



TERMS & CONDITIONS OF RACE SERIES

IMPORTANT PLEASE READ

NEDS AUSTRALIAN PACING GOLD SERIES THIRTY-THREE RACE SERIES

OPEN TO ANY HORSE PRESENTED FOR SALE AT THE NEDS APG YEARLING SALES, OR NOMINATED AS A NEDS APG NON-SALE ENTRY, SUBJECT TO THE HORSE HAVING BEEN FOALD IN AUSTRALIA ONLY AND SUBJECT TO BOTH APG'S TERMS & CONDITIONS AND COMPLIANCE WITH AUSTRALIAN HARNESS RACING COUNCIL FUTURITY RACE RULES

For the purposes of these conditions, there are THREE Regions both in terms of SALES and in terms of RACING. The REGIONS are:

- (a) Western Australia
- (b) Queensland
- (c) NSW/Victoria

Any fully sustained Neds APG Graduate is eligible to contest a Neds APG Gold Bullion Series in the REGION of choice, subject to Conditions 6.2 and 6.3 below.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Each REGION-based race series conducted as part of the Neds Australian Pacing Gold Series Thirty-Three 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 properly registered with a relevant State Controlling Board or Authority. **Note:** Because heats for the NSW/Victoria REGION will be held at TWO venues (Melton and Menangle), there will also be consolations at each venue.

1.0 OVERVIEW & VENUES

- 1.1 Each REGION shall conduct their own stand-alone Neds APG Gold Bullion Race Series for fully sustained 2yo and 3yo 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, 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 Neds APG Brisbane and Neds APG Perth Sales respectively. The terms & conditions of the \$150,000 2yo Albion Park Gold, the \$100,000 2yo Perth Sales Classics and the \$50,000 3yo Perth Sales Classics 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 Neds APG Gold Bullion Races shall be conducted in the 2023 Racing Season and the Three-Year Old Neds APG Gold Bullion Races in the 2024 Racing Season.
- 2.2 APG's Directors, in consultation with the Controlling Bodies in the respective states reserve the right to:
 - (a) 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; and/or
 - (b) vary the conditions of the Series should extraordinary circumstances occur, as in the case of a force majeure or circumstances similar but not limited to the COVID-19 pandemic.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ACCEPTANCE

- 3.1 Only horses foaled in Australia, and presented for sale in accordance with APG's "Terms and Conditions of Sale" at Sales approved by the Directors as "Australian Pacing Gold Sales", shall be eligible to compete in either the:
 - (a) Neds APG Gold Bullion Series subject to the conditions set out in 3.2-3.3 inclusive; or
 - (b) Neds APG Trotting Series subject to the conditions set out in 3.4-3.5 inclusive.

3.2 Eligibility for the Neds APG Gold Bullion Series for pacers shall be maintained upon either:

Option One – One-off “Series” Payment:

- (a) in the case of a sold lot, the purchaser making a commitment on the day of the sale to pay to APG the “Series Payment” fee of \$3,300 (including GST); or
- (b) in the case of a passed in lot, the vendor making a commitment within 21 days of the sale to pay to APG the “Series Payment” fee of \$3,300 (including GST).

Payment of the above fees is due within 28 days of making the above commitments. Payment of the above fees by the due date will make a horse fully eligible for the Two Year Old and Three Year Old Gold Bullion Series. No further payments are necessary.

Option Two – Four Step Sustaining Schedule:

Purchasers (or vendors of passed in lots) may choose to keep their horses eligible for the Neds APG Gold Bullion Series by making the following payments:

- (a) A Sales Day Sustaining Payment of \$770 (including GST) to be committed to in writing:
 - i. by the purchaser (in the case of a sold lot) within 7 days of the sale; or
 - ii. by the vendor (in the case of a passed in lot) within 21 days of the relevant auction date
- (b) A Second Sustaining Payment of \$770 (including GST) due by 1 June, 2022.
- (c) A Third Sustaining Payment of \$770 (including GST) due by 1 September, 2022.
- (d) A Fourth Sustaining Payment of \$1,540 (including GST) due by 1 December 2022.

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 Neds APG Gold Bullion Series and cancel the sustaining fee.

3.3 In addition to 3.1 horses foaled in Australia only and properly registered with a relevant State Controlling Board or Authority, nominated as Non Sale Entries with APG at a cost of \$3,850 on or before 30 January 2022 NOT presented for sale at an Australian Pacing Gold Sale, shall be eligible to compete in the Neds APG Gold Bullion 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 31 December 2021. Eligibility shall be maintained on the payment of all sustaining fees post the 2022 Sales as detailed above in Condition 3.2(b), (c) & (d).

3.4 Eligibility for the Neds APG Gold Bullion Series for trotters shall be maintained upon either:

- (a) in the case of a sold lot, the purchaser making a commitment within 7 days of the sale to pay to APG the “Series Payment” fee of \$2,200 (including GST); or
- (b) in the case of a passed in lot, the vendor making a commitment within 21 days of the relevant auction date to pay to APG the “Series Payment” fee of \$2,200 (including GST).

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 Neds APG Trotting Race Series and cancel the sustaining fee.

3.5 In addition to 3.4 horses foaled in Australia only and properly registered with a relevant State Controlling Board or Authority, nominated as Non Sale Entries with APG at a cost of \$3,850 on or before 30 January 2022 NOT presented for sale at an Australian Pacing Gold Sale, shall be eligible to compete in the Neds APG Trotting 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 31 December 2021. No further payments are required to maintain eligibility.

4.0 LATE ENTRY

4.1 There shall be no provision for the late entry of horses or late notification of Sustaining in the Neds APG Gold Bullion Series or Neds APG Trotting Series unless APG’s Board of Directors, in

consultation with the relevant State Controlling bodies, determines it to be appropriate due to exceptional 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 31st December 2022, all fees paid for fully sustained horses only shall be refunded, less administrative and promotional costs incurred

6.0 PACERS HEATS FOR APG GOLD BULLION SERIES RACES

- 6.1 The THREE REGIONS shall each conduct their own stand-alone Neds APG Gold Bullion Race Series for 2yo and 3yo APG eligible horses, consisting of a single round of heats leading into finals.
- 6.2 Eligible horses may only contest a Neds APG Gold Bullion Race Series heat in a single REGION in any given racing season.
- 6.3 Horses which satisfy the eligibility criteria in 3.1 to 3.3 are eligible to contest a heat of the Neds 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) 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 42 days prior to acceptances, as evidenced by the lodgment of a stable return); or
 - (c) In the case of Non Sale Entries, the horse's STATE of registration, unless:
 - i. The horse was foaled in a state that does not conduct APG heats (e.g. South Australia and Tasmania) in which case the owner may nominate a STATE of their choice in writing at the time of entry; or
 - ii. At the time of entry as a Non Sale Entry, the horse is located in a different STATE to its state of registration, in which case the owner, at the time of nominating their horse as a Non Sale Entry, may choose to nominate in writing the STATE where the horse is located;
- 6.4 Trainers that wish to nominate for a Neds 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 Neds APG Gold Bullion Heat in NSW).
- 6.6 All horses that are nominated for a heat and which satisfy the eligibility requirements set . in Conditions 6.3 and 6.5 will be guaranteed a start.
- 6.7 The field size for all Gold Bullion races shall be limited to the lesser of (10) starters plus emergencies, or whatever maximum field size is permitted by the Controlling Board or Authority in the relevant State.
- 6.8 The number of Heats in each REGION will be determined by the number of Acceptors, subject to the proviso that a minimum number of six (6) horses will be required to constitute a Heat.
- 6.9 If there are sufficient nominations for two or more heats in any Division in a particular REGION, the top eight seeds (or nine seeds if there are sufficient nominations for three heats) 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, subject to 6.12.
- 6.10 Random Barrier Draws apply for all races in the Series.
- 6.11 Horses owned in the same interests or trained by the same Trainer will be separated, if possible.
- 6.12 In the event that APG receives less than six (6) nominations for a particular division of a particular REGION's Gold Bullion Series, APG's Board reserves the right to cancel the Series for the relevant Division in the relevant REGION 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, say, on 1 April, whilst NSW/Victoria's APG Gold Bullion 2yo heats are scheduled for some weeks later.

The owner & trainer elect to nominate for QLD's APG Gold Bullion heats, rather than tackling NSW/Victoria'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 because the horse has already contested a heat of the QLD Series.

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.

Example 2:

A QLD owner enters their yearling as a non-sale entry in October 2021 and nominates NSW as their preferred STATE.

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 a NSW Gold Bullion heat (because that is the STATE specified when the Non Sale entry was originally lodged) or the QLD Gold Bullion Series (because that is where the horse is trained).

Example 3:

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 the NSW/Victoria REGION. The owner transfers the horse to a QLD trainer 42 days before the QLD Gold Bullion series and thereby becomes eligible to compete in the QLD Gold Bullion series.

7.0 QUALIFICATION FOR QLD AND WA REGION \$50,000 2YO AND 3YO GOLD BULLION FINALS

- 7.1 Qualification for the relevant QLD or WA REGION Gold Bullion Finals shall be determined based solely upon the results of each REGION's heats.
- 7.2 Preference in field selection for the Final goes to the highest placed finishers in each REGION'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. If the horses 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.
- 7.5 **The WINNERS of the WA and QLD REGION Finals also become eligible to contest the NSW/Victoria Gold Bullion Final.**

8.0 QUALIFICATION FOR NSW/VIC REGION \$500,000 2YO AND \$150,000 3YO GOLD BULLION FINALS

- 8.1 The WINNERS of the WA and QLD REGION Finals automatically qualify for the NSW/VIC REGION Final subject to:
 - (a) connections of the winning QLD or WA REGION Finals notifying APG of their intention to contest the NSW/VIC REGION Finals within 72 hours of winning their QLD or WA REGION Final; **and**

- (b) the trainers of the winning QLD or WA REGION Finals officially nominating their horse(s) for the NSW/VIC REGION Gold Bullion Finals with the relevant State Controlling Body by no later than 10:00am [AEDT] on the Friday of the week prior to the Finals.
- 8.2 Trainers of NSW or VIC heat runners 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.
- 8.3 Depending upon whether either or both of the winners of the QLD & WA REGION Finals elect to nominate for the NSW/VIC REGION Finals, a total of eight (8), nine (9) or ten (10) spots, plus any emergency positions, will remain available to be filled by NSW or VIC heat runners.
- 8.4 The first eight (8) remaining spots in each Final will go to the four (4) highest placed finishers from the NSW heats and the four (4) highest placed finishers from the VIC heats. In the event that a tie-breaker is required in a particular state (e.g. because either NSW or VIC held three heats), preference will go to the horse that recorded the faster personal heat time. If the horses 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.
- 8.5 Any further remaining spots will alternate between the next highest ranked NSW heat runner and the next highest ranked VIC heat runner, with preference in field selection going to horses from whichever STATE had the greatest number of heat runners in the relevant division. If the number of heat runners is identical, preference will be decided by random ballot to be conducted by the relevant State Controlling Body.

Example:

In the 2yo Fillies division of the NSW/VIC REGION Gold Bullion Series, the QLD Gold Bullion Series winner nominates for the final, whilst the WA Gold Bullion Series winner elects not to nominate. This means that there are nine starting positions left for the final, plus two emergency positions.

In Victoria, three 2yo Fillies heats were run, whilst in NSW, only two heats were run.

The nine horses that will join the QLD Gold Bullion Series winner in the final are as follows:

- (a) The four highest placed NSW horses go through to the final, being:
 - i. the two NSW heat winners; plus
 - ii. the two NSW second placegetters;
- (b) The four highest placed VIC horses go through to the final, being:
 - i. the three VIC heat winners; plus
 - ii. the fastest VIC second placegetter;
- (c) As Victoria had the greater number of heat runners in the above example, the fifth ranked Victorian horse gains preference over the fifth ranked NSW horse. Accordingly, the last remaining starting position in the final will go to the fifth highest ranked VIC horse, which in this case is the second fastest second placegetter from the VIC heats;
- (d) Any remaining positions will now alternate between NSW and VIC following on from the above. Because the VIC horse gained preference for the ninth spot in the final, the fifth highest ranked NSW horse will get the next spot (first emergency), which in this instance is the fastest third placegetter from the heats
- (e) The next spot (second emergency) will go to the sixth ranked VIC horse, which in the above example is the slowest second placegetter from the VIC heats.

9.0 QUALIFICATION FOR THE NSW/VIC REGION \$30,000 2YO GOLD BULLION CONSOLATIONS

- 9.1 NSW and VIC shall each host a pair of 2yo Gold Bullion Consolation Finals for horses that contested heats in either NSW or VIC but failed to qualify for the Finals.
- 9.2 Horses that qualify for the NSW/VIC 2yo Gold Bullion Finals may not elect to contest a Consolation in preference to the Final.
- 9.3 Preference in field selection for the Consolations in each State goes to the highest placed finishers in each of the NSW and VIC Gold Bullion Heats that failed to qualify for the Finals.
- 9.4 Horses may only contest a Consolation in the state where they contested their heat, unless:

- (a) They are not ranked highly enough to qualify for the consolation final in the state where they contested their heat; and
 - (b) There are still spaces available in the interstate Consolation after all heatrunners from the interstate heats have had their opportunity to nominate for the Consolation.
- 9.5 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. If the horses 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.
- 9.6 Trainers do not need to nominate for the consolation finals unless hoping to contest an interstate Consolation pursuant to 9.4 – the finals field will automatically be drawn by the relevant Controlling Body or Authority based on each horse’s finishing position in the heats.

10.0 DISTANCES OF HEATS AND FINALS

- 10.1 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.

11.0 RACE DATES

- 11.1 Race dates will be collectively agreed between APG and the respective States on a year-by-year basis as and when the States meet to discuss their annual feature race calendars.
- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 All race dates and venues are subject to change at the absolute discretion of Australian Pacing Gold in conjunction with state controlling bodies.

12.0 PACERS VENUES & PRIZEMONEY

12.1 VENUES for GOLD BULLION FINALS

AGE GROUP	NSW / VIC	QLD	WA
2yo Finals 2023	Menangle	Albion Park	Gloucester Park
3yo Finals 2024	Melton	Albion Park	Gloucester Park

12.2 GOLD BULLION SERIES PRIZEMONEY & VENDOR BONUSES

All 2yo and 3yo heats shall be run for \$10,000 in the relevant jurisdiction unless otherwise stated.

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

NSW/VIC 2YO FINALS			NSW/VIC 2YO CONSOLATIONS		NSW/VIC 3YO FINALS	
Place	Owner	Vendor*	Place	Owner	Place	Owner
1 st	\$200,000	\$10,000	1 st	\$17,250	1 st	\$75,000
2 nd	\$75,000	\$10,000	2 nd	\$4,500	2 nd	\$28,125
3 rd	\$40,000	\$10,000	3 rd	\$3,000	3 rd	\$15,000
4 th	\$20,000	\$10,000	4 th	\$1,500	4 th	\$7,500
5 th	\$15,000	\$10,000	5 th	\$750	5 th	\$5,625
6 th	\$10,000	\$10,000	6 th	\$600	6 th	\$3,750
7 th	\$10,000	\$10,000	7 th	\$600	7 th	\$3,750
8 th	\$10,000	\$10,000	8 th	\$600	8 th	\$3,750
9 th	\$10,000	\$10,000	9 th	\$600	9 th	\$3,750
10 th	\$10,000	\$10,000	10 th	\$600	10 th	\$3,750
Totals	\$400,000	\$100,000	Totals	\$30,000	Totals	\$150,000

* Vendor bonuses are only payable to the vendors of horses that were officially listed as “Sold” at the Neds APG Yearling Sales. Non-Sale entries and horses that were officially listed as “Passed In” are not eligible for vendor bonuses.

QLD & WA 2YO FINALS		QLD & WA 3YO FINALS	
Place	Owner	Place	Owner
1 st	\$30,000	1 st	\$30,000
2 nd	\$7,500	2 nd	\$7,500
3 rd	\$3,750	3 rd	\$3,750
4 th	\$2,250	4 th	\$2,250
5 th	\$1,500	5 th	\$1,500
6 th	\$1,000	6 th	\$1,000
7 th	\$1,000	7 th	\$1,000
8 th	\$1,000	8 th	\$1,000
9 th	\$1,000	9 th	\$1,000
10 th	\$1,000	10 th	\$1,000
Totals	\$50,000	Totals	\$50,000

12.3 \$250,000 BONUS PRIZEMONEY

An additional \$250,000 bonus prizemoney is available to the winner of either or both divisions of the \$500,000 Neds APG Gold Bullion Finals if the horse:

- is a graduate of the 2022 APG Sales; and
- wins its Neds APG Gold Bullion heat; and
- wins its division of the \$500,000 Neds APG 2yo Gold Bullion Final; and
- in the case of a colt or gelding, beats the OFFICIAL benchmark time of 1:51.3 (or, if a faster time was run in the heats, whatever that faster time may be); or
- in the case of a filly, beats the OFFICIAL benchmark time of 1:52.1 (or, if a faster time was run in the heats, whatever that faster time may be).

The \$250,000 bonus prizemoney shall be distributed in accordance with Harness Racing Australia’s prizemoney guidelines, meaning that the distribution will be in accordance with the National Handicapping Rules.

The 2 x \$250,000 bonus prizemoney amounts are only available to graduates that were presented for sale at the APG Yearling Sales (regardless of whether they were sold or passed-in). Non Sale entries are not eligible for the \$250,000 of bonus prizemoney.

13.0 TROTTERS RACE SERIES FEATURING \$125,000 MIXED SEX 2YO FINAL

13.1 The Neds APG Series 33 Race Series for 2yo Trotters is open to Australian born trotters:

- presented at the Neds APG 2022 Yearling Sales and in respect of which the sales day sustaining fee (of \$2,200) has been paid; or
- entered as Non-Sale entries (at a cost of \$3,850) for the Neds APG Series 33 Race Series

13.2 Trainers that wish to nominate for a Neds APG 2yo Trotting Heat must nominate with their relevant State racing authority in the same way that they would nominate for any normal race.

13.3 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 (e.g. NSW horses will need to have had at least one start prior to contesting a Neds APG Trotting Heat in NSW).

13.4 All horses that are nominated for a heat and which satisfy the eligibility requirements set out in Conditions 13.1 and 13.3 will be guaranteed a start.

- 13.5 The field size for all Neds APG Trotting races shall be limited to the lesser of (10) starters plus emergencies, or whatever maximum field size is permitted by the Controlling Board or Authority in the relevant State.
- 13.6 The number of Heats in each STATE (NSW & VIC) will be determined by the number of Acceptors, subject to the proviso that a minimum number of six (6) horses will be required to constitute a Heat. 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 in the other State. Horses that are normally trained and domiciled in the other 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.
- 13.7 If there are sufficient nominations for two or more heats in a particular STATE, the top eight seeds (or nine seeds if there are sufficient nominations for three heats) 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, subject to 13.9.
- 13.8 Barrier Draws for all races in the Series will be PBD/Sex.
- 13.9 Horses owned in the same interests or trained by the same Trainer will be separated, if possible.
- 13.10 Preference in field selection for the Final goes to the highest placed finishers from each STATE's Heats (i.e. all heat winners will get first selection, followed by all second place getters etc.).
- 13.11 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 STATE with the most heat runners. Next preference will go to the fastest horse in the STATE with the least heat runners. Next preference will go to the second fastest horse in the STATE with the most heat runners. Next preference will go to the second fastest horse in the STATE with the least heat runners, etc.
- 13.12 If the number of heat runners in each STATE is identical, a random ballot will be performed by the relevant Controlling Board or Authority to determine which STATE gets priority. If two horses in the same state record 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.

14.0 TROTTING VENUES & PRIZEMONEY

14.1 VENUES for TROTTING SERIES

AGE GROUP	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA
2yo Heats 2023	Menangle	Melton	N/A	N/A
2yo Final 2023	Menangle	N/A	N/A	N/A

14.2 TROTTING SERIES PRIZEMONEY

NEDS APG 2YO TROTTING FINALS

Place	Owner
1 st	\$71,875
2 nd	\$18,750
3 rd	\$12,500
4 th	\$6,250
5 th	\$3,125
6 th	\$2,500
7 th	\$2,500
8 th	\$2,500
9 th	\$2,500
10 th	\$2,500
Totals	\$125,000

15.0 GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 15.1 The Controlling Board or Authority of the State in which races of the Series are being conducted, shall preside over these Rules.
- 15.2 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.
- 15.3 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.
- 15.4 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.
- 15.5 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.

16.0 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 16.1 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 "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.

17.0 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Club	Name
HRV	Messrs P Watkinson
NSWHRC	Messrs R Marshall & B Ellis
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