

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF RACE SERIES
IMPORTANT PLEASE READ
AUSTRALIAN PACING GOLD
SERIES THIRTY

\$350,000 GROUP ONE FINAL FOR THREE YEAR OLD COLTS & GELDINGS
\$350,000 GROUP ONE FINAL FOR THREE YEAR OLD FILLIES
6 x \$50,000 GROUP TWO CONSOLATION FINALS FOR TWO YEAR OLDS
\$210,000 GROUP ONE FINAL FOR FOUR YEAR OLD ENTIRES & GELDINGS
\$210,000 GROUP ONE FINAL FOR FOUR YEAR OLD MARES
6 x \$50,000+ GROUP TWO CONSOLATION FINALS FOR FOUR YEAR OLDS

TO BE CONDUCTED AT ALBION PARK, GLOUCESTER PARK, MELTON AND MENANGLE IN THE 2021 SEASON (THREE YEAR OLDS) AND 2022 SEASON (FOUR YEAR OLDS), OPEN TO ANY HORSE FOALED IN AUSTRALIA ONLY AND HAVING THE FREEZE BRAND OF THE AUSTRALIAN STATE OF REGISTRATION SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH AUSTRALIAN HARNESS RACING COUNCIL FUTURITY RACE RULES

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Both the Australian Pacing Gold Series Thirty Three-Year Old Race Series and Four-Year Old Race Series shall be conducted as a Series of Heats and Finals; one Division being for Colts and Geldings and one being for Fillies which were foaled in Australia only and having the Freeze Brand of the Australian State of registration.

1.0 VENUES

- 1.1. Heats of each Division of shall be conducted at Albion Park, Queensland; Gloucester Park, Western Australia; Melton, Victoria; and Menangle, New South Wales subject to Condition 6.8.
- 1.2. Group One Finals of each Division shall be conducted at Melton, Victoria (Three-year Olds) and Menangle, New South Wales (Four-year Olds) subject to Condition 6.8.
- 1.3. In addition to the above heats and finals, APG shall conduct a maximum (subject to receiving sufficient nomination) of six \$50,000 Group Two APG Consolation Finals for Three Year Olds, and six \$50,000+ Group Two Consolation Finals for Four Year Olds.

2.0 TIMING

- 2.1. The Three-year Old Series shall be conducted in the 2021 Racing Season, whilst the Four-year Old Series shall be conducted in the 2022 Racing Season.
- 2.2. If for any reason it becomes impractical or undesirable, in the opinion of the Directors, to hold any or more of these races at the track designated, the Directors reserve the right to change the date and location of any or all races.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ACCEPTANCE

- 3.1. Only horses, foaled in Australia and having the Freeze Brand of the Australian State of registration, sold in accordance with the "Terms and Conditions of Sale" at Sales approved by the Directors as "Australian Pacing Gold Sales", shall be eligible to compete in the Series subject to the following conditions set out in 3.2-3.3 inclusive. A passed-in yearling shall be deemed to be sold.

- 3.2. Eligibility shall be maintained on the payment of either:

Option One – One-off “Series” Payment:

Purchasers may choose to make a single “Series Payment” of \$2,750 (including GST) to be paid by the purchaser on the day of the sale. This payment will make a horse fully eligible for the APG Two Year Old Race Series, Three Year Old Race Series and Championship Races. No further payments are necessary.

Option Two – Four Step Sustaining Schedule:

Purchasers may choose to keep their horses eligible for the APG Race Series and Championship Races by making the following payments:

- a) A Sales Day Sustaining Payment of \$700 (including GST) to be paid by the Purchaser on the day of the Sale.
- b) A Second Sustaining Payment of \$700 (including GST) due by 1 June, 2019.
- c) A Third Sustaining Payment of \$700 (including GST) due by 1 September, 2019.
- d) A Fourth Sustaining Payment of \$1,250 (including GST) due by 1 December 2019.

One set of sustaining payments covers the entirety of the Two Year Old Race Series, Three Year Old Race Series and Championship Races. There are no separate payment options available to pay up solely for either the Two Year Old or Three Year Old Series..

Failure to make any commitment required by the conditions constitutes an automatic withdrawal from the event. **Note:** Providing APG with a positive commitment to sustain a yearling by the due date (either by returning your sustaining form or by positive response to APG’s SMS Text Service) shall be a binding and irrevocable commitment to pay, enforceable by a court of law. Where a commitment to sustain is received by the due date, but payment is not received within 7 days, a further administrative fee of \$49.50 will apply.

- 3.3. In addition to 3.1 horses foaled in Australia only and having the Freeze Brand of the Australian State of registration, nominated as Non Sale Entries with Australian Pacing Gold at a cost of \$3,850 on or before 31st October, 2018 NOT presented for sale at an Australian Pacing Gold Sale, shall be eligible to compete in the Series, provided that the horse is NOT ENTERED OR OFFERED as a yearling at any other Standardbred Sale, or any other auction which has horses for sale, where such sale takes place after 31st October 2018. Eligibility shall be maintained on the payment of all sustaining fees post the 2019 Sales as per Option Two above.

4.0 LATE ENTRY

- 4.1. There shall be no provision for late entry of horses or notification of Sustaining in the Series unless it is determined by the Board of Directors to be appropriate in the particular circumstances.

5.0 REFUND OF FEES

- 5.1. Fees paid are non-refundable except that, should any circumstances prevent the running of the Series (or part of the Series), all fees paid shall be refunded (on a pro-rata basis), less administrative and promotional costs incurred.

6.0 FIRST ROUND HEATS FOR GROUP ONE THREE YEAR OLD SERIES

- 6.1. Trainers must nominate for a Heat of the APG Race Series with their relevant state racing authority in the same way that they would nominate for any normal race.
- 6.2. Horses may only accept for a single Heat.
- 6.3. Any horse which accepts for a Heat must have completed all Qualifying Standards set by the respective Controlling Board or Authority of the State in which it will contest said Heat and must have had at least one race start prior to final acceptances.
- 6.4. Each participating state will conduct sufficient heats to ensure that all eligible horses that nominate for a heat are afforded the opportunity to contest a heat.

- 6.5. The Heats for the three year old series shall comprise a maximum of ten (10) Starters (subject to any restraints on field sizes imposed by the Controlling Board or Authority in the State where the Heats are to be conducted).
- 6.6. Random Barrier Draw applies for all races in the Series.
- 6.7. In those states that conduct more than one heat per Division, the top eight seeds (based on prizemoney earned that season) will be split evenly between the heats (on a random basis, with the exception that Horses owned in the same interests or trained by the same Trainer will be separated, if possible). The remaining runners will be randomly allocated between the heats, although horses owned in the same interests or trained by the same Trainer will be separated, if possible.
- 6.8. A minimum number of six (6) horses will be required to constitute a Heat so as to satisfy that each venue has a least one Heat, however, this Condition will not impact on Condition 6.9 and will be at the absolute discretion of the Directors. In the event that there are insufficient nominators or acceptors in a State to constitute a Heat, a Subsidy of \$2,500 will be paid to the connections of horses required to travel to contest a Heat at a venue determined by the Directors. Horses that are normally trained and domiciled in another State, are not eligible for a Subsidy if they are required to contest a Heat in the State where they are normally trained and domiciled.
- 6.9. Should the number of horses nominated to contest a Heat be insufficient to make up two (2) Heats of six (6), the Directors have the absolute discretion to conducting a single heat in the relevant State, with preference in selection going to those horses with the greater season's earnings as at the close of acceptances. The horses that miss a start in the relevant State as a result of the decision to conduct only a single heat will receive a Subsidy of \$2,500 if they nominate and qualify to contest a Heat at another venue. However, horses that are normally trained and domiciled in another State, are not eligible for the Subsidy if they subsequently contest a Heat in the State where they are normally trained and domiciled.

7.0 SECOND ROUND PACERS HEATS FOR GROUP ONE THREE YEAR OLD SERIES

- 7.1. NSW & VIC will each conduct a maximum of two second round heats per sex, whilst QLD will conduct a maximum of one second round heat per sex subject to 6.9 above. WA will not conduct second round heats.
- 7.2. Only horses that contested a first round heat are eligible to contest a second round heat.
- 7.3. Trainers of horses wishing to contest a second round heat must nominate for with their relevant state racing authority in the same way that they would nominate for any normal race.
- 7.4. Preference in field selection will be based on the finishing position in the first round heats.
- 7.5. In the event of any tie-breaker between horses that placed equally in their respective heats, preference will go to the horse that recorded the faster personal mile rate in the heats.

8.0 QUALIFICATION FOR THE THREE YEAR OLD FINALS

- 8.1. Trainers of all horses wishing to contest the Finals are required to nominate for the relevant APG Final with the relevant state racing authority (HRV) in the same way that they would nominate for any normal race. Only horses that contest both first and second round heats are eligible to nominate for the finals (except in WA where there was only a single round of heats).
- 8.2. In addition to 8.1 the managing owner/lessee of all second round heat winners are required to notify APG of their intention to nominate for the Finals within 72 hours of having contested their heat. This will enable APG to advise connection of other runners of their likelihood of progressing through to the finals.
- 8.3. Field selection for the finals shall be determined solely having regard to the finishing position of horses in the second round heats (first round in WA), with WA's first round heat winner, along with all NSW, QLD & VIC second round heat winners, plus the second placed horses from the NSW & VIC second round heats ranking highest.
- 8.4. Should further horses be required to make up the main field for the finals (e.g. in the event that one of the qualifiers from 8.3 elects not to nominate/accept for the finals) they will be selected using the following order of rank:

- a) The second placed runner from QLD's second round heat is ranked first;
- b) The fastest third placed runner from VIC's second round heats is ranked second;
- c) The fastest third placed runner from NSW's second round heats is ranked third;
- d) The third placed runner from QLD's second round heat is ranked fourth;
- e) The slowest third placed runner from VIC's second round heats is ranked fifth
- f) The slowest third placed runner from NSW's second round heats is ranked sixth; etc.

8.5. The emergency for the final shall be the highest ranked horse from the host state (Victoria).

9.0 PACERS HEATS FOR GROUP ONE FOUR YEAR OLD SERIES

- 9.1. Trainers must nominate for a Heat of the APG Race Series with their relevant state racing authority in the same way that they would nominate for any normal race.
- 9.2. Horses may only accept for a single Heat.
- 9.3. Any horse which accepts for a Heat must have completed all Qualifying Standards set by the respective Controlling Board or Authority of the State in which it will contest said Heat and must have had at least one race start prior to final acceptances.
- 9.4. There shall be a maximum of SIX heats conducted per Division in each Series. Melton and Menangle will each host two heats per Division, whilst Albion Park and Perth will each host one heat per Division.
- 9.5. The Heats for the four year old series shall comprise a maximum of ten (10) Starters plus Emergencies (subject to any restraints on field sizes imposed by the Controlling Board or Authority in the State where the Heats are to be conducted).
- 9.6. Heat runners will be selected by the relevant Controlling Board or Authority of each state, with preference in selection going to those horses with the greater combined 3yo & 4yo season's earnings as at the close of acceptances. Horses with higher combined 3yo & 4yo season earnings will gain selection ahead of horses with lesser combined 3yo & 4yo season's earnings. In the event that two horses have identical 3yo & 4yo season's earnings, preference will go to the horse with the higher earnings for the current season. If horses still can not be separated, then a random ballot will be conducted.
- 9.7. Random Barrier Draw applies for all races in the Series, except for mixed sex races which shall be drawn PBD/Sex.
- 9.8. In those states that are conducting two heats per Division (i.e. NSW and Victoria), the top eight seeds (based on prizemoney earned across their 3yo & 4yo seasons) will be split evenly between the two heats (on a random basis, with the exception that Horses owned in the same interests or trained by the same Trainer will be separated, if possible). The remaining runners will be randomly allocated between the two heats, although horses owned in the same interests or trained by the same Trainer will be separated, if possible.
- 9.9. A minimum number of six (6) horses will be required to constitute a Heat so as to satisfy that each venue has a least one Heat, however, this Condition will be at the absolute discretion of the Directors. In the event that there are insufficient nominators or acceptors in a State to constitute a Heat, a Subsidy of \$2,500 will be paid to the connections of horses required to travel to contest a Heat at a venue determined by the Directors. Horses that are normally trained and domiciled in another State, are not eligible for a Subsidy if they are required to contest a Heat in the State where they are normally trained and domiciled.
- 9.10. Should the number of horses nominated to contest a Heat in NSW or Victoria be insufficient to make up two (2) Heats of six (6), the Directors have the absolute discretion to conduct only a single heat in the relevant State, with preference in field selection to be determined in accordance with Condition 9.6. The horses that miss a start in the relevant State as a result of the decision to conduct only a single heat will receive a Subsidy of \$2,500 if they nominate and qualify to contest a Heat at another venue. However, horses that are normally trained and domiciled in another State, are not eligible for the Subsidy if they subsequently contest a Heat in the State where they are normally trained and domiciled.

10.0 QUALIFICATION FOR THE FOUR YEAR OLD FINALS

- 10.1. Trainers of all horses wishing to contest the Finals are required to nominate for the relevant APG Final with the relevant state racing authority (HRNSW) in the same way that they would nominate for any normal race.
- 10.2. In addition to 10.1 the managing owner/lessee of all heat winners, as well as the managing owner/lessee of the second, third and fourth placed horses from the NSW and Victorian heats and the second and third placed horses from the QLD heat are required to notify APG of their intention to nominate for the Finals within 72 hours of having contested their heat. This will enable APG to advise connections of borderline horses as to the likelihood of them qualifying for the Final.
- 10.3. All heat winners, plus the second placed horses from the NSW & VIC heats will rank highest for the finals.
- 10.4. The balance of the field &/or emergencies will be selected as follows (subject to the general rule that the final emergency position in any final must go to a local horse):
 - a) The second placed QLD heat runner is ranked first;
 - b) The fastest third placed heat runner from the host state is ranked second;
 - c) The fastest third placed heat runner from the remaining East Coast State that conducted two heats is ranked third;
 - d) The third placed heat runner from QLD is ranked fourth;
 - e) The slowest third placed heat runner from the host state is ranked fifth
 - f) The slowest third placed heat runner from the remaining East Coast State that conducted two heats is ranked sixth;
 - g) The fastest fourth placed heat runner from the host state is ranked seventh;
 - h) The fastest fourth placed heat runner from the remaining East Coast State that conducted two heats is ranked eighth.

11.0 THE FINALS

- 11.1. The Finals for both the three year old and four year old series shall comprise a maximum of ten (10) Starters plus Emergencies (subject to any restraints on field sizes imposed by the Controlling Board or Authority in the State where the Finals are to be conducted).

12.0 DISTANCES OF HEATS AND FINALS

- 12.1. All races comprising the Series shall be conducted over a distance of 1609 metres. If not practical, the races shall be conducted over a distance as near as possible to 1609 metres, but not less than 1609 metres.

13.0 APG CONSOLATION FINALS

- 13.1. APG shall conduct a maximum of six \$50,000 Group Two Consolation Finals for three year olds and six \$50,000 Group Two Consolation Finals for four year olds.
- 13.2. Albion Park and Gloucester Park shall each host one mixed sex Consolation Final for Three-year olds and one mixed sex Consolation Final for Four-year olds, whilst Melton and Menangle shall each host separate colts & geldings and fillies divisions for both their Three-year old Consolation Finals and their Four-year old Consolation Finals (subject to receiving a minimum of 6 acceptors for each sex).
- 13.3. Trainers must nominate their eligible horses for the relevant Consolation Final that they wish to contest with their relevant state racing authority in the same way that they would nominate for any normal race.
- 13.4. Only horses that contested the heats are eligible to nominate.
- 13.5. Interstate horses that contested the heats have the option of nominating for **either** the National Group One final **and/or** their local state's Consolation final. However, local horses (i.e. horses that contested heats in the state that is hosting the National Group One final) may not elect to contest a Consolation Final in preference to the National Group One Final. That is, if their performance in the

heats is sufficient to earn them a spot in the National Group One Final they must either contest the final, or withdraw from the series altogether.

- 13.6. In the event that either Melton or Menangle receive less than six nominations/acceptances for a particular consolation final, the race shall be combined with the consolation final for the opposite sex to produce a Mixed Sex Consolation final PBD/Sex.
- 13.7. In the event that either Melton or Menangle host a Mixed Sex Consolation final, a \$15,000 bonus shall be paid to the highest placed filly/mare in the race, unless a filly/mare wins the race, in which case the bonus shall be paid to the highest placed colt/entire/gelding.
- 13.8. Preference in field selection will be based on each horse's finishing position in the previous round of heats.
- 13.9. In the event of any tie-breaker between horses that placed equally in their respective heats, preference will go to the horse that recorded the faster personal mile rate in the heats.

14.0 RACE DATES

- 14.1. All scheduled race dates will be published on the APG website at <http://www.apgold.com.au/race-series/race-dates-and-venues/>
- 14.2. All race dates and venues are subject to change at the absolute discretion of the relevant State Harness Racing Authorities.

15.0 THREE YEAR OLD PRIZEMONEY

First Round Heats:

First round heats shall be conducted for \$7,500 in each State where heats are to be conducted and shall be distributed as follows:

First:	\$4,312.50
Second:	\$1,125
Third:	\$750
Fourth:	\$375
Fifth:	\$187.50
Sixth to Tenth:	\$150

Second Round Heats:

Second round heats shall be conducted for \$10,000 in each State where heats are to be conducted and shall be distributed as follows:

First:	\$6,000
Second:	\$1,500
Third:	\$1,000
Fourth:	\$500
Fifth:	\$250
Sixth to Tenth:	\$150

\$350,000 Group One Finals:

First:	\$150,000
Second:	\$60,000
Third:	\$30,000
Fourth:	\$23,000
Fifth:	\$15,000
Sixth to Tenth:	\$10,000
Breeders:	1 st \$7,500, 2 nd \$5,000, 3 rd \$2,500, 4 th to 10 th \$1,000

\$50,000 Consolation Finals:

First:	\$20,000
Second:	\$8,000

Third:	\$6,000
Fourth:	\$4,000
Fifth to Tenth:	\$2,000

16.0 FOUR YEAR OLD PRIZEMONEY

Heats:

Heats shall be conducted for \$10,000 in each State where heats are to be conducted and shall be distributed as follows:

First:	\$6,000
Second:	\$1,500
Third:	\$1,000
Fourth:	\$500
Fifth:	\$250
Sixth to Tenth:	\$150

\$210,000 Group One Finals:

First:	\$105,000
Second:	\$35,000
Third:	\$20,000
Fourth:	\$15,000
Fifth:	\$10,000
Sixth to Tenth:	\$5,000

\$50,000 Consolation Finals:

First:	\$20,000
Second:	\$8,000
Third:	\$6,000
Fourth:	\$4,000
Fifth to Tenth:	\$2,000

17.0 GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 17.1. The Racing Authorities of the States in which races of the Series are being conducted, shall preside over these Rules.
- 17.2. The races conducted in a Series shall be run under the Rules of Harness Racing of the Racing Authority in the State in which such races are conducted.
- 17.3. All horses nominated for the Series and their Owners, Trainers and Drivers, in addition to being bound by the Rules of Harness Racing of the State in which the races are conducted, shall be deemed to be bound by the Conditions of the Series and any decision made thereunder.

18.0 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 18.1. The Board of Directors of Australian Pacing Gold shall have the utmost power to deal with any matter arising from these conditions and any such decision by the Board of Directors shall be final and binding on all parties.

The Board of Directors, shall have power to, however, not limited to:

- administer the Series;
- determine any fees payable;
- determine any variations to these conditions on a needs basis;
- determine dates on which any fees will fall due;
- determine what amounts to "extraordinary circumstances" as provided for in Clause 2.3 hereof;
- determine dates on which races comprising the Series will be conducted;
- determine venues of races comprising the Series;
- determine Prizemoney and the distribution thereof;

- authorise sales as " Australian Pacing Gold Sales" under such conditions as it prescribes;
- determine any alteration to the number of Heats to be conducted;
- determine any changes required to the choice of venue to produce adequate field sizes in Heats;
- adjudicate on the eligibility of any horse to contest a Race in the Series;
- conduct a Ballot to have horses contest Heats at a venue other than the venue nominated;
- amend the terms & conditions of the race series at the discretion of APG's directors;
- abandon the Series (or part of the Series) for whatever reason with all horses that were eligible (i.e. currently sustained) at the time of abandonment to receive a pro-rata refund of any sustaining payments previously paid, plus, in the case of Non Sale Entries, a pro-rata refund of their original Non Sale entry fee. Any pro-rata payments are to be made based on the same basis as sustaining payments are allocated between age groups in APG's audited accounts.

19.0 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Club	Name
HRV	Messrs P Watkinson
NSWHRC	Messrs R Marshall & W Ellis
ALBION PARK HRC	Messrs P Ellis & T O'Reilly
GENERAL MANAGER	Mr David Boydell
SECRETARY	Mr Chris Bolenski

20.0 DISCLAIMER

20.1. The Racing Authorities accept no liability whatsoever in the event that APG fails to comply with any conditions for the event, including conditions relating to eligibility or prizemoney.