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## AUSTRALIAN DRIVERS CHAMPIONSHIP REPRESENTATIVES

### 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 This policy was introduced as there was no formal policy concerning the selection of the NSW representatives at the Australian Drivers Championship.
- 1.2 The Australian Drivers Championship is conducted annually and each State is represented by two drivers.
- 1.3 In terms of NSW driver selection the precedent in recent years has been that the driver who won the NSW Drivers Premiership was selected as the first representative. The second representative was the driver of the opposite gender that finished highest on the NSW Drivers Premiership.
- 1.4 In November 2018 Clause 2.6 was introduced.

### 2. SELECTION CRITERIA

- 2.1 January-June: For any Championship held within the first six (6) months of the racing season the driver that won the NSW Drivers Premiership in the previous season will be selected as first representative. July-December: For any Championship to be held in the final six (6) months of the season, the driver placed highest on the Drivers Premiership at that time will be first representative.
- 2.2 January-June: For any Championship held within the first six (6) months of the racing season the driver of the opposite gender who finished highest on the NSW Drivers Premiership in the previous season will be selected as second representative. July-December: For any Championship to be held in the final six (6) months of the season, the driver of the opposite gender placed highest on the Drivers Premiership at that time will be second representative.
- 2.3 Any driver selected is subject to an assessment of their record as a participant by both the HRNSW Board and the Stewards Panel.
- 2.4 Should the HRNSW Board decide that any driver selected fails in an assessment of their record, they shall be replaced.
- 2.5 Should any driver selected be associated with an activity deemed to bring the sport into disrepute or found guilty of an offence prior to the commencement of the Australian Drivers Championship Series, they shall be replaced.
- 2.6 Any licensee that has been found guilty of an offence resulting in a disqualification will be ineligible to compete in any Drivers Invitation Series for a period of two (2) years from the time of the re-allocation of their drivers licence.

- 2.7 All assessments and decisions made by the HRNSW Board under Clauses 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 shall be final.