



TERMS & CONDITIONS OF RACE SERIES IMPORTANT PLEASE READ

AUSTRALIAN PACING GOLD SERIES THIRTY-FOUR

Yearling Sales in 2023

OPEN TO ANY HORSE PRESENTED FOR SALE AT THE APG YEARLING SALES 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 HARNESS RACING AUSTRALIA'S FUTURITY RACE RULES.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Each series conducted as part of Australian Pacing Gold Thirty-Four Race Series shall be conducted as a series of heats and finals, open to horses foaled in Australia only and having the freeze brand of an Australian State of registration.

1.0 OVERVIEW & VENUES

1.1. Queensland and Western Australia shall each conduct their own "Sales Based" race series, exclusively restricted to graduates of the APG Gold Coast and APG Perth Sales respectively. The eligibility for those race series is set out below, while the terms & conditions of those race series are determined by the the relevant State body conducting the race series.

2.0 TIMING

- 2.1. The Two-Year Old sales-races shall be conducted in the 2024 Racing Season. WA traditionally conducts the finals of these events on the last weekend in February. Firm dates and venues will be advised by RWWA and Racing Queensland by 30th June 2023.
- 2.2. RWWA and Racing Queensland reserve the right to change the date and location of any or all races if, in their opinion, for any reason it becomes impractical or undesirable to hold any of the races at the designated track on the designated date.
- 2.3. APG's Directors reserve the right to vary the conditions of the Series should extraordinary circumstances occur, similar but not limited to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.
- 3.2. Fully sustained horses will only be eligible for the Series in the State in which they were presented for sale.
- 3.3. 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 \$3,300 (including GST) to be paid by the purchaser on the day of the sale. This payment will make a horse fully eligible. No further payments are necessary.

Option Two – Four Step Sustaining Schedule:

Purchasers may choose to keep their horse eligible for the 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.
- b) A Second Sustaining Payment of \$770 (including GST) due in June, 2023.
- c) A Third Sustaining Payment of \$770 (including GST) due in September, 2023.
- d) A Fourth Sustaining Payment of \$1,540 (including GST) due in December 2023.

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.

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 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 in consultation with State Controlling Bodies after 31st December 2023, all fees paid for fully sustained horses only shall be refunded, less administrative and promotional costs incurred

6.0 QUALIFICATION FOR FINALS via HEATS in Qld and WA

- 6.1. Qualification for the relevant State Finals shall be determined based solely upon the results of each State's heats.
- 6.2. Preference in field selection goes to the highest placed finishers in the Heats.
- 6.3. 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 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 Body.
- 6.4. Trainers must nominate for heats but do not need to nominate for the finals – the finals field will automatically be drawn by the relevant Controlling Body based on each horse's finishing position in the heats.

7.0 DISTANCES OF HEATS AND FINALS

- 7.1. Qld races for 2yo pacers shall be conducted over a distance of 1660 metres and in WA 1730 metres. If not practical, 2yo races shall be conducted over a distance as near as possible to 1609 metres, but not less than 1609 metres. WA races for 3yo pacers shall be conducted over a distance of 2130 metres, or as near as possible to 2130 metres.

8.0 RACE DATES

- 8.1. Race dates will be agreed between APG and each State's Controlling Body on a year-by-year basis as and when each State produces its annual meeting calendar.
- 8.2. Race dates will be published on APG's website as and when they become available and will be published by each State in the National Feature Race Calendar that is available for viewing on Harness Racing Australia's website.
- 8.3. All race dates and venues are subject to change at the absolute discretion of State Controlling Bodies after consultation with the APG Board of Directors.

9.0 PACERS PRIZEMONEY

9.1. QUEENSLAND SALES RACE SERIES

All heats shall be run for base stakes.

A Mixed-sex final for 2yo colts/geldings and fillies will be run for \$150,000 prizemoney.

9.2. WEST AUSTRALIAN SALES RACE SERIES

All heats shall be run for base stakes.

Finals for both the 2yo colts/geldings and fillies shall attract \$125,000 for each division and finals for both the 3yo colts/geldings and fillies shall attract \$100,000 for each division.

10.0 GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 10.1. The Controlling Body of the State in which races of the Series are being conducted shall preside over these Rules.
- 10.2. Every Club conducting such races shall comply with all directions of their State Controlling Body as to the conduct of or any matter relating to the Series.
- 10.3. The races conducted in a Series shall be run under the Rules of Harness Racing of the Controlling Body of the State in which such races are conducted.
- 10.4. 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.
- 10.5. 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.

11.0 POWERS of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 11.1. The Board of Directors of Australian Pacing Gold shall have the power to deal with any matter arising from these conditions in consultation with the relevant State Controlling Body 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 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 to be conducted;
- adjudicate on the eligibility of any horse to contest a Race in the Series;
- 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.

12.0 APG GOVERNANCE:

Role	Name
Chairman	Mr R Marshall
Deputy Chairman	Mr P Watkinson
Directors	Messrs P Ellis, W Ellis and T O'Reilly
Secretary	Mr C Bolenski