



Four Pillars Race

**30th October 2021
(At Rosehill Gardens Racecourse)**

1. Race Conditions

Distance	1500m
Age	For three years and up
Weight Scale	Benchmark 68 Handicap, apprentices can claim
Field Limit	18 Starters plus emergencies

2. Prizemoney

Of \$700,000. First Horse \$350,000 and Trophies; Second Horse \$140,000; Third Horse \$70,000 Fourth Horse \$34,000 Fifth Horse \$16,000 Sixth Horse \$10,000 Seventh Horse \$8,000; Eighth Horse \$8,000; Ninth Horse \$7,000; Tenth Horse \$7,000; Eleventh to Eighteen placed Horses \$4,500 each.
Equine Welfare Fund Contribution \$7,000; Jockey Welfare Fund Contribution \$7,000.

3. Eligibility

Open to horses with eligible to compete in Midway races. The conditions of Midway races also broadly apply to the race.

Horse to Remain with the Same or an Eligible Trainer

Horses that contest the Four Pillars race are to remain with the trainer under which the horse contested the race(s), or another eligible trainer, for twelve months after the race.

The owners of the horse may transfer the horse between eligible stables within the 12-month period.

This rule is not breached if the trainer under which the horse contested the race(s) becomes ineligible for Midway races in a subsequent season following an annual recalculation against the Midway Scale.

This rule also does not apply to the retirement from racing of a horse.

Racing NSW reserves the right to recover prizemoney paid to winning owners where horses are transferred away from eligible trainers within 12 months after contesting Midway races.

Racing NSW may at its absolute discretion provide permission for a horse to transfer to a non-eligible stable within the twelve-month period following the race, on application to Racing NSW.

Minimum of One NSW Race Start

Horses must have had at least one NSW race start for an *eligible trainer* to be eligible for the Four Pillars.

Racing NSW Right to Amend Conditions

Racing NSW reserves the express right to alter or amend any conditions of the Four Pillars. The right to alter the conditions of the race is at the absolute discretion of Racing NSW.

Racing NSW the Sole Judge of Eligibility

Racing NSW will be the sole judge to determine eligibility to compete in The Four Pillars.

4. NOMINATION AND ACCEPTANCE

Nominations

Nominations of Midway eligible horses for the Four Pillars will close at 11am Friday 24 September 2021. Horses must be nominated at this time to be selected by Slot Holders for the Four Pillars race.

Acceptances/ Final Declarations

Final Declarations are made by the Slot Holders or their nominated representatives, based on an acknowledged agreement between parties as appropriate.

FINAL DECLARATIONS – Close by 9am on Wednesday, 27th October 2021.

5. APPRENTICE JOCKEY ALLOWANCES

Apprentice jockeys may claim their weight allowance.

6. HANDICAP WEIGHT

The Four Pillars will be weighted based on the Metropolitan/Provincial benchmark of horses as at the closing of nominations for the race, except that the horses *may* be liable for a weight of up to 1.5kg higher than that implied by the benchmark at the close of nominations. An additional weight up to 1.5kg may allotted, if a horse's benchmark increases by a minimum of three points

between the close of race nominations, up until 11am on Monday 25 October 2021.

The allocation of any additional weight is at the discretion of Racing NSW Handicapping panel.

7. DECLARATION OF EMERGENCIES AND SCRATCHINGS

Up to four emergency runners may be declared for the Four Pillars. The selection of emergencies will be by Racing NSW taking account of, but not solely on the benchmark of eligible horses.

Emergencies will be listed in benchmark order.

If Slot Licensee's horse is scratched before 7.30am on the day of The Four Pillars:

- with a certified veterinary certificate approved by Racing NSW and confirmed by Racing NSW's industry veterinarian, as determined by Racing NSW in its absolute discretion, then the Slot Holder will be permitted to select one of the available emergency horses to run in The Four Pillars on the terms and conditions set out in *Schedule A – Terms and conditions in respect of Scratchings and Substitution of Emergency Horse(s)*. If there is no emergency horse available, the Slot Licensee will receive last place prizemoney;
- without a veterinary certificate approved by Racing NSW and confirmed by Racing NSW's industry veterinarian, as determined by Racing NSW in its absolute discretion, then the Slot Holder will not be entitled to a runner in the Four Pillars and the Slot Holder will forfeit the right to any prizemoney.

If Slot Holder's horse is scratched after 7.30am on the day of the Four Pillars:

- with a certified veterinary certificate approved by Racing NSW and confirmed by Racing NSW's industry veterinarian or as ordered by the Racing NSW stewards, or otherwise as determined by Racing NSW in its absolute discretion, then the Slot Holder will not be entitled to a runner in The Four Pillars and will receive last place prizemoney;
- without a veterinary certificate approved by Racing NSW and confirmed by Racing NSW's industry veterinarian, or as ordered by the Racing NSW stewards, or otherwise as determined by Racing NSW in its absolute discretion, then the Slot Holder will not be entitled to a runner in The Four Pillars and the Slot Holder will forfeit the right to any prizemoney.

If Racing NSW receives a Racing NSW veterinary report after Final Declarations time and before 7.30am on the day of The Four Pillars that a particular horse is not, or cannot reasonably be expected to be, fit to compete in The Four Pillars then Racing NSW under the Rules of Racing may scratch the horse and the provisions above will then apply as if the horse was scratched with a certified veterinary certificate approved by Racing NSW.

Where an emergency runner obtains a run in The Four Pillars, prizemoney will be determined in accordance with *Schedule A – Terms and conditions in respect of Scratchings and Substitution of Emergency Horse(s)*.

8. SLOT HOLDINGS AND DIVISION OF PRIZEMONEY

- 8.1 The draw for the eighteen (18) prize winners (Slot Holders) of the Four Pillars be a second chance draw of the Kosciuszko Sweepstakes on Thursday 9 September 2021.
- 8.2 Arrangements for the division of prizemoney between Slot Holders and the owner(s) of horses for the Four Pillars must provide that the Slot Holders receive a minimum of 40% of the prizemoney, with a maximum of 60% being payable to the owner(s).

9. GENERAL MATTERS

- 9.1 The Four Pillars will be conducted under the Rules of Racing, being the Australian Rules of Racing and Racing NSW's Local Rules of Racing, a copy of which is available from Racing NSW's website.
- 9.2 Racing NSW may at its absolute discretion reject the declaration by a Slot Holder of a horse that is not regarded as being of sufficient standing or quality to contest The Four Pillars and horses with a NSW Metropolitan/Provincial Benchmark of below 52 are ineligible.
- 9.3 The Four Pillars is scheduled to be run on Saturday 30 October 2021 at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. However, Racing NSW may, in its absolute discretion, run the Four Pillars at any Sydney metropolitan racecourse at another time, including if there is a force majeure event.
- 9.4 Racing NSW may refuse the nomination and/or acceptance of any horse in the Four Pillars for any reason permissible under the Rules of Racing. Further, in the event that the nomination and/or acceptance of a horse in The Four Pillars is refused, or the horse is scratched or disqualified under the Rules of Racing, then the Rules of Racing apply in respect of any prizemoney.
- 9.5 Nominations for the Four Pillars shall only be received on condition that the Australian Rules of Racing and Racing NSW's Local Rules of Racing now or hereafter in force shall be binding in all respects and subject to any other conditions imposed by Racing NSW.

Racing NSW reserves the right to cancel the race, at its absolute discretion.

Schedule A – Terms and conditions in respect of Scratchings and Substitution of Emergency Horse(s)

In the event that an emergency horse is selected to run in the Four Pillars in place of a horse scratched pursuant to these race conditions, then the following terms and conditions are agreed between the Slot Holder and the owner(s) of the emergency horse:

1. The owner(s) and trainer of the emergency horse retain all rights and responsibilities under the Rules of Racing.
2. The emergency horse is to run from the scratched horse's barrier.
3. The prizemoney is to be paid as follows (including Local Rule 72 allocations):

Finishing position	Total per Finish Positions	Emergency horse substituted				
		Slot Holder	Emergency Horse Owner(s)	Trainer	Jockey	Stablehand
1st	\$350,000	\$146,125	\$146,125	\$35,000	\$17,500	\$5,250
2nd	\$140,000	\$58,450	\$58,450	\$14,000	\$7,000	\$2,100
3rd	\$70,000	\$29,225	\$29,225	\$7,000	\$3,500	\$1,050
4th	\$34,000	\$14,195	\$14,195	\$3,400	\$1,700	\$510
5th	\$16,000	\$6,680	\$6,680	\$1,600	\$800	\$240
6th	\$10,000	\$4,175	\$4,175	\$1,000	\$500	\$150
7th-8th	\$8,000	\$3,340	\$3,340	\$800	\$400	\$120
9th-10th	\$7,000	\$2,923	\$2,923	\$700	\$350	\$105
11th-18th	\$4,500	\$1,879	\$1,879	\$450	\$225	\$68
Equine Welfare Fund	\$7,000					
Jockeys Welfare Fund	\$7,000					

Figures are rounded to the nearest dollar.

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