

INTER DOMINION PACING CHAMPIONSHIP TERMS & CONDITIONS 2025

CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF THE 2025 INTER DOMINION PACING CHAMPIONSHIP HOSTED BY RACING QUEENSLAND (RQ) AND THE ALBION PARK HARNESS RACING CLUB (APHRC).



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THE 2025 INTER DOMINION PACING CHAMPIONSHIP

1. THE SERIES

The Inter Dominion Pacing Championship “the Pacing Championship” will comprise two (2) rounds of Qualifying Heats (subject to Clause 24), a Grand Final and a Consolation.

2. DEFINITIONS

Host Controlling Body means Racing Queensland (RQ).

PM means prize money.

Rules of Harness Racing means the Rules of Harness Racing which apply in the jurisdiction of the Host Controlling Body.

3. CURRENCY

All values are expressed in the currency of the Host Controlling Body. (AU\$)

4. TIME OF DAY

All times and dates listed are expressed in the Host Controlling Body's times/days and all times refer to Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST).

5. MINIMUM PRIZE MONEY GUARANTEE / TRAVEL SUBSIDY

A minimum prize money guarantee of \$3,500 applies for all Queensland trained horses to participate in the ID25 Pacing Championship.

A minimum prize money guarantee of \$7,500 applies for all interstate or overseas trained horses that compete in the ID25 Pacing Championship.

The minimum prize money guarantee amount will be determined by the trainer's residential address at the close of nominations Wednesday April 30, 2025, unless otherwise approved by the Host Controlling Body.



The minimum prize money guarantee will be funded by contributions from Harness Racing Australia (HRA), Harness Racing New Zealand (HRNZ) and Racing Queensland (RQ).

Should a Queensland trained competitor earn less than \$3,500 throughout the series and an interstate or overseas competitor earn less than \$7,500 throughout the Pacing Championship series the difference will be paid solely to the Owner.

In calculating a horse's prize money won throughout the series the following will be considered, prize money won in each heat plus any money won on Grand Final night, July 19 (be that in the Final or any other race on the program). To be eligible for the minimum prize money guarantee the horse must compete in both rounds of Heats, or one Heat if scratched from the second on veterinary advice, unless otherwise approved by the Host Controlling Body.

Eligibility for the minimum prize money guarantee for interstate and overseas trained horses that travel by air freight to the event is subject to flying with event sponsor IRT. This requirement is only applicable where a suitable IRT flight is available from the point of origin.

6. INTEGRITY

The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) reserve the absolute right to undertake security, surveillance and swabbing of any horse engaged in the Pacing Championship.

7. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

The Host Controlling Body and the Inter Dominion Event Committee (IDEC) may by agreement amend the Pacing Championship terms and conditions.

8. AGREEMENT

By nominating for the Pacing Championship an Owner, Trainer or their Authorised Agent agrees to abide by the Rules of Harness Racing.

9. PACING CHAMPIONSHIP TIMETABLE

Nominations / Acceptance

Closing Type	Day	Date	Time
Nomination Close	Wednesday	30/04/2025	12:00PM AEST
First & Final Acceptance	Monday	30/06/2025	10:00AM AEST

Rankings

Rankings Released	Day	Date	Time
First Rankings	Wednesday	7/05/2025	4:00PM AEST
Second Rankings	Wednesday	14/05/2025	4:00PM AEST
Third Rankings	Wednesday	21/05/2025	4:00PM AEST
Fourth Rankings	Wednesday	28/05/2025	4:00PM AEST
Fifth Rankings	Wednesday	4/06/2025	4:00PM AEST
Sixth Rankings	Wednesday	11/06/2025	4:00PM AEST
Seventh Rankings	Wednesday	18/06/2025	4:00PM AEST
Final Rankings	Wednesday	25/06/2025	4:00PM AEST

Race Series

Race Type	Races held	Day	Date	Venue
First Round Qualifying Heat	3	Saturday	5/07/2025	Albion Park
Second Round Qualifying Heat	3	Saturday	12/07/2025	Albion Park
Grand Final	1	Saturday	19/07/2025	Albion Park
Consolation	1	Saturday	19/07/2025	Albion Park

10. ELIGIBILITY OF HORSES

- a) The Pacing Championship is restricted to registered Standardbred horses and will be conducted under the Rules of Harness Racing.
- b) Any horse which has been balloted out or otherwise omitted from the list of horses to compete in the Qualifying Heats shall not be eligible to compete in any Qualifying Heat, Grand Final or Consolation unless reinstated before the commencement of the first round of Qualifying Heats.
- c) Subject to clause 10 d), to be eligible to compete in the Grand Final of the Pacing Championship, horses shall start in a Qualifying Heat in each round of the Championship unless exemption is granted by the Host Controlling Body which shall decide upon each case according to its merits.
- d) The winner of the Group One Rising Sun on July 5, if four years of age, will progress straight through to the ID25 Grand Final on the condition that:
 - i) Acceptance by the connections of the horse to compete in the ID25 Grand Final must be received by Racing Queensland by Wednesday July 9 at 12pm including payment of all applicable fees set out in clause 12.
 - ii) The horse must start in the Kevin Thomas 4YO feature race on July 12 and is not subject to the conditions in point 10 c) above. Should the Kevin Thomas 4YO feature race not go ahead for any reason the horse must start in another race scheduled on the July 12 program.

11. NOMINATIONS

- a) Nominations shall close at the time listed in Clause 9, as determined by the Host Controlling Body.
- b) All Nominations must be submitted in accordance with Clause 14 by either the Owner, Trainer, or their Authorised Agent.
- c) All horses nominated for the Pacing Championship will be deemed eligible to compete in the Consolation, provided they were accepted for and competed in one or more of the Qualifying Heats.
- d) A horse that qualifies for the ID25 Grand Final in accordance with 10 d) does not have to be nominated by the April 30 deadline.

12. SCHEDULE OF FEES AND DEADLINES

Type	Amount (Ex GST)	Date	Time	Description
Nomination Fee*	\$150	30/04/2025	12:00PM AEST	Non-refundable**
Final Acceptance Fee	\$3,500	30/06/2025	12:00PM AEST	N/A if balloted

*Nomination fees applicable for ALL horses nominated for the series at 30/04/2025 close. **Nomination fees must be paid by 11/06/2025 or horse will be declared ineligible for the Series.

NOTE: Minimum prize money guarantee of \$3,500 (QLD trained horses) or \$7,500 (interstate & overseas trained horses) applies.

13. LATE NOMINATION FEE

Horses which are not nominated for the Pacing Championship by the time stated in Clause 9 per May 1, 2025, can be made eligible for the Series by paying a Late Nomination Fee of \$20,000 (plus GST). Any late nomination payments must be made prior to 12:00pm (AEST), June 20, 2025. The Late Nomination Fee is non-refundable and is inclusive of the Acceptance fees. Payment of this Fee does not guarantee the horse a start in the Qualifying Heats and the horse will be assessed in accordance with the Inter Dominion Ranking System.

14. WHERE TO LODGE NOMINATIONS, WITHDRAWALS AND SCRATCHINGS

All nominations and acceptances for the Pacing Championship must be submitted as per below and subject to Clause 13, must be received at the offices of the Host Controlling Body (Racing Queensland) by the due date, listed in Clause 9. Nominations, Withdrawals & Scratchings are to be submitted:

- Online via HarnessWeb, per code APM05072501
- E-mail: harnesshandicapping@racingqueensland.com.au
- Phone: 07 3869 9775 (and confirmed in writing)

15. RANKING SYSTEM

The Ranking system shall determine those horses which shall participate in the Qualifying Heats of the Pacing Championship. Horses shall be ranked in the following descending order:

- a) Winners of any Australian Grand Circuit race from July 1, 2024.
- b) Winners of open age Australian and New Zealand Group 1 races, excluding races restricted by class or sex, from July 1, 2024.

- c) Horses ranked in order of entry at the discretion of Racing Queensland Handicappers, in consultation with a member of the Albion Park Harness Racing Club (APHRC), based primarily on form in the last twelve months, including feature races.
- d) The ranking order of horses with no or limited exposed form in the last 12 months may be determined based on form in the last 10 starts.
- e) Rankings will be updated weekly as per table in Clause 9.

16. HORSES SCRATCHED AFTER FINAL ACCEPTANCES

It shall be a condition of Nomination that horses scratched from the Pacing Championship after Final Acceptances for the heats shall not be eligible to compete in any other race at any meeting for the period commencing the First Night of the Pacing Championship until completion of the Pacing Championship, unless permission is granted by the Host Controlling Body.

17. HORSES REMAIN ACCEPTORS UNLESS WITHDRAWN

- a) A horse nominated for the Pacing Championship is automatically an acceptor unless withdrawn prior to the first and final acceptance deadline of 10am Monday June 30, 2025.
- b) Connections of horses not withdrawn by the due dates, as listed in Clause 9, will be liable for any Acceptance Fees.

18. DECLARATION OF FINAL ACCEPTORS

- a) A list of final acceptors and emergencies shall be declared in line with Clause 9.
- b) The emergencies shall remain eligible to be declared starters (in the event of withdrawals) up until the close of acceptances for the First Qualifying Heats, as listed in Clause 9.
- c) Emergencies will remain in the race fields until 8:30am on the day of the First Round of Qualifying Heats, or other such time as determined and published by the Host Controlling Body.

19. RACE DISTANCES AND BARRIER DRAWS

Race Type	Day	Date	Distance	Barrier Type
First Round Qualifying Heat	Saturday	5/07/2025	2138m	RBD
Second Round Qualifying Heat	Saturday	12/07/2025	2680m	RBD
Grand Final	Saturday	19/07/2025	3157m	RBD
Consolation	Saturday	19/07/2025	2680m	RBD

- a) Emergencies declared for the First Round Qualifying Heats will be drawn barriers 13, 14 and 15 however will take the barrier position of the first scratched horse in accordance with 22 b).
- b) The Emergency for the Grand Final will be drawn randomly in accordance with the Random Barrier Draw (RBD) conditions.

20. MODE OF START

All races in the Pacing Championship shall be mobile barrier starts.

21. HANDICAPPING PENALTIES

Winners of Qualifying Heats, the Grand Final and the Consolation shall be penalised in accordance with the Handicapping Regulations of the Host Controlling Body of the Pacing Championship and the Australian Handicapping Rules.

22. FIELD SIZES

- a) The field for the Qualifying Heats of the Pacing Championship shall consist of a maximum (12 Starters) as set by the Host Controlling Body.
- b) Emergencies that are declared in the First Round of Qualifying Heats (only) will be allocated the outside barrier positions. Any emergency gaining a start will take the barrier position of the first scratched horse but retain its allocated saddlecloth number, unless the emergency is declared by the Stewards ODM, RODM, EOD.
- c) The field for the Grand Final shall be set by the Host Controlling Body and consist of either:
 - i) a maximum (13 Starters) with no emergency should the Rising Sun winner accept a start in accordance with 10 d).
 - ii) 12 starters plus one emergency should the winner of the Rising Sun not accept in accordance with 10 d).
- d) The field for the Grand Final shall consist of the 12 highest horses according to the Points System plus the winner of the Group One Rising Sun. If an emergency is required as per point 22 c) ii) the emergency will be the next highest ranked on the Pacing Championship point score.

- e) The field for the Consolation shall be conducted with a maximum (12 Starters) as set by the Host Controlling Body plus one (1) emergency, with the emergency in the Grand Final drawn as a starter in the Consolation (if nominated). A Consolation will only be conducted if three (3) or more Qualifying Heats are conducted in each qualifying round, and if there is a minimum of six (6) acceptors for the Consolation.
- f) Where there are no emergencies drawn in any event, the barrier positions shall be determined at acceptance time. In the event of scratching(s), horses will remain on the same row, though will move next to the horse drawn to its inside.
- g) Where emergencies are declared in an event, they will be allocated a barrier position in accordance with the regular practice of the Host Controlling Body subject to 22 (b).

23. FIELD SELECTION (HEATS)

- a) Round One Heats – The field selection and split will be in accordance with the following table which is based on the Final ID25 Rankings:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Heat One	1	4	7	10	13	16	19	22	25	28	31	34
Heat Two	2	5	8	11	14	17	20	23	26	29	32	35
Heat Three	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36

- b) Round Two Heats – The field selection and split will be completely random with each horse selected out of a barrel. This draw will be live broadcast with a public barrier draw to follow.
- c) The splits for both Round One and Round Two Heats will be in accordance with the process outlined above in 23 a) and 23 b) therefore Owner, Trainer or Driver splits will not apply, and the compilation of each Heat field will be as per the table above for Round One and completely up to chance in Round Two.

24. MODIFICATION OF THE FIELD SIZE AND NUMBER OF QUALIFYING HEATS

- a) At the close of acceptances on the day the First Round of Qualifying Heats are drawn the Host Controlling Body will declare final acceptors and emergencies.
- b) There will be three (3) Heats held on July 5 and three (3) Heats on July 12, each with a maximum field size of 12 starters.
- c) The Grand Final will be in accordance with 22 c).
- d) The Consolation shall consist of a maximum 12 starters.

25. POINTS SYSTEM

- a) Horses qualify for the Pacing Championship Final or Consolation by way of the total points accrued based on their finishing position in each Heat and Bonus points earned from each Heat (if applicable).
- b) Points shall be awarded to each horse starting and finishing a Qualifying Heat in accordance with the table below.

Points Table

Position	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
12 starters	16	13	11	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

- c) Additional Bonus points will be available and awarded to a horse, or horses as follows:

- Two (2) Bonus points for the horse that records the fastest individual last half.
- One (1) Bonus point for the horse that records the fastest individual last quarter.
- One (1) Bonus point for the horse that records the fastest individual last mile.

A total of four (4) Bonus points will be available in each Heat.

Triple S Data will provide the full list of individual times required to determine horses that will achieve Bonus points.

Should two or more horses record identical individual times the horse that finishes in the highest placing will receive the Bonus points.

Should a dead heat occur, and both dead heaters record the identical fastest individual times each horse will receive half Bonus points.

In the event a Triple S Data timing failure occurs in any race meaning the individual sectional times are not available for each runner, no Bonus points will be awarded for any of the Heats during that round.

Allocation of the bonus points may be reviewed by the Host Controlling Body, in consultation with Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards, if it becomes apparent a horse has gained an unfair advantage whilst not in its correct gait or through any other circumstances.

- d) In the event of a scratching or a horse not completing the course, points will be allocated as before with the winner and other horses finishing the race entitled to receive their maximum number of points as if a full field had competed and finished in that race.
- e) In the event of a horse being disqualified or failing to finish a Qualifying Heat it shall not receive any points, but will remain eligible for the remaining Qualifying Heat/s.
- f) In the event that a horse is declared a non-runner by the Stewards, such horse shall receive points relative to its original finishing position. All remaining runners shall receive points relative to their adjusted finishing position, which may result in a higher total number of points allocated for such heat.
- g) Should a single heat be abandoned and unable to be re-run each horse shall receive 6 points.
- h) In the event of a dead-heat, all points of the horses dead-heating shall be added together and equally divided.

26. STAND DOWNS

Any horse that is stood down from racing for breaking gait, wayward behaviour or performing poorly in a heat of the Pacing Championship may be granted the permission to trial to re-qualify for a Qualifying Heat, Final or Consolation upon approval by the QRIC Chairman of Stewards.

27. GRAND FINAL & CONSOLATION SELECTION

- a) The horses with the highest number of points scored throughout the Qualifying Heats shall gain a start in the Pacing Championship Grand Final. (Includes points relative to finishing position and any bonus points achieved).
- b) In the event of two or more horses each scoring equally on the minimum number of points entitling them to be eligible for the Pacing Championship Grand Final and thereby producing a field exceeding the number designated by the Host Controlling Body, then the Host Controlling Body shall determine, by the following criteria, the horse(s) to start in the Pacing Championship Grand Final.
 - (i) Best finishing position throughout series.
 - (ii) if still tied, second best finishing position throughout series.
 - (iii) if still tied, Final Inter Dominion Ranking.
- c) The winner of the Rising Sun on Saturday July 5, if a four-year-old, will be granted automatic entry into the ID25 Grand Final providing:
 - The horse accepts for the series by 12pm Wednesday July 9.
 - The relevant fees are paid
 - The horse contests the 2025 Kevin Thomas 4YO Feature race on Saturday July 12.
- d) Fresh Nominations will be called for the Pacing Championship Consolation with preference in field selection given to horses who contested the most rounds of heats selected from highest to lowest by points scored in Qualifying Heats. In the event of two or more horses each scoring equally on the minimum number of points then the set criteria determined by the Host Controlling Body in 27 b) shall apply.

28. STAKEMONEY DISTRIBUTION

Race Type	Total Stakes	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th to last
Grand Final	\$1,000,000	\$540,000	\$155,000	\$100,000	\$60,000	\$40,000	\$15,000
Consolation	\$50,000	\$27,000	\$7,750	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$750
Heats	\$40,000	\$20,000	\$4,800	\$3,200	\$2,000	\$1,600	\$1,200

NB: A Final Acceptance fee of \$3,500 (Plus GST) will apply for the Pacing Championship and will be invoiced to the connections of each horse upon completion of the First Round of Heats.

There are no additional Acceptance fees for horses that make the Grand Final or Consolation.

Standard prize money distribution applies throughout the series, that is:

All prize money \$400 or more distributed 85% owner, 10% trainer and 5% driver.

A 1% deduction for Equine Welfare will be applied to all prize money from the Heats and Consolation races prior to distribution.

A 5% deduction for Equine Welfare will be applied to all prize money from the Grand Final prior to distribution.