

# Inter Dominion Questions & Answers

## Where is the Inter Dominion being run in 2013, 2014 & 2015?

The Inter Dominion Grand Final will be conducted at Tabcorp Park Menangle on the first Sunday of March for three consecutive years. There will be 14 runners from a mobile start, with 10 across the front and four trailers over a distance of 3000m.

## What is the qualifying process for the Inter Dominion Grand Final in 2013, 2014 & 2015?

Horses will qualify for the Grand Final in one round of six Qualifying Heats, held on the Saturday night 15 days prior to the Grand Final, in New Zealand, Tabcorp Park Menangle (x2), Tabcorp Park Melton, Albion Park and Gloucester Park. Horses balloted from their local Qualifying Heat may be considered for the supplementary Tabcorp Park Menangle Qualifying Heat if connections so desire.

## Why has the Inter Dominion format been changed?

It has been changed for a number of reasons, but some of those include creating an "event", the time trainers were previously required to be away from home for an Inter Dominion campaign, the promotion of the Inter Dominion throughout Australasia and the creation of a broadcast event for the Qualifying Heats.

## What is the "Broadcast Event"?

There will be six Qualifying Heats at the various tracks scheduled 15 minutes apart within a two-hour window commencing at 8.00pm AEDT and broadcast exclusively on Sky 2 (all Qualifying Heats will also be seen as part of the wall-to-wall coverage on Sky 1).

## How do I nominate for the Inter Dominion?

The Inter Dominion conditions, available at [interdominionsydney.com.au](http://interdominionsydney.com.au), outline the process for nominating for the Inter Dominion, however it is no different to previous years and is done through the host state (NSW) controlling body and close on the second Monday in December. For 2015 the nominations close on Monday 8th December 2014.

## Which Qualifying Heat does a horse contest?

The Inter Dominion conditions, available at [interdominionsydney.com.au](http://interdominionsydney.com.au), outline which Qualifying Heat(s) each horse is eligible for. Basically, each horse may contest their "home" state Qualifying Heat or one of two Qualifying Heats at Tabcorp Park Menangle.

## Who decides which Qualifying Heat a horse contests?

Connections will be required to nominate eligible horses for the Qualifying Heat they wish to contest through the respective

state Controlling Body by the close of nominations on the Monday prior to the Qualifying Heats. In 2014 the nominations close on Monday 9th February 2015.

## What happens if some Qualifying Heats are stronger than others?

After acceptances for the Qualifying Heats are finalised they will be ranked and the number of horses from each Qualifying Heat that go through to the Grand Final will be announced. In other words a particular Qualifying Heat may have the first five horses across the line go through to the Grand Final, yet in another, only the winner shall progress. Of the 14 Grand Final starters, 12 of them will be determined by where they finish in the Qualifying Heats, the 13th and 14th runner are to be a wildcard selections as per the conditions. The wild-card selections must have started in a Qualifying Heat. All Heat winners automatically progress to the Grand Final.

## Are there travel subsidies for horses that qualify for the Grand Final?

Yes, the Inter Dominion conditions, available at [interdominionsydney.com.au](http://interdominionsydney.com.au), outline what travel subsidy each horse is eligible for.

## When are the horses that qualified for the Grand Final required in Sydney?

All horses qualified for the Grand Final must be present in the state of New South Wales no later than Wednesday 25th February 2015, unless otherwise approved by HRNSW. The Integrity Conditions for the Inter Dominion are available at [interdominionsydney.com.au](http://interdominionsydney.com.au). Connections should be fully aware of the Integrity Conditions.

## What happens if I qualify for the Grand Final, but decide not to contest the race?

Horses that qualify for the Inter Dominion Grand Final are not required to start in the race as per the conditions.

## Are there other feature races on the Inter Dominion program?

The 10-race card includes seven Group 1 races and close to \$2 million in prizemoney and trophies.

## What happens if a horse qualifies for more than one of the feature races on the card?

In the case that a four-year-old qualifies for the Inter Dominion Grand Final and Chariots of Fire or a mare qualifies for the Inter Dominion Grand Final and the Ladyship Mile, connections can choose what race they contest.