



TERMS & CONDITIONS OF RACE SERIES

IMPORTANT PLEASE READ

AUSTRALIAN PACING GOLD

SERIES THIRTY-ONE

OPEN TO ANY HORSE PRESENTED FOR SALE AT THE APG YEARLING SALES, OR NOMINATED AS AN APG NON-SALE ENTRY, SUBJECT TO THE HORSE HAVING BEEN FOALED IN AUSTRALIA ONLY AND HAVING THE FREEZE BRAND OF AN AUSTRALIAN STATE OF REGISTRATION, AND SUBJECT TO BOTH APG's TERMS & CONDITIONS AND COMPLIANCE WITH AUSTRALIAN HARNESS RACING COUNCIL FUTURITY RACE RULES

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Each State based race series conducted as part of Australian Pacing Gold's Series Thirty-One 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 an Australian State of registration.

1.0 OVERVIEW & VENUES

- 1.1. Queensland (QLD), New South Wales (NSW), Victoria (VIC) and Western Australia (WA) shall each conduct their own stand-alone APG Gold Bullion race series for 2yo, 3yo & 4yo APG eligible horses, consisting of a single round of heats leading into finals. Heats and finals shall be conducted at venues to be agreed between APG and each relevant State, but shall typically be conducted at Albion Park, QLD; Gloucester Park, WA; Melton, VIC; and Menangle, NSW.
- 1.2. Separate to the Gold Bullion Series:
 - a) NSW and VIC shall also host an additional APG Gold Sovereign race series towards the end of the racing season for 2yo & 3yo APG horses that meet the requisite eligibility rules set out in 9.3. Horses which contested an interstate APG Gold Bullion Series, or which finished first, second or third in either the NSW or VIC Gold Bullion Series are ineligible to contest the APG Gold Sovereign Series.
 - b) Albion Park Harness Racing Club (QLD) and Racing and Wagering Western Australia (WA) shall each conduct their own "Sales Based" race series, exclusively restricted to graduates of the APG Brisbane and APG Perth Sales respectively. The terms & conditions of those race series are not set by APG, but are available by contacting the relevant body conducting the race series.

2.0 TIMING

- 2.1. The Two-Year Old APG Gold Bullion and APG Gold Sovereign Races shall be conducted in the 2020/21 Racing Season, the Three-Year Old APG Gold Bullion and APG Gold Sovereign Races shall be conducted in the 2021/22 Racing Season, and the Four-Year Old APG Gold Bullion Races shall be conducted in the 2022/23 Racing Season.
- 2.2. APG's Directors reserve the right to change the date and location of any or all races if, in the opinion of the Directors, for any reason it becomes impractical or undesirable to hold any of the races at the designated track on the designated date.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ACCEPTANCE

- 3.1. Only horses foaled in Australia and having the Freeze Brand of an 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 [note the special condition at 11.2(b)(ii)].

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 Two Year Old, Three Year Old and Four Year Old Gold Bullion Series plus the additional NSW & VIC Gold Sovereign Series. No further payments are necessary.

Option Two – Four Step Sustaining Schedule:

Purchasers may choose to keep their horses eligible for the APG Gold Bullion Series and Gold Sovereign Series 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, 2020.
- c) A Third Sustaining Payment of \$700 (including GST) due by 1 September, 2020.
- d) A Fourth Sustaining Payment of \$1,250 (including GST) due by 1 December 2020.

Any eligibility will remain with a horse, even if sold subsequently.

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 withdraw the horse from the APG Race Series and cancel the sustaining fee.

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 24 January, 2020 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 2019. Eligibility shall be maintained on the payment of all sustaining fees post the 2020 Sales as per Option Two in 3.2. Non Sale entrants are ineligible for the bonus set out in 11.2.

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 PACERS HEATS FOR APG GOLD BULLION SERIES RACES

6.1. Queensland (QLD), New South Wales (NSW), Victoria (VIC) and Western Australia (WA) shall each conduct their own stand-alone APG Gold Bullion race series for 2yo, 3yo & 4yo APG eligible horses, consisting of a single round of heats leading into finals.

6.2. Eligible horses may only contest APG Gold Bullion races and/or APG Gold Sovereign races (Refer 9.0 - 9.3) in a single state in any given racing season (e.g. a horse cannot contest the Gold Bullion Series in VIC, then contest the Gold Sovereign Series in NSW later in the same season).

6.3. Horses which satisfy the eligibility criteria in 3.1 to 3.3 are eligible to contest an APG Gold Bullion Series in either:

- a) The State where the horse was purchased (or presented for sale in the case of passed-in lots); or
- b) In the case of Non Sale Entries, the State that was nominated by the owner when they originally nominated their yearling as a non-sale entry; or

- c) The State in which the horse's licensed trainer normally resides (the horse must have been in that trainer's care for a minimum of 28 days prior to acceptances, as evidenced by the lodgment of a stable return).
- 6.4. Trainers that wish to nominate for an APG Gold Bullion heat must nominate with their relevant state racing authority in the same way that they would nominate for any normal race.
 - 6.5. 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 (e.g. NSW horses will need to have had at least one start prior to contesting a NSW APG Gold Bullion heat).
 - 6.6. All horses that are nominated for a heat and which satisfy the eligibility requirements set out in Conditions 6.3 and 6.5 will be guaranteed a start.
 - 6.7. The field sizes for all Gold Bullion and Gold Sovereign races shall be determined by the Controlling Board or Authority in the relevant State in accordance with their local rules of racing.
 - 6.8. The number of Heats will be determined by the number of Acceptors.
 - 6.9. Random Barrier Draw applies for all races in the Series.
 - 6.10. Horses owned in the same interests or trained by the same Trainer will be separated, if possible.
 - 6.11. In the event that APG receives less than six (6) nominations for a particular division of a particular State Gold Bullion Series, APG's Board reserves the right to cancel the Series for the relevant Division in the relevant State and implement an alternative arrangement (at the Board's discretion) to cater for the affected horses.

Eligibility Examples:

Example 1:

A QLD buyer purchases a yearling from APG's Sydney Sale and takes the horse back to QLD to be trained.

When the APG heat dates are finalised, the schedule shows that QLD's APG Gold Bullion 2yo heats will be held on 1 May, whilst NSW's APG Gold Bullion 2yo heats are scheduled for the following week on 8 May.

The owner & trainer elect to nominate for QLD's APG Gold Bullion heats, rather than tackling NSW's APG Gold Bullion Series.

The horse goes on to compete in the QLD heat, but gallops and finishes last, and fails to qualify for the final which is scheduled for the following week.

Under the above scenario, the trainer would NOT be entitled to nominate for NSW's APG Gold Bullion heats the following week because the horse has already contested a heat of the QLD Series. For the same reason, the horse would also not be entitled to contest NSW's APG Gold Sovereign Series later in the season.

If, however, instead of galloping, the horse had been forced to scratch from QLD's APG Gold Bullion heat (e.g. due to illness), it would not be regarded as having "contested a heat" and would therefore remain eligible to nominate for a NSW Gold Bullion heat the following week, and would also remain eligible for NSW's Gold Sovereign Series later in the season.

Example 2:

A VIC buyer purchases a yearling from APG's Sydney Sale and takes the horse back to VIC to be trained.

The horse is trained in VIC all the way from the yearling sales through until the middle of March, at which point it travels to NSW to contest the Bathurst Gold Crown Series.

Following the completion of the Bathurst series, the horse returns to VIC, where it remains until the date of the VIC's APG Gold Bullion heats.

Even if the timing of the horse's return to VIC meant that the horse was not resident in Victoria for the full 28 days prior to VIC's APG Gold Bullion heats, the horse would nonetheless be eligible to contest the VIC heats (because the horse was at all times in the care of a trainer that normally resides in VIC).

Example 3:

A QLD owner enters their yearling as a non-sale entry in October 2019 and nominates NSW as his preferred venue.

The owner subsequently arranges for the yearling to be trained in QLD, where it remains all the way through until it comes time to nominate for the heats of APG's Gold Bullion Series heats.

Based on the above facts, the horse is eligible to contest either the NSW Gold Bullion Series (because that is the venue specified when the Non Sale entry was originally lodged) or the QLD Gold Bullion Series (because that is where the horse is trained).

Example 4:

A NSW buyer purchases a yearling from APG's Melbourne Sale and takes it back to be trained in NSW. After an extensive preparation, the trainer suggests to the owner that the horse may struggle against the anticipated strong opposition in both Victoria and NSW. The owner transfers the horse to a QLD trainer 28 days before the QLD Gold Bullion series and thereby becomes eligible to compete in the QLD Gold Bullion series.

Consequently, the horse would not be entitled to contest VIC's or NSW's APG Gold Sovereign Series later in the season.

7.0 QUALIFICATION FOR THE FINALS

- 7.1. Qualification for the relevant State Gold Bullion Finals shall be determined based solely upon the results of each State's heats.
- 7.2. Preference in field selection goes to the highest placed finishers in each State's Gold Bullion Heats.
- 7.3. In the event that a tie-breaker is required to determine priority between two or more horses that finished in identical positions in their heats, preference will go to the horse that recorded the faster personal heat time. In the event that the horse's recorded identical heat times, preference will go to the horse with the higher season earnings. If season earnings are identical, preference will be decided by way of a random ballot conducted by the relevant Controlling Board or Authority.
- 7.4. Trainers do not need to nominate for the finals – the finals field will automatically be drawn by the relevant Controlling Body or Authority based on each horse's finishing position in the heats.

8.0 DISTANCES OF HEATS AND FINALS

- 8.1. All races comprising the Gold Bullion 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.

9.0 APG GOLD SOVEREIGN SERIES

- 9.1. NSW and VIC shall each conduct an APG Gold Sovereign Series for its two-year old and three-year old age groups.
- 9.2. The Gold Sovereign Series shall feature a single round of heats leading into \$30,000 Group Three Finals, with both NSW and VIC to conduct separate divisions for colts and fillies.
- 9.3. The eligibility requirements for the heats and the qualification procedures for the finals shall be the same as for the State Gold Bullion Races (Conditions 6 thru 8) except for the added requirement that:
 - a) Horses which finish first, second or third in their State's Gold Bullion Finals in a particular season are ineligible to contest the Gold Sovereign Series in the same racing season
 - b) Horses that have contested the Gold Bullion Series in a given state in a particular season cannot contest a Gold Sovereign Series in a different State in the same racing season (refer Example 1 at 6.11)

10.0 RACE DATES*

- 10.1. Race dates will be agreed between APG and the States on a year-by-year basis as and when each State produces its annual meeting calendar.
- 10.2. Race dates will be published on APG's website as and when they become available, and the dates for the various State Gold Bullion Finals will be published by the States in the National Feature Race Calendar that is available for viewing on Harness Racing Australia's website.
- 10.3. It is intended that each State will host its own APG Gold Bullion Finals night, featuring 6 x APG Group Races. These APG Gold Bullion nights will ideally be conducted in the April / May timeslot, at a time that best suits the feature race calendar in each State.
- 10.4. The APG Gold Sovereign Races to be conducted in NSW and VIC will be scheduled for later in the season, at a time that best suits the feature race calendar in each State. It is likely that the VIC Gold Sovereign Series will be conducted in July, whilst the NSW Gold Sovereign Series will be scheduled for August.
- 10.5. All race dates and venues are subject to change at the absolute discretion of Australian Pacing Gold.

11.0 PACERS PRIZEMONEY

11.1. GOLD BULLION SERIES

All heats shall be run for base stakes in the relevant jurisdiction unless otherwise stated.

Finals for both the colts and fillies divisions in each state shall attract the prizemoney set out below.

AGE GROUP	NSW & VIC	QLD & WA
2yo Finals	\$125,000	\$50,000
3yo Finals	\$125,000	\$50,000
4yo Finals	\$50,000	\$30,000

11.2. \$100,000 OF BONUSES FOR NSW & VIC 2YO GOLD BULLION SERIES

In addition to the prizemoney set out in 11.1, each division of both the NSW 2yo Gold Bullion Finals and the VIC 2yo Gold Bullion Finals will carry a \$25,000 bonus, payable to the registered owner(s) (or lessee(s) in the case of a leased horse) of the highest placed finisher in each race that is deemed to have been BOTH "bred" in the relevant state AND "sold" at the APG Sale in the relevant state.

For the purposes of determining eligibility for the bonus:

- a) A horse will be deemed to have been "bred" in a particular state if it was inseminated, foaled and freezebranded in the relevant state (all three conditions must be satisfied)
- b) A horse will be deemed to have been "sold" at a particular APG Sale if:
 - i. the horse was genuinely sold in the sales ring (i.e. at the fall of the hammer), or
 - ii. in the case of lots that were initially passed-in, the horse was subsequently subject to a genuine sale undertaken by APG during APG's 14 day exclusive agency period that commences immediately following the horse being passed-in.

APG's Board of Directors shall have sole responsibility for determining whether a horse is deemed to have been "sold" for the purposes of being eligible for the bonus, and shall provide a verification list to the relevant state authorities approximately 42 days after the conclusion of the APG Sales, listing the "sold" horses in each state.

Example 1:

The winner of the VIC 2yo C&G Gold Bullion Final is branded with a Victorian freezebrand and was sold at the Melbourne APG Sale. In addition to its winning share of the \$125,000 prize purse, the winning connections receive an additional \$25,000 bonus (regardless of whether the horse is owned by an interstate based owner and/or trained by an interstate trainer).

Example 2:

The winner of the NSW 2yo C&G Gold Bullion Final is branded with a NSW freezebrand but was sold at the APG Melbourne Sale.

The second placed horse is a non-sale entry that is branded with a NSW freezebrand and is owned and trained in NSW.

The third placed horse is a NSW branded horse that was passed in at the APG Sydney Sale and no sale was negotiated during APG's 14 day agency period that commenced immediately post sales day.

The fourth placed horse is a NSW branded horse that was passed in on sales day, but where APG negotiated a sale on the vendors behalf during its 14 day agency period.

In the above scenario, the first three finishers are ineligible for the bonus. The first horse was ineligible because it was not offered for Sale at the APG Sydney Sale, the second horse was ineligible as a Non-Sale entry, whilst the third horse was ineligible because it was not sold on sales day or during the subsequent 14 day APG agency period. Accordingly, the bonus goes to the fourth placed horse, which was both "bred" in NSW and also deemed to be "sold" at APG's Sydney Sale (because although it was passed in on sales day, it was sold shortly thereafter, during APG's exclusive 14 day agency period).

11.3. GOLD SOVEREIGN SERIES

All heats of the NSW and VIC Gold Sovereign Series shall be run for base stakes in the relevant jurisdiction unless otherwise stated.

Finals for both the colts and fillies divisions in each state shall attract the prizemoney set out below.

AGE GROUP	NSW & VIC
2yo Finals	\$30,000
3yo Finals	\$30,000

12.0 GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 12.1. The Controlling Board or Authority of the State in which races of the Series are being conducted, shall preside over these Rules.
- 12.2. Every Club conducting such races shall comply with all directions of Australian Pacing Gold Limited as to the conduct of or any matter relating to the Series.
- 12.3. The races conducted in a Series shall be run under the Rules of Harness Racing of the Controlling Board or Authority of the State in which such races are conducted.
- 12.4. 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.
- 12.5. Prizemoney for all APG events will be divided in accordance with the practice of the jurisdiction in which the races are conducted. No portion of prizemoney will be payable to the breeder.

13.0 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 13.1. 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 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;
- authorise sales as " Australian Pacing Gold Sales" under such conditions as it prescribes;
- determine any alteration to the number of Heats and Gold Bullion Races 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;
- abandon the Series for whatever reason with all nomination, first and final acceptance payments and sustaining fees being refunded less any administrative or promotional charges.

14.0 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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