



TERMS & CONDITIONS OF RACE SERIES IMPORTANT PLEASE READ

AUSTRALIAN PACING GOLD SERIES THIRTY-FIVE

Yearlings Sold in 2024

OPEN TO ANY HORSE PRESENTED FOR SALE AT THE APG YEARLING SALES SUBJECT TO THE HORSE HAVING BEEN FOALD IN AUSTRALIA ONLY, 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-Five Race Series shall be conducted as a series of heats and finals, open to horses foaled in Australia only.

1. RACE SERIES OVERVIEW

- 1.1. **Western Australia** shall conduct its own "Sales Based" pacers race series, **exclusively restricted to fully-sustained graduates of the APG 2024 Perth Sale**. Finals for both 2yo colts/geldings and fillies will attract \$125,000 prizemoney for each division and finals for both the 3yo colts/geldings and fillies shall attract \$100,000 for each division.
- 1.2. **Queensland** shall conduct its own "Sales Based" pacers race series, **exclusively restricted to fully-sustained graduates of the APG 2024 Gold Coast Sale**. Finals for both 2yo colts/geldings and fillies will attract a **MINIMUM** of \$100,000 prizemoney for each division.
- 1.3. **Victoria shall conduct a race series open to all fully-sustained 2yo pacers**. Any yearling presented at **ANY** APG 2024 sale and fully sustained may contest the series in Victoria. Finals for both 2yo colts/geldings and fillies will attract \$150,000 prizemoney for each division.
- 1.4. **NSW shall conduct a race series open to all fully-sustained 2yo pacers**. Any yearling presented at **ANY** APG 2024 sale and fully sustained may contest the series in NSW. Finals for both 2yo colts/geldings and fillies will attract \$150,000 prizemoney for each division.
- 1.5. **Fully sustained 2yo's may compete in only ONE 2yo pacers series across Australia**.
- 1.6. **Victoria shall conduct single sex FINALS for 2yo trotters** attracting \$50,000 prizemoney for each division.

EXAMPLES:

- If I buy a yearling in Queensland or WA, can it compete in the NSW or Vic. Race Series? **YES**
- If I buy a yearling in WA, NSW or Vic, can it compete in the Queensland Race Series? **NO**
- If I buy a yearling in Queensland, can it compete in the Victorian Race Series and then enter the Qld Sales race? **NO – only one Series per 2yo**

2. TIMING

- 2.1. The Two-Year Old Series races shall be conducted in the 2025 Racing Season. WA traditionally conducts the finals of these events to co-incide with the APG yearling sales in Perth. Firm dates and venues will be advised by state regulatory bodies by 30th September 2024.
- 2.2. State regulators 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. ELIGIBILITY AND ACCEPTANCE

- 3.1. Only horses foaled in Australia and 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. Only fully sustained horses will be eligible for any Series.
- 3.3. A sale that is not deemed to be genuine by the APG Board may result in the yearling being ineligible for participation in the Race Series.
- 3.4. Eligibility for the PACERS SERIES 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:

- 3.4.1. A Sales Day Sustaining Payment of \$770 (inc GST) to be paid by the Purchaser on the day of the Sale.
- 3.4.2. A Second Sustaining Payment of \$770 (inc GST) due in June, 2024.
- 3.4.3. A Third Sustaining Payment of \$770 (inc GST) due in September, 2024.
- 3.4.4. A Fourth Sustaining Payment of \$1,540 (inc GST) due in December 2024.

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.

3.5. Eligibility for the TROTTERS SERIES shall be maintained upon either:

- 3.5.1. 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
- 3.5.2. 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
- 3.5.3. In addition, 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 \$2,750 (including GST)** on or before 31 December 2023, 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 2023. **No further payments are required to maintain eligibility**

4. 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. 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 2024, all fees paid for fully sustained horses only shall be refunded, less administrative and promotional costs incurred

6. QUALIFICATION FOR FINALS via HEATS

- 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. DISTANCES OF HEATS AND FINALS

- 7.1. Races for 2yo pacers and trotters shall be conducted over a distance of 1609 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. 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. SERIES DETAILS: A fully-sustained graduate of APG's 2024 Yearling sales may contest only ONE 2yo Series.

9.1. QUEENSLAND SALES RACE PACERS SERIES for 2yo

- 9.1.1. All heats will be run for base stakes.
- 9.1.2. Open to fully sustained graduates of APG's 2024 Queensland yearling sale.
- 9.1.3. Finals for 2yo colts/geldings & fillies will attract \$100,000 prizemoney for each division.

9.2. WEST AUSTRALIAN SALES RACE PACERS SERIES for 2yo and 3yo

- 9.2.1. All heats will be run for base stakes.
- 9.2.2. Open to fully sustained graduates of APG's 2024 Perth yearling sale.
- 9.2.3. Finals for both 2yo colts/geldings and fillies will attract \$125,000 prizemoney for each division and finals for both the 3yo colts/geldings and fillies shall attract \$100,000 for each division.

9.3. NSW GOLD BULLION PACERS RACE SERIES for 2yo

- 9.3.1. All heats will be run for base stakes.
- 9.3.2. Open to fully sustained graduates of ANY APG 2024 yearling sale.
- 9.3.3. Finals for 2yo colts/geldings and fillies will attract \$150,000 prizemoney for each division.

9.4. VICTORIAN GOLD BULLION PACERS RACE SERIES for 2yo

- 9.4.1. All heats will be run for base stakes.
- 9.4.2. Open to fully sustained graduates of ANY APG 2024 yearling sale.
- 9.4.3. Finals for 2yo colts/geldings and fillies will attract \$150,000 prizemoney for each division.

9.5. TROTTERS RACE SERIES for 2yo

- 9.5.1. All heats and preludes where required will be run for base stakes and may be mixed-sex depending on numbers. Nominations will close at the same time and on the same day in all jurisdictions.
- 9.5.2. Opportunities to qualify for the Finals will be available in the state where the trotter is trained.
- 9.5.3. If the total number of all nominations of one or both sexes for heats/preludes is ten or less, all nominations will automatically qualify for the respective Final. Heat/preludes will only be run if nominated runners need to be eliminated to determine Final fields.
- 9.5.4. The FINALS will be conducted in Victoria.
- 9.5.5. The FINALS for both 2yo colts/geldings and fillies will attract \$50,000 prizemoney for each division.

10. INJURED OR UNWELL ENTRIES

- 10.1. Only horses that are catalogued, presented for sale at an APG yearling sale and fully sustained will be eligible to contest an APG Pacers Race Series, subject to Clause 10.2.
- 10.2. A vendor, whose yearling is injured or unwell and unable to be presented for sale on the day, may make application to the APG Board to accept the yearling's inclusion in the Race Series. Any such application **must be made within seven days** from the date of the sale. The APG Board at its absolute discretion may accept or reject the application based on the evidence presented by the Vendor.
- 10.3. Any yearling accepted under Paragraph 10.2 will be subject to the Sustaining regime outlined in Section 3 above after payment of 10% Commission based on the MEDIAN SOLD price of a pacing colt or filly from the sale in which the yearling was catalogued.
- 10.4. There will be no provision for 'Non-Sale' entries for the PACERS series.

11. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 11.1. The Controlling Body of the State in which races of the Series are being conducted shall preside over these Rules.
- 11.2. 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.
- 11.3. 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.
- 11.4. 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.
- 11.5. Prizemoney for all APG events will be divided in accordance with the policy of the Controlling Body in which the races are conducted. No portion of prizemoney will be payable to the breeder.

12. FIELD SIZES

- 12.1. In the event that there are insufficient acceptors to conduct two or more heats in a series, the Controlling Body of the State in which races of the Series are being conducted may determine to conduct a single 'Prelude' with all runners advancing to the Final.
- 12.2. Only those horses nominated for the heats will be allowed to compete in the Finals even if only a single heat or 'prelude' is conducted.

13. POWERS of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

13.1. 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.

13.2. 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.

14. 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