

*INTER DOMINION
TROTTING CHAMPIONSHIP*

TERMS & CONDITIONS

2022

**CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF THE
2022 INTER DOMINION TROTTING CHAMPIONSHIP
HOSTED BY HARNESS RACING VICTORIA (HRV)**

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THE 2022 INTER DOMINION TROTTING CHAMPIONSHIP

1. THE SERIES

The Inter Dominion Trotting Championship “the Trotting Championship” will comprise three (3) rounds of three (3) Qualifying Heats and a Grand Final.

2. DEFINITIONS

Host Controlling Body means Harness Racing Victoria.

Rules of Harness Racing means the Rules of Harness Racing which apply in the jurisdiction of the Host Controlling Body.

OPERATIVE PROVISIONS

3. CURRENCY

All values are expressed in the currency of the Host Controlling Body.

4. TIME OF DAY

All times and dates listed are expressed in the Host Controlling Body’s times/days and all times refer to Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) or Australian Eastern Daylight Savings Time (AEDST).

5. TRAVEL SUBSIDY

There is not a travel subsidy for the Trotting Championship.

6. INTEGRITY

The Host Controlling Body reserve the absolute right to undertake security, surveillance and swabbing of any horse engaged in the Trotting Championship.

7. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

The Host Controlling Body and the Inter Dominion Event Committee (IDEC) may by agreement amend the Trotting Championship terms and conditions.

8. AGREEMENT

By nominating for the Trotting Championship an Owner, Trainer or their Authorised Agent agrees to abide by the Rules of Harness Racing.

THE NOMINATION AND ACCEPTANCE TIMETABLE

9. THE TROTTING CHAMPIONSHIP TIMETABLE

Item	Date	Time
Nominations close	Wednesday, 28 September 2022	12:00PM AEST
First Acceptance/Continuation Fee Due	Monday, 24 October 2022	12:00PM AEDST
Second Acceptance/Continuation Fee Due	Friday, 18 November 2022	12:00PM AEDST
First Qualifying Heat Acceptance Time	Monday, 21 November 2022	09:30AM AEDST
Declaration of Final Acceptors/Emergencies	Monday, 21 November 2022	2:00PM AEDST

ELIGIBILITY, NOMINATING & ACCEPTING

10. ELIGIBILITY OF HORSES

- a) The Trotting Championship is restricted to registered Standardbred horses and will be conducted under the Rules of Harness Racing.
- b) Any horse which has been balloted out or otherwise omitted from the list of horses to compete in the Qualifying Heats shall not be eligible to compete in any Qualifying Heat or the Grand Final unless reinstated before the commencement of the First Round Of Qualifying Heats.
- c) To be eligible to compete in the Grand Final of the Trotting Championship, horses shall start in a Qualifying Heat of each round of the Championship, unless exemption is granted by the Host Controlling Body which shall decide upon each case according to its merits.

11. NOMINATIONS

- a) Nominations shall close at the time listed in Clause 9, as determined by the Host Controlling Body.
- b) All Nominations must be submitted in accordance with Clause 14 by either the Owner, Trainer or their Authorised Agent.

12. SCHEDULE OF FEES AND DEADLINES

The Trotting Championship:

Fee	Amount	Deadline	Refund Conditions *		
			Host Controlling Body time	Scratched	Withdrawn
Nomination	NIL	28 September 2022	X	X	X
First Acceptance	\$200 (Plus GST)	24 October 2022	X	X	✓
Second Acceptance	\$300 (Plus GST)	18 November 2022	X	X	✓

* Refund policy conditions: X = No refund, ✓ = Fee fully refundable

13. LATE NOMINATION FEE

Horses which are not nominated for the Trotting Championship by the time stated in Clause 9 per 28 September 2022, can be made eligible for the Series by paying a Late Nomination Fee of \$10,000 (Plus GST). Any late nomination and continuation payments must be made prior to 12:00pm (AEDST) on 18 November 2022.

The Late Nomination Fee is non-refundable and is inclusive of the First and Second Acceptance fees.

Payment of this Fee does not guarantee the horse a start in the Qualifying Heats and the horse will be assessed in accordance with the Inter Dominion Ranking System.

14. WHERE TO LODGE NOMINATIONS, WITHDRAWALS AND SCRATCHINGS

All nominations and acceptances for the Trotting Championship must be submitted as per below, and subject to Clause 13 must be received at the offices of the Host Controlling Body by the due date, listed in Clause 9.

Nominations, Withdrawals & Scratchings are to be submitted:

- Online via HarnessWeb, per code **BAM26112207**
- E-mail: racing@hrv.org.au
- Phone: 03 8378 0291 (and confirmed in writing)

RANKINGS

15. RANKING SYSTEM

The Ranking system shall determine those horses which shall participate in the Qualifying Heats of the Trotting Championship.

Horses shall be ranked in the following descending order:

- a) Winners of any Australian or New Zealand Trotting Masters race
- b) Winners of open age Australian and New Zealand Group 1 races, excluding races restricted by class or sex, from 1 January 2021.
- c) Winners of any of the following races:
 - Wagon Apollo Free For All (Bendigo 30/7)
 - The George Gath (Melton 2/9)
 - Chris Howe Trotters Free For All (Melton 1/10)
 - Tony and Jill McGrath Trotters Cup (Menangle 1/10)
 - True Roman Trotters Free For All (Melton 21/10)
 - Queensland Trotters Sprint (Albion Park 12/11)
- d) horses with NR 110 or higher based on prizemoney earned from midnight 26 November 2021 (min \$30,000)
- e) remaining horses based on prizemoney earned from midnight 26 November 2021

SCRATCHING & ACCEPTANCE RULES

16. HORSES SCRATCHED AFTER FINAL ACCEPTANCES

- a) It shall be a condition of Nomination that horses scratched from the Trotting Championship after Final Acceptances for the heats shall not be eligible to compete in any other race at any meeting for the period commencing the First Night of the Trotting Championship until completion of the Trotting Championship, unless permission is granted by the Host Controlling Body.

17. HORSES REMAIN ACCEPTORS UNLESS WITHDRAWN

- a) A horse nominated for the Trotting Championship is automatically an acceptor unless withdrawn prior to the time fixed for the First Acceptance or the Second Acceptance.
- b) Connections of horses not withdrawn by the due dates, as listed in Clause 9, will be liable for the First Acceptance Fee and/or the Second Acceptance Fee.

18. DECLARATION OF FINAL ACCEPTORS

- a) A list of final acceptors and emergencies shall be declared in line with Clause 9.
- b) The emergencies shall remain eligible to be declared starters (in the event of withdrawals) up until the close of acceptances for First Round Of Qualifying Heats, as listed in Clause 9.
- c) Emergencies will remain in the race fields until 8.30am on the day of the First Round Of Qualifying Heats, or other such time as determined and published by the Host Controlling Body.

TROTTING CHAMPIONSHIP - RACING CONDITIONS & STAKEMONEY DISTRIBUTION

19. RACE DISTANCES AND BARRIER DRAWS

Race	Date	Track	Distance	Barrier Draw
First Round Qualifying Heats	26 November 2022	Ballarat	2200m	Random
Second Round Qualifying Heats	29 November 2022	Shepparton	1690m	Random
Third Round Qualifying Heats	3 December 2022	Geelong	2570m	Random
Grand Final	10 December 2022	Tabcorp Park Melton	2760m	Random

20. MODE OF START

All races shall be mobile barrier starts.

21. HANDICAPPING PENALTIES

Winners of Qualifying Heats and the Grand Final shall be penalised in accordance with the Handicapping Regulations of the Host Controlling Body of the Trotting Championship.

22. FIELD SIZES

- a) The field for the Qualifying Heats of the Trotting Championship shall consist of a maximum (12 Starters) as set by the Host Controlling Body, plus three (3) common emergencies (in the First Round of Qualifying Heats only). The field for all remaining Qualifying Heats of the Trotting Championship shall consist of a maximum (12 Starters) as set by the Host Controlling Body.
- b) Emergencies that are declared in the First Round of Qualifying Heats (only) will be allocated the outside barrier positions. Any emergency gaining a start will take the barrier position of the first scratched horse but retain its allocated saddlecloth number, unless the emergency is declared by the Stewards ODM, RODM, EOD.
- c) The field for the Grand Final shall consist of a maximum (12 Starters) as set by the Host Controlling Body plus one (1) emergency. The emergency being the next highest ranked on the Trotting Championship point score.
- d) Where there are no emergencies drawn in any event, the barrier positions shall be determined at acceptance time. In the event of a scratching or scratchings, horses will remain on the same row, though will move next to the horse drawn to its inside.
- e) Where emergencies are declared in an event they will be allocated a barrier position in accordance with the regular practice of the Host Controlling Body.

23. MODIFICATION OF THE FIELD SIZE AND NUMBER OF QUALIFYING HEATS

- a) At the close of acceptances on the day the First Round Of Qualifying Heats are drawn the Host Controlling Body will declare final acceptors and emergencies.
- b) There will be three (3) Qualifying Heats of the Trotting Championship on each of the three (3) nights of Qualifying Heats.

24. POINTS SYSTEM

- a) Points shall be awarded to each horse actually starting and finishing a Qualifying Heat on the basis that the winner of each Qualifying Heat will receive in points the equivalent of the number of horses previously selected by the Host Controlling Body as the maximum number of horses to compete in each Qualifying Heat.
- b) The second horse in each Qualifying Heat will receive the next lower number of points with each horse finishing thereafter receiving in order one lower number in points than the preceding horse until the last horse finishing in a maximum field will receive one (1) point.
- c) The winner of each Qualifying Heat will receive four (4) bonus points to be added to the points already earned for the race. Second and third horses in each Qualifying Heat will receive two (2) and one (1) bonus points respectively to be added to the points already earned for that Qualifying Heat.
- d) In the event of a scratching or a horse not completing the course, points will be allocated as before with the winner and other horses finishing the race entitled to receive their maximum number of points as if a full field had competed and finished in that particular race.
- e) In the event of a horse being disqualified or failing to finish a Qualifying Heat it shall not receive any points, but will remain eligible for the remaining Qualifying Heat/s.
- f) In the event that a horse is declared a non-runner by the Stewards, such horse shall receive points relative to its original finishing position. All remaining runners shall receive points relative to their adjusted finishing position, which may result in a higher total number of points allocated for such heat.
- g) In the event of a dead-heat, all points of the horses dead-heating shall be added together and equally divided.

Position	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Max. 12 Horse Field Points	16	13	11	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

NB: The above table includes the bonus points referred to in 24(c)

25. STAND DOWNS

Any horse that is stood down from racing for breaking gait, wayward behaviour or performing poorly in a heat of the Trotting Championship must trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards before being able to compete in the next race of the Trotting Championship.

26. GRAND FINAL SELECTION

- a) The horses with the highest number of points scored throughout the Qualifying Heats shall gain a start in the Trotting Championship Grand Final.
- b) In the event of two or more horses each scoring equally on the minimum number of points entitling them to be eligible for the Trotting Championship Grand Final and thereby producing a field exceeding the number designated by the Host Controlling Body, then the Host Controlling Body shall determine, by the following criteria, the horse(s) to start in the Trotting Championship Grand Final. (i) Best finishing position throughout series; (ii) if still tied, Second best finishing position throughout series; (iii) if still tied, Third best finishing position throughout series; and (iv) if still tied, Final Inter Dominion Ranking.

27. STAKEMONEY DISTRIBUTION

Race	Total Stakes - \$	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6 th to last
Percentage of Total Stakes - Trotting Championship	100%	57%	15%	10%	5%	2.5%	1.5%
Grand Final	250,000	142,500	37,500	25,000	12,500	6,250	3,750
Heats	25,000	14,250	3,750	2,500	1,250	625	375