

NSW Country Highway Races

Terms and Conditions

(as amended 3 December, 2017)

ELIGIBILITY

To contest NSW Country Highway races, horses must legitimately be under the care of a NSW country trainer.

The trainer must be licensed and operate from one of the eight designated country racing regions in NSW.

For the avoidance of doubt, horses trained in country regions outside of NSW in accordance with the definition of country area in the Racing NSW Local Rules of Racing, are not eligible to compete.

COUNTRY TRAINER

Horses being nominated for a Highway Race must legitimately be under the care of a NSW country trainer.

Horses trained by a trainer that is the holder of a metropolitan, provincial or ACT licence are not eligible to compete.

To be eligible to nominate horses, trainers must be licensed as a country trainer with Racing NSW and legitimately operate from a country racecourse or other approved country location as at midnight on Monday 31 August 2015. Further, trainers who are holders of a metropolitan, provincial or ACT licence or operate from a metropolitan, provincial track or Canberra racecourse are ineligible to nominate horses for Highway races.

Trainers relocating to a country racecourse from a metropolitan, provincial or ACT track or relicensing as a country trainer from a metropolitan, provincial or ACT licence after 1 September 2015, will not be recognised as a country trainer until they have been at that location for a minimum of six months.

COUNTRY HORSES

Horses under the care of a country trainer as at midnight on Monday 31 August 2015 are eligible to be nominated for Highway races.

Unraced horses that have their initial stable return lodged under the name of a country trainer and after 31 August 2015, will be eligible.

Otherwise, eligibility will be determined by the conditions outlined below, under Horses Transferring to a Country Trainer.

Horses Transferring to a Country Trainer

In order to be eligible to be nominated for a Highway race, horses transferred to a country stable from a Metropolitan, Provincial, ACT, Interstate or International trainer following a legitimate and full change of ownership must either:

- have contested a minimum of three (3) races for that NSW Country Trainer; or
- be under the care of the NSW Country Trainer for a period of at least 270 days.

Otherwise, where a horse is transferred to a country stable from a Metropolitan, Provincial, ACT, Interstate or International trainer other than by way of a legitimate change of ownership must either:

- contest a minimum of three (3) races for that NSW Country Trainer; or
- be under the care of the NSW Country Trainer and for a period of at least 360 days.

Horses transferred to a country trainer and contesting Highway races, must remain in the care of a country domiciled trainer for the next five race starts following their final Highway race.

Horses that have always been trained by a qualified NSW Country trainer are not subject to the minimum start clause.

Country Trainer Location

Horses remain eligible for Highway races if continuously under the care of a trainer that is domiciled at a country track or training location deemed eligible for Highway races. This includes instances where a trainer relocates between country tracks or training locations.

Conditions May be Changed at Any Time

The conditions of Highway Races may be changed at the discretion of Racing NSW at any time.

Racing NSW the Sole Judge of Eligibility

Racing NSW is the sole judge as to the eligibility of horses in Highway races and can reject or accept a nomination at its absolute discretion.

Weight Conditions (if a Set Weight race)

Some Highway races will be run as Class 3 Plates under Set Weight conditions and will be run under the following weight scale:

- 59.0kg Class 3
- 57.5kg Class 2
- 56.0kg Class 1 & Maiden

Fillies and mares will receive an allowance of 2kg from the above scale. 3yos will receive an allowance in accordance with the time of the year, provided that no horse will be allotted less than 53kgs

The 3yo allowance scale is:

- Aug-Oct is -2.5kgs
- Nov-Jan is -1.5kgs
- Feb-Apr is -0.5kgs
- May-Jul is 0kgs

3yo Allowance in Highway Handicaps

3yos will receive an allowance in accordance with the time of the year, provided that no horse will be allotted less than 53kgs

The 3yo allowance scale is:

- August-October is -2.5kgs
- November-January is -1.5kgs
- February-April is -0.5kgs
- May-July is 0kgs

Ballot Conditions

In the event of a ballot being required for a Highway race, the order shall be as follows:

1. First eliminated shall be the lowest benchmarked runner(s) in ascending order;
2. If benchmarks are equal, then by lot.
3. No ballot exemptions into or from Highway races are applicable unless specified in race conditions.

Apprentice Claims – Apprentices can claim.

Alteration of Conditions

Racing NSW may at its absolute discretion alter any conditions or other elements of NSW Country Highway races at any time.