



# TERMS & CONDITIONS OF RACE SERIES

## IMPORTANT PLEASE READ

# APTS SERIES THREE

**\$50,000 GROUP ONE FINAL FOR THREE YEAR OLD TROTTING COLTS & GELDINGS**

**\$50,000 GROUP ONE FINAL FOR THREE YEAR OLD TROTTING FILLIES**

**Sales Year: 2021      3yo Series: 2023**

### CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The APTS Race Series shall be a Mobile Start Classic conducted as a Series of Heats and Finals; one Series being for Three Year-Old Trotting Colts and Geldings and one being for Three Year-Old Trotting Fillies which were catlogged either as Sale or Non-Sale Entries for the 2021 APTS or as trotting bred yearlings at any of APG's 2021 Sales, subject to the conditions set out in 3.1-3.3 inclusive being satisfied.

#### 1.0 VENUES

1.1 Heats (if required) and Finals of the APTS shall be conducted at Tabcorp Park, Melton.

#### 2.0 TIMING

2.1 The Series shall be conducted in the 2022/23 Racing Season.

2.2 If for any reason it becomes impractical or undesirable, in the opinion of APG, to hold any of these races at the track designated, APG reserves the right to change the date and location of any or all races.

#### 3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ACCEPTANCE

3.1 Open to horses foaled in Australia only and having the Freeze Brand of the Australian State of registration, sold in accordance with the "Terms and Conditions of Sale" at the APTS or sold as trotting bred yearlings at the APG Sales shall be eligible to compete in the Series subject to the following conditions set out in 3.1-3.4 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 \$1,320 (including GST) to be paid by the purchaser on the day of the sale. No further payments are necessary.

**Option Two – Two Step Sustaining Schedule:**

Purchasers may choose to keep their horses eligible for the APTS Race Series by making the following payments:

- a) A Sales Day Sustaining Payment of \$770 (including GST) to be paid by the Purchaser on the day of the Sale; and
- b) A Second Sustaining Payment of \$770 (including GST) due by 1 June, 2021.

Failure to make any sustaining commitment required by the conditions constitutes an automatic withdrawal from the event. **Note:** Where an owner provides a written commitment to sustain their horse prior to the sustaining deadline, but payment of the relevant fee is not received within 28 days following the relevant sustaining deadline, APG shall have the right to cancel the horse's eligibility for the APG Race Series and retain any sustaining fees already paid.

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 for the APTS at a cost of \$2,200 on or before 31 January 2021 shall be eligible to compete in the APTS Race Series. Eligible Non Sale Entries are not required to make the sales day sustaining payment per 3.2(a) above, but are required to make the second sustaining payment of \$770 on 1 June 2021 if they wish to retain eligibility for the APTS Race Series.

3.4 In the event that a yearling that has been nominated and accepted for the APG Yearling Sales becomes injured (e.g. severe cut) or requires surgery (e.g. joint or colic surgery) prior to sales day, the vendor may apply to APG's Board in writing to request permission to transfer the horse to a non-sale entry. The application should include relevant photos and/or diagnostic imaging of the injury, along with a veterinary report clearly identifying the horse, the nature, severity and timing of the injury. APG's Board shall review all written applications and may, at its sole discretion, allow the vendor to transfer the horse to a Non Sale Entry at a cost of \$2,000 (inc GST). This cost is in addition to the original entry fee that was levied when the vendor first nominated their horse for sale.

#### **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) and where such determination is made by the APG Board after 30 June 2021, all sustaining fees paid (and Non Sale Entry fees if applicable) for **fully sustained horses only** shall be refunded, less administrative and promotional costs incurred (or in the case of a partial cancellation of the series, a pro-rata refund will be paid using the same basis as sustaining payments are allocated between age groups in APG's audited accounts).

#### **6.0 TROTTERS HEATS**

6.1 The conditions for the APTS Race Series have been set in consultation with Harness Racing Victoria (HRV), who shall have full responsibility for administering the races, including the interpretation of Conditions 6 and 7. Any decision of HRV shall be final and binding on all participants.

6.2 The field sizes for all APTS races shall be determined by HRV in accordance with their local rules of racing.

6.3 Trainers of eligible three year old trotters must nominate for the APTS Trotting Heats by the prescribed closing time for nominations for the relevant race date.

6.4 Any horse which accepts for a Heat must have completed all Qualifying Standards set by HRV and must have previously contested at least one official trotting race.

6.5 Every Final Acceptor to the Series shall be guaranteed a start in the Heats, subject to 6.3 and any other requirements of HRV.

- 6.6 The number of Heats will be determined by the number of Acceptors.
- 6.7 Random Barrier Draw applies for all races in the Series.
- 6.8 Horses owned in the same interests or trained by the same Trainer will be separated, if possible.
- 6.9 The number of horses contesting each Heat shall be limited to a maximum of twelve (12) starters, except that if HRV's local rules of racing require smaller maximum field sizes, the maximum field size specified in HRV's local rules of racing shall prevail.
- 6.10 Should less than twelve (12) horses accept for the heats of a particular division, APG will instead run the intended heat as a "prelude" for the APTS final. Prelude runners will be required to re-nominate should they wish to contest the final, and will have preference in field selection over any other horses that did not contest the prelude but which subsequently nominate for the final.
- 6.11 Should less than six (6) horses nominate for the heats of a particular division, APG shall not be required to run a heat or a prelude for that division. However, APG is committed to running a \$50,000 Group One Final for both divisions, regardless of the number of acceptors for the respective Finals.

## **7.0 TROTTERS QUALIFICATION FOR THE FINALS**

- 7.1 The field sizes for all APTS races shall be determined by HRV in accordance with their local rules of racing.
- 7.2 The highest placegetters from the respective heats will progress through to the finals.
- 7.3 In the event that two or more horses dead-heat for a particular place in their heat, and that place is the "cut-off" for the final, whichever of the dead-heat horses has earned more stakemoney as a three-year old shall take preference in field selection, and the other dead heat horse shall become the first emergency.
- 7.4 With the exception of a deadheat, if two or more horses from different heats place equally, then preference shall go to the horse that recorded the faster time in its heat.

**Example 1:** Two heats were conducted for the colts series. In one of the heats, two horses dead-heated for sixth position.

In the example, the first six horses from the heat that did not have the dead heat would progress through to the final, along with the first five horses from the race that had the dead heat. The final position in the final would go to whichever of the two dead-heat horses had the higher season earnings. The other dead-heat horse would be named first emergency.

**Example 2:** Two heats were conducted for the fillies series. Prior to the field being drawn for the finals, one of the qualifiers is forced to withdraw due to injury.

In the example, the remaining position for the final would be taken by whichever horse was the fastest seventh placegetter in its heat. The slower seventh placegetter would become the emergency for the final.

## **8.0 DISTANCES OF HEATS AND FINALS**

- 8.1 All races comprising the Series shall be conducted over a distance of 2240 metres. If not practical, the races shall be conducted over a distance as near as possible to 2240 metres.

## 9.0 RACE DATES\*

- 9.1 Race dates will be agreed between APG and HRV as and when HRV produces its annual meeting calendar for the relevant racing season. Race dates will be published on APG's website as and when they become available.
- 9.2 All race dates and venues are subject to change at the absolute discretion of Australian Pacing Gold and/or HRV.

## 10.0 PRIZEMONEY

Finish Position	Base Stakes Heats	\$50,000 Finals + Bonuses		
	Owner Prizemoney	Owner Prizemoney	Breeder Bonus	Vendor Rebate
First	\$3,990	\$25,000	\$1,250	\$250
Second	\$1,050	\$8,000	\$400	\$250
Third	\$700	\$5,000	\$250	\$250
Fourth	\$350	\$3,000	\$150	\$250
Fifth	\$210	\$2,000	\$100	\$250
Sixth to Twelfth	\$140	\$1,000	\$50	\$250
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>

## 11.0 GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 11.1 The races conducted in a Series shall be run under the Rules of Harness Racing Victoria.
- 11.2 All horses nominated for and or starting in 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.

## 12.0 APG's BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 12.1 APG's Board of Directors shall have the utmost power to deal with any matter arising from these conditions and any such decision by APG's Board shall be final and binding on all parties.

APG's Board shall have power to, however, not limited to:

- administer the Series;
- determine any fees payable;
- determine dates on which any fees will fall due;
- determine what amounts to "exceptional circumstances" as provided by in Clause 4.0 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;
- adjudicate on the eligibility of any horse to contest a Heat, Prelude or Final of the Series;
- 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.