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Subject: Concession Driver Terms & Conditions

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Australian Handicapping Rules
Harness Racing Act 2009
HRCC Meeting - 13 May 2008
HRNSW Board Meeting – 7 July 2008
HRNSW Board Meeting – 19 November 2008
HRNSW Board Meeting – 21 January 2009
HRNSW Board Meeting – 29 September 2010
HRNSW Board Meeting – 31 July 2012
HRNSW Board Meeting – 28 January 2014
HRNSW Board Meeting – 9 October 2018
HRNSW Board Meeting – 27 November 2018
HRNSW Board Meeting – 25 July 2019
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CONCESSION DRIVER TERMS & CONDITIONS

BACKGROUND

- 1.1. This policy establishes the term of a drivers claim, what is a win, the threshold of wins allowed prior to losing the right to claim, the minimum front of the races where a claim can be used and the restrictions on races where a claim cannot be used.
- 1.2. Former changes to previous versions stemmed from a decision by the HRA Executive to standardise conditions that are applied in each state or territory that determine the term of the concessions driver's licence and what counts as a win.
- 1.3. Additional changes were made in 2012 to the minimum fronts (as a three month trial) and the term. With respect to the term Concession Drivers that did not win 50 races 5 years from attainment of an initial B Grade Drivers Licence or the driver reaches the age of 23, whichever is the latter, gained a term extension of two years or up to 50 wins, whichever occurs first.
- 1.4. In 2014 further changes were made to the minimum fronts to allow them to come in line with the Mares Drop Back Policy and other jurisdiction minimum fronts.
- 1.5. In October 2018, changes were made in relation to the definition of a 'Term'. In addition, the restrictions stating 'A race with prizemoney \geq \$30,000' will now include (with the exception of level racing) which is the current position taken with Menangle level racing. Furthermore, the Definitions 'Career (Standard) Race' will be updated from \$3500 to \$4500.

- 1.6. Following an internal review, changes were made in relation to the extension of the concession claim to be amended from 50 wins to 100 wins.
- 1.7. Following the implementation of the National Rating System, changes were made with regards to the length of a Term and the level system that concession drivers will now compete under.

POLICY

The Concession Driver terms and conditions are:

Term	Condition
Term	7 years from attainment of an initial B Grade Drivers Licence.
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What is a Win?	A win will count whether or not a concession has been claimed. (A dead-heat does not count as a win).
Wins	250 (for the Term)
Levels	0-100 career wins – 5 concession points available 101 – 250 career wins – 3 concession points available
Restrictions (Claim cannot be used)	2YO & 3YO races Special Handicap Conditions Discretionary Handicaps Claiming Races NSW Breeders Challenge Races Classic Events A race with prizemoney ≥ \$30,000 (with the exception of level racing) Races specified from time to time by HRNSW in conjunction with the conducting club
Extension	Upon application by the driver to the HRNSW Licensing Committee, one (1) extension of 12 months can be applied in circumstances where a female driver has been restricted from Driving due to pregnancy, pursuant to the Australian Harness Racing Rules, during the 7 year HRNSW concession term. An extension can be applied for each pregnancy that occurs for a driver within the 7 year concession term.

All conditions are subject to annual review.

DEFINITIONS

Out Driving Claim When a concession driver wins their final concession claim race at a meeting where they have further driving engagements, the driver will be permitted to claim the relevant concession/s for the remainder of such meeting and any other meeting on the same day only. This will



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also apply if the concession driver loses the ability to claim 5 concession points.