:
 - i) For any Three (3) races, a bonus of \$250,000 will be paid
 - ii) For any four (4) races, a bonus of \$500,000 will be paid
 - iii) For all five (5) races, a bonus of \$1,000,000 will be paid
- 4.2 The division of the bonus will be that of the HRNSW division of prizemoney (85% Owner, 10% Trainer and 5% Driver).
- 4.3 Should there be multiple trainers or drivers during the races in which the bonus was won (winning races only), this shall be divided to each trainer or driver based on the number of winning performances. E.g. If a horse was to win a five (5) races, with one driver engaged for only three (3) wins they will receive 60% of the drivers bonus.
- 4.4 The bonus is not cumulative, and the maximum bonus that can be won is \$1,000,000.
- 4.5 For the removal of doubt, only those races rated at NR120 over the distances stipulated in the table in part 2.1, will be eligible for the Carnival of Cups bonus.

5.0 HARNESS RACING NSW SOLE DISCRETION

- 5.1 In the case of any dispute, and for the sake of clarity, HRNSW shall have sole discretion in regard to application of this policy.