

PONY TROTS GUIDEBOOK

General Info

- Harness Racing Victoria (HRV) conducts the Pony Trots program.
- The rules have been developed to ensure the safe running of the Pony Trots program
- The purpose of the Pony Trots program is to encourage participation and provide a clear pathway into harness racing at grass roots level and to provide an opportunity for children to learn about the care and control of horses



Membership

- Children between the ages of 6 and 17 years are eligible for membership of PTV and be issued with a PTV licence. For the avoidance of doubt, a licensee can compete until the last day of being 17 years of age or once they are issued with a C Grade drivers licence - whichever comes first.
- A membership/licence application must be filled out and submitted to HRV before a driver can participate in any Pony Trots Victoria event. The relevant form is available by emailing ponytrotsvic@hrv.org.au



Qualifying

Drivers

- Only members can participate in PT races
- A member's competency to drive will be assessed by HRV at a Pony Trots Training Day
- All members must be assessed as being competent in order to be eligible to compete in a pony race

Ponies

- A new pony must be registered with HRV and be assessed as suitable by a HRV representative at a HRV Training Day
- After the pony has been assessed as suitable it is then allowed to progress into HRV organised races, but may be sent to trial at any time during the season before returning to racing.
- Ponies must be at least 2 years of age and be 13hh or under



Dress Standards

- All members must ensure their personal appearance, racing attire and ponies are clean, neat and tidy.
- When driving in races, members must always wear;
- A safety helmet approved by Harness Racing Australia (HRA) that conforms to AS/NZS 3838:2006 standards.
- Eye protection of minimum standard 1067-2003 (Refer to HRA - Guidelines for eye Protection and related Standards (harness.org))
- An approved body protector (vest) to the equestrian standard Beta 1, Beta Level or Beta Level 3
- Registered colours
- White Pants
- Riding boots or good quality black or brown boots

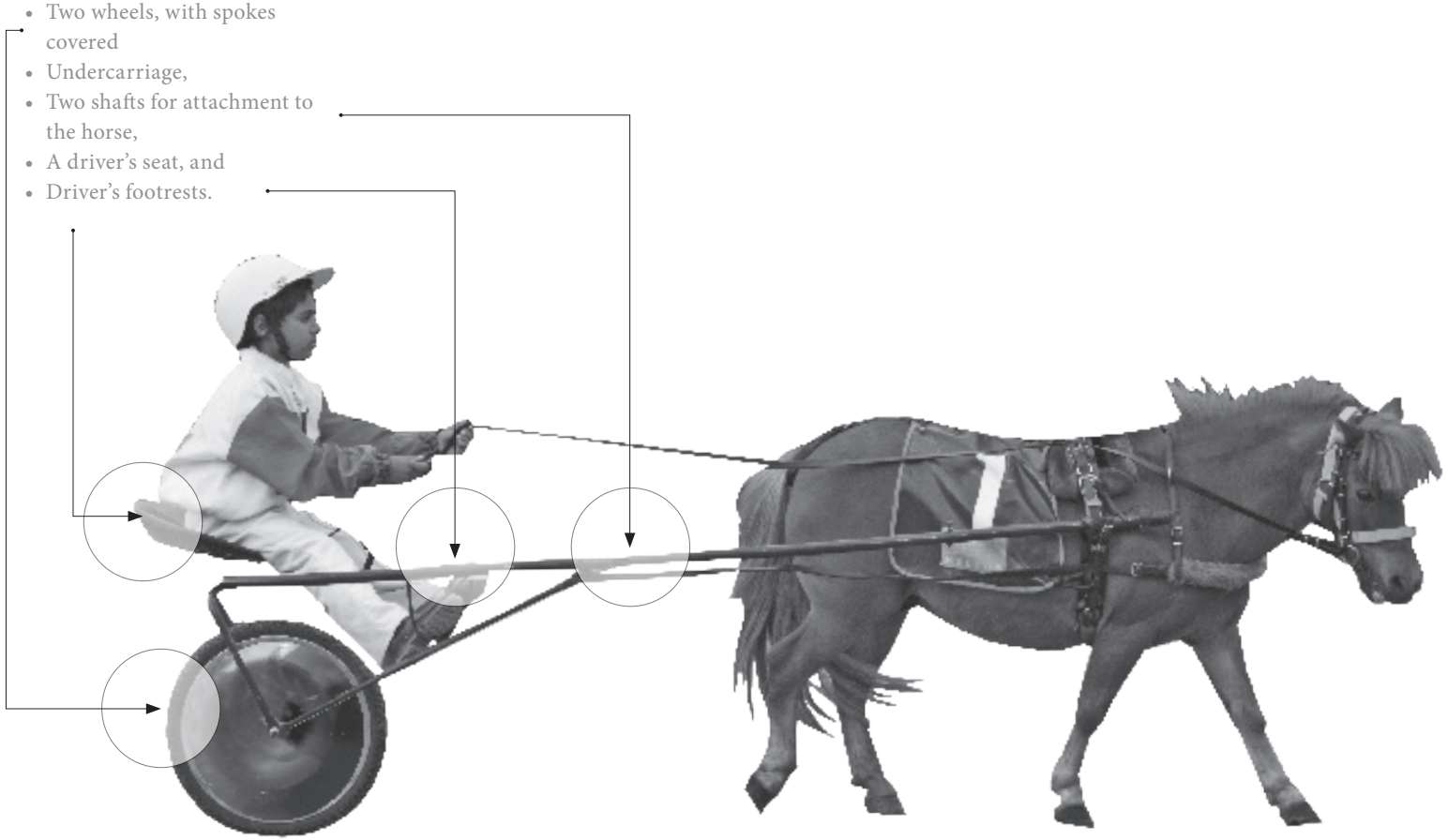


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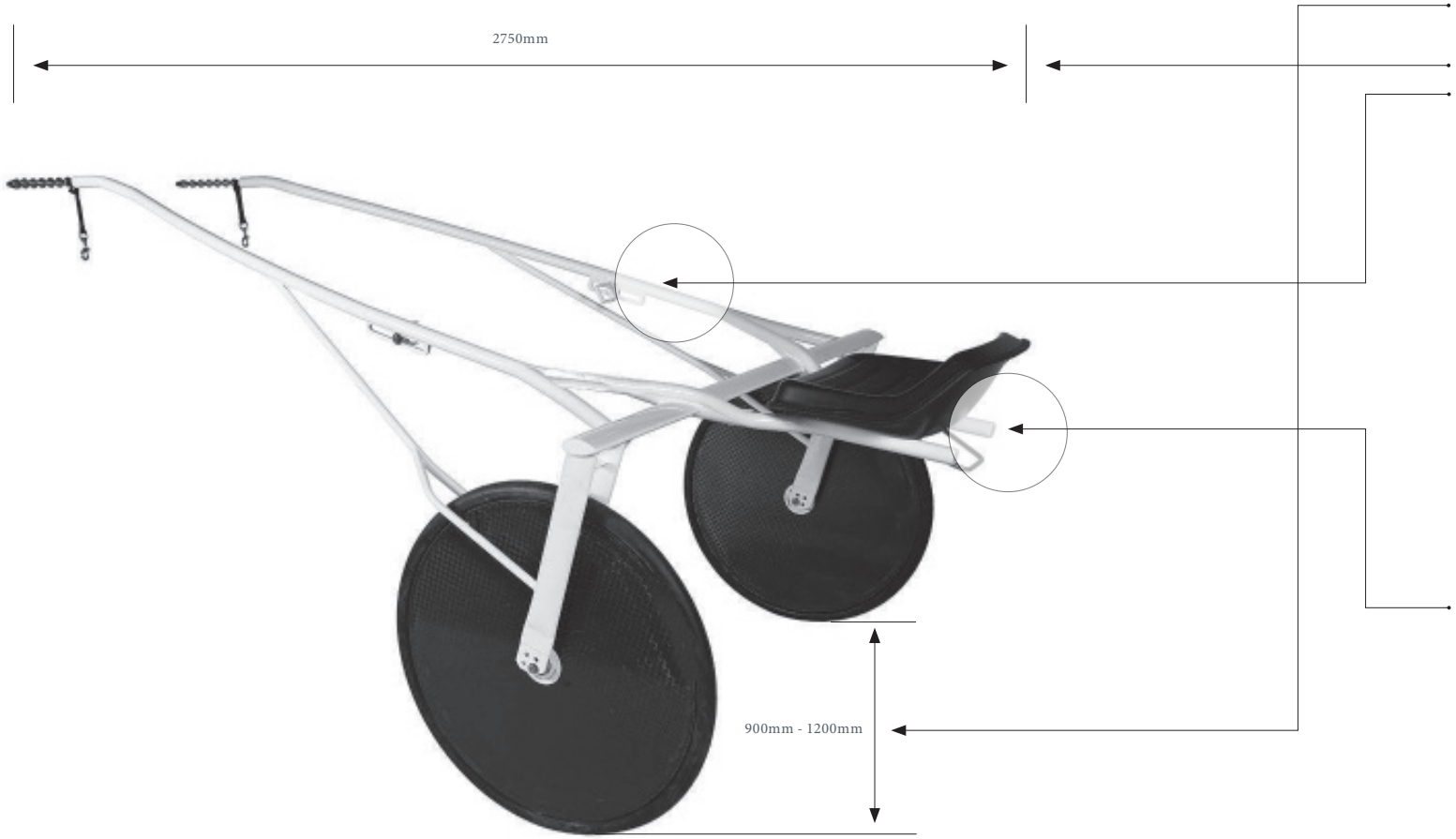
- Two wheels, with spokes covered
- Undercarriage,
- Two shafts for attachment to the horse,
- A driver's seat, and
- Driver's footrests.



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Equipment Standards Sulkies



- No less than 900mm & no wider than 1200mm
- No longer than 2750mm
- The sulky shafts, frame and undercarriage shall be manufactured from steel or another material if approved by HRA. Accepted steels are mild steel, low carbon alloy steel, low alloy steel (including chrome-molybdenum alloys, chrome-manganese alloys, etc) and structural stainless steel alloys with a minimum tensile strength of 350MPa and a minimum elongation at break of 20%.
- All edges must be rounded, including shaft tips

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