

2015 INTER DOMINION CONDITIONS

1. OVERVIEW

- 1.1 The 2013-15 TAB.COM.AU Inter Dominion Championships are to be contested in up to six Qualifying Heats for up to 60 registered Standardbreds and a Grand Final for up to 14 horses that contested the Qualifying Heats conducted under the Rules and Regulations of Harness Racing NSW, Harness Racing VIC, Racing QLD, Racing and Wagering WA and Harness Racing New Zealand.

2. RACE PROGRAMME - 2015

- 2.1 There will be one round of up to six Qualifying Heats and a Grand Final.
- 2.2 Pending a minimum of 14 nominations at the close of nominations from the host State's/New Zealand, the six Qualifying Heats in 2015 will be conducted two weeks prior to the Grand Final on Saturday night, 14 February 2015 at the following venues:
- i. Albion Park, Queensland
 - ii. Addington, Christchurch
 - iii. Tabcorp Park Melton, Melbourne
 - iv. Tabcorp Park Menangle plus a Supplementary Qualifying Heat* at Tabcorp Park Menangle
 - v. Gloucester Park, Perth
- 2.3 Should there be less than 14 nominations domiciled in a State/New Zealand, those horses will be eligible to contest the Supplementary Qualifying Heat* at Tabcorp Park Menangle.
- 2.4 The NSW Harness Racing Club and Harness Racing NSW will advise at the release of nominations where the Heats will be conducted.
- 2.5 Notwithstanding clause 2.2 and 2.4, if any Qualifying Heat falls below 8 nominations by Friday, 30 January 2015, then horses will need to accept for the NSW Supplementary Qualifying Heat at Tabcorp Park Menangle.
- Should this clause be activated there may be two (2) NSW Supplementary Qualifying Heats conducted.
- 2.5 The Grand Final will be conducted at Tabcorp Park Menangle on Sunday afternoon 1 March 2015.

3. ELIGIBILITY FOR QUALIFYING HEATS

- 3.1 Horses are eligible to compete in the Qualifying Heat corresponding to the Australian State or in New Zealand depending on where they were trained at the close of nominations. (Refer to Clause 9.1)



- 3.2 Each Qualifying Heat will be a mobile barrier start with 10 starters over a distance no shorter than 2100 metres and no longer than 2600 metres. Therefore the respective distances are as follows:

Track	Distance
Addington	2600m
Albion Park	2138m
Gloucester Park	2536m
Tabcorp Park Melton	2240m
Tabcorp Park Menangle	2400m

- 3.3 Horses for the Qualifying Heats will be selected by the State Controlling Body in charge of the race meeting in consultation with the Handicapping Panel from Harness Racing NSW.
- 3.4 Up to two Emergencies may be drawn into each Qualifying Heat (refer to clause 7.1 concerning barrier draw positions).
- 3.5 The Supplementary Qualifying Heat (*) at Tabcorp Park Menangle is to be selected using the following criteria (in order):
- i. Horses that were trained in the Northern Hemisphere at the close of nominations
 - ii. Non-NSW/Victorian trained horses that contested any race in Victoria between 1 January 2015 and 7 February 2015
 - iii. Horses trained in NSW from a Satellite Stable that have started on at least two occasions in NSW since the close of nominations
 - iv. Horses trained in South Australia or Tasmania as per the Eligibility for Qualifying Heats outlined in Clause 3.1
 - v. Pursuant to Clause 3.1, horses trained in a State/New Zealand where there were less than 14 nominations at the close of nominations and the Heat was abandoned.
 - vi. Pursuant to clause 2.5, horses trained in a State/New Zealand where there were less than 8 nominations remaining as at Friday, 31 January 2015.
 - vii. Horses domiciled in NSW which are trainer or owner doubles at the close of nominations with the highest assessed horse to be placed into the NSW Qualifying Heat at Tabcorp Park Menangle and the second highest assessed horse to be placed into the Supplementary Qualifying Heat at Tabcorp Park Menangle and so on.
 - viii. Horses trained in NSW that were balloted from the NSW Qualifying Heat
 - ix. Horses balloted from any Qualifying Heat outside of NSW may be considered for the Supplementary Qualifying Heat

- 3.6 The timetable for the six Qualifying Heats is as follows. It is subject to change, pursuant to clause 2.5, if any Qualifying Heat is deleted or added to the schedule:

Track	Local Time	Sydney Time
Addington	22.15	20.15
Tabcorp Park Menangle	20.30	20.30
Tabcorp Park Melton	20.45	20.45
Tabcorp Park Menangle	21.00	21.00
Albion Park	20.15	21.15
Gloucester Park	18.30	21.30

4. ELIGIBILITY FOR GRAND FINAL

- 4.1 Horses are eligible to compete in the Grand Final after contesting a Qualifying Heat.
- 4.2 The Grand Final will be a mobile barrier start over the distance of 3009m with 14 starters and a configuration of 10 across the front and four on the second row.
- 4.3 Up to two Emergencies may be drawn in the Grand Final (refer to clause 7.3 concerning barrier draw positions).
- 4.4 The selection of the Emergencies will involve consultation with the respective connections on whether they desire to be included.
- 4.5 All Qualifying Heat winners are automatically eligible for the Grand Final.
- 4.6 In the event of a dead-heat, both horses would advance to the Grand Final.
- 4.7 The remainder of the field for the Grand Final will be made up in accordance with the Qualifying Heat Rankings as outlined in Clause 5.1.
- 4.8 Except for Qualifying Heat winners, should a horse qualify for the Grand Final and connections not wish for it to take its place in the field it may be withdrawn from the Grand Final, but must do so by 22.30 Sydney time on Saturday, 14 February 2015.
- 4.9 Should a horse withdraw from the Grand Final as per Clause 4.8, the replacement horse will be a Wildcard entry selected by Harness Racing NSW and the NSW Harness Racing Club from horses that contested a Qualifying heat. Therefore the next placed horse will not be automatically selected.
- 4.10 Notwithstanding Clause 4.9, the NSW Harness Racing Club and Harness Racing NSW may include two Wildcard's in the Grand Final. The Wildcard's would be horses with significant credentials, which contested a Qualifying Heat, but did not qualify for the Grand Final.
- 4.11 In addition to any other testing that is deemed appropriate a post race urine sample must be taken from all horses that have qualified for the Grand Final and also the next placed horse as outlined in Clause 5.1.
- 4.12 It is the responsibility of the jurisdiction conducting the Qualifying Heat to ensure that all screening results are communicated to the Harness Racing NSW Integrity Department within five business days.

- 4.13 If any horse that qualified for the Grand Final returns a positive swab, Australian Harness Racing Rule 195A will apply and the subsequent placegetter in that Qualifying Heat will be eligible for the Grand Final. However, if the connections of that horse do not wish to travel or are unable to be at Tabcorp Park Menangle in time for the Grand Final, then an additional Wildcard will be issued at the discretion of the NSW Harness Racing Club and Harness Racing NSW.
- 4.14 If a Qualifying Heat winner is scratched from the Grand Final, the horse that finished second in that Qualifying Heat will not be eligible for the Grand Final unless it does so by virtue of the rankings outlined in Clause 5.1.

5. QUALIFYING HEAT RANKINGS

- 5.1 Following the release of the fields for the Qualifying Heats, the Harness Racing NSW Handicapping Panel, in consultation with the NSW Harness Racing Club, will allocate rankings which determine how many horses from each Qualifying Heat progress to the Grand Final.
- 5.2 A total of 12 horses will qualify pursuant to Clause 5.1 and the 13th and 14th horses are to be selected from outside these placings as wildcard's.

Example Only

1. New Zealand – First 2 to finish
 2. NSW – First 2 to finish
 3. Victoria – First 3 to finish
 4. NSW (Supplementary) – First 2 to finish
 5. QLD – First to finish
 6. WA – First 2 to finish
- 5.3 The rankings may be amended if there are withdrawals from the Qualifying Heats after acceptances; however they will be confirmed and announced publicly prior to the first Qualifying Heat.

6. PRIZEMONEY

- 6.1 The Qualifying Heats will be of \$50,000 plus a Trophy and Rug:

Place	Prizemoney	Starters Fee
1st	\$25,000	\$2,000 (GST inclusive)
2nd	\$6,000	\$2,000 (GST inclusive)
3rd	\$4,000	\$2,000 (GST inclusive)
4th	\$3,000	\$2,000 (GST inclusive)
5th -10th	\$2,000	\$2,000 (GST inclusive)



6.2 The Grand Final will be of \$750,000 plus a Trophy and Rug:

Place	Prizemoney	Starters Fee
1 st	\$425,000	\$10,000 plus GST
2 nd	\$100,000	\$10,000 plus GST
3 rd	\$50,000	\$10,000 plus GST
4 th	\$25,000	\$10,000 plus GST
5th-14th	\$15,000	\$10,000 plus GST

7. BARRIER DRAW

- 7.1 The Barrier Draw for the Qualifying Heats will be manually random excluding those horses categorised as ODM.
- 7.2 The Barrier Draw for the Grand Final will be manually random excluding those horses categorised as ODM.
- 7.3 The Emergencies for the Grand Final will be drawn on the outside of the second line in the order they are required, but if required will be allocated the barrier vacated by a scratching, at the time of scratching.
This method of barrier draw is designed to ensure that 10 horses start off the front line.

8. SECURITY, SURVEILLANCE AND SWABBING

- 8.1 In respect to the Grand Final, Harness Racing NSW and the NSW Harness Racing Club reserve the absolute right to undertake security, surveillance, swabbing and retention of all horses competing in the Championship which is deemed appropriate or necessary to ensure the integrity of the Championship as per the Australian Harness Racing Rules.

9. NOMINATIONS, SUSTAINING FEES & CLOSING DATES

- 9.1 Nominations must be received at the offices of the Harness Racing NSW in writing by facsimile or email on the prescribed form or with the required details as per the schedule below.

ITEM	FEE \$AUS	DATE
Nominations	\$0	12pm – Monday, 8 December 2014
First Acceptance	\$0	12pm – Monday, 12 January 2015
Second Acceptance	\$0	12pm – Monday, 9 February 2015
Late Entry Fee	\$25,000 plus GST	12pm – Monday, 9 February 2015
Qualifying Heat Starters Fee	\$2,000 GST inclusive	N/A
Grand Final Starters Fee	\$10,000 plus GST	N/A

- 9.2 Harness Racing NSW and the NSW Harness Racing Club reserve the right to extend the closure of nominations at their absolute discretion.
- 9.3 The withdrawal of horses at any stage after nominations close will only be accepted in writing by the Harness Racing NSW Racing Department.

- 9.4 Horses which are nominated for the Inter Dominion are automatically included unless withdrawn in writing by the owner, trainer or an authorised agent before the due date.
- 9.5 All amounts in the above Schedule are in Australian Dollars and all times are in Australian Eastern Daylight Savings Time (AEDST).
- 9.6 Horses withdrawn from a Qualifying Heat or the Grand Final will receive the penalties relevant to the conducting state/countries policy.

10. FIELD SELECTION AND BARRIER DRAWS

10.1 The venues, Controlling Bodies and release dates and times are as follows:

QUALIFYING HEATS	BODY	RELEASED*
Addington, Christchurch	HRNZ	Monday, 9 February 2015 – 16.00
Tabcorp Park Menangle	HRNSW	Monday, 9 February 2015 – 14.00
Tabcorp Park Menangle (Supplementary)	HRNSW	Monday, 9 February 2015 – 14.00
Tabcorp Park Melton, Melbourne	HRV	Monday, 9 February 2015 – 14.00
Albion Park, Brisbane	RQ	Monday, 9 February 2015 – 13.00
Gloucester Park, Perth	RWWA	Monday, 9 February 2015 – 11.00

GRAND FINAL	BODY	RELEASED
Tabcorp Park Menangle	HRNSW	Sunday, 22 February 2015 – TBA

* Local Times all equate to 14.00 Australian Eastern Daylight Savings Time (AEDST)

11. TRAVEL SUBSIDIES

11.1 Travel Subsidies will be paid inclusive of GST for all horses that qualify for the Grand Final according to the schedule below:

LOCATION WHERE QUALIFIED	SUBSIDY*
Albion Park, Brisbane	Up to \$2,500
Addington, Christchurch	Up to \$10,000
Tabcorp Park Menangle	Nil
Tabcorp Park Menangle (Supplementary)	Up to \$2,500 if from outside NSW
Tabcorp Park Melton, Melbourne	Up to \$2,500
Gloucester Park, Perth	Up to \$10,000

* Australian Dollars

- 11.2 The Travel Subsidies will be paid to the Managing Owner in accordance with the reasonably accepted industry costs of transport of the horse to and from the place of the Qualifying Heat only on the proviso that the horse is returned to the registered primary stables of the Grand Final trainer within seven days of the Grand Final.
- 11.3 The NSW Harness Racing Club and Harness Racing NSW may at their sole discretion on application from the owner, trainer or an authorised agent vary the return date.

- 11.4 If the accepted air transport standard include the cost of travel for an accompanying person this cost will be included in the travel subsidy.

12. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 12.1 Harness Racing NSW and the NSW Harness Racing Club reserve to right to amend Conditions as deemed necessary.
- 12.2 Any Revised Conditions will be at the discretion of Harness Racing NSW and the NSW Harness Racing Club and will be implemented to benefit or enhance the Inter Dominion.

