Midway Races

July 2025 to June 2026 inclusive

About Midway Races

The objective of Midway races is to build the competitiveness of small to mid-sized stables and further develop the field sizes and quality for metropolitan racing.

The races are designed as pathways from NSW Provincial and Midweek metropolitan racing to Saturday metropolitan racing. The races are also designed to retain sound and capable metropolitan class horses racing from metropolitan and provincial stables.

Specific conditions apply to the eligibility of horses for Midway races, particularly applying to their trainer.

Eligibility

Trainer

a. Must only be a NSW metropolitan and/or provincial trainer; and

b. Must be deemed eligible based on trainer's overall results under the Midway Scale for the applicable prior twelve-month period.

Horse

Horses are eligible to contest Midway races if the horse has been under the continuous care of an eligible trainer since 24 February 2021, or for a period of at least twelve months.

Further, where a horse has transferred to an eligible trainer from a trainer ineligible for Midway races after 24 February 2021, either:

- have been under the continuous care of an eligible trainer for a period of at least twelve months (as demonstrated by a stable return); or
- had a minimum of three NSW metropolitan or provincial race starts for the new trainer.

Horses that have had a substantial change of ownership and transferred to an eligible trainer from an ineligible trainer, are eligible provided that:

- have been under the continuous care of an eligible trainer for a period of at least four months (as demonstrated by a stable return); **and**
- had a minimum of one NSW metropolitan or provincial race start for the new trainer

A substantial change of ownership is defined as a minimum of the 90% ownership interest. Transfers between relatives are not regarded as a change of ownership for the purpose of assessing eligibility of a horse for Midway races.

Racing NSW may make a ruling on the eligibility of a horse that undergoes a change of ownership, at its discretion.

Midway Scale

In assessing the eligibility or otherwise for Midway races of metropolitan and provincial trainers, the results of trainers are measured against the Midway Scale over the twelve-month period.

Trainers that record a figure less than 100 on the Midway Scale will be eligible for Midway races over the subsequent twelve-month period. Those stables recording a figure greater than 100 being ineligible for Midways races.

For Midway races from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026, the twelve-month assessment period is 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 inclusive.

For each trainer (or partnership), points are scored against the Midway Scale for race wins as follows:

Basic Scale

3 Points	Metropolitan Saturday/Any interstate wins
2 Points	Metropolitan Midweek/NSW Provincial Wins
1 Point	NSW Country Wins

Group and Listed/Feature Race Scale

Additional points are accumulated for group, listed or feature race wins as follows:

10 Points	Group 1 Wins, plus The Everest, Golden Eagle, other races carrying prizemoney of more than $1 million
8 Points	Group 2 Wins, plus Bondi Stakes, Golden Gift, The Hunter, The Gong, Winners Stakes, other races carrying prizemoney of $1 million
6 Points	Group 3/Listed Race Wins, plus Silver Eagle, St Leger, Rosehill Gold Cup, other races carrying prizemoney of greater than $200,000 & less than $1 million

Points for group and listed or feature race wins are cumulative with the basic scale.

NSW Metropolitan Starters Discount

Points are discounted against or subtracted from those accumulated on the Midway Scale for at the rate of one point for each four NSW metropolitan race starters or 0.25 points per NSW metropolitan starters.

- **Worked Examples**

Trainer A has a stable in Sydney and also a satellite stable operating in Melbourne.

Over the season (insert detail) the trainer's results are as follows:

15 Sydney Saturday wins (3 points each)
32 Metropolitan Midweek/NSW Provincial (2 points each)
3 NSW Country Wins (1 point each)
12 Victorian wins (3 points each)
2 Queensland wins (3 points each)

Of the above wins, the trainer had Group and Listed wins as follows:

1 Group One race
2 Group 3 races

NSW Metropolitan Starters

240 NSW Metropolitan starters

Trainer A's calculated results against the Midway Scale are as follows:

Wins	Point	Score	Basic Scale
15	3	45	Sydney Saturday wins (3 points each)
32	2	64	Metropolitan Midweek/NSW Provincial (2 points each)
3	1	3	NSW Country Wins (1 point each)
12	3	36	Victorian wins (3 points each)
2	3	6	Queensland wins (3 points each)
			Group & Listed/Feature Scale
1	10	10	Group One race
2	6	12	Group 3 races

Starters	Points	Disc.	Metropolitan Starters Disc.
240	0.25	-60	240 NSW metropolitan starts (discount)

	116	**Total Score on Midway Scale - Ineligible**

With 116 points against the Midway Scale, Trainer A is Ineligible.

Trainer B operates their stable from NSW Provincial racecourse

Over the season (insert detail) the trainer's results are as follows:

2 Sydney Saturday wins (3 points each)
23 Metropolitan Midweek/NSW Provincial (2 points each)
20 NSW Country Wins (1 point each)
3 Queensland wins (3 points each)

Total Points – Basic Scale

Of the above wins, the trainer had Group and Listed wins as follows:

1 Listed race

NSW Metropolitan Starters

32 NSW Metropolitan starters

Trainer B's calculated results against the Midway Scale are as follows:

Wins	Points	Score	Basic Scale
2	3	6	Sydney Saturday wins (3 points each)
23	2	46	Metropolitan Midweek/NSW Provincial (2 points each)
20	1	20	NSW Country Wins (1 point each)
0	3	0	Victorian wins (3 points each)
3	3	9	Queensland wins (3 points each)
			Group & Listed/Feature Scale
1	6	6	Listed Race

Starters	Points	Disc.	Metropolitan Starters Disc.
32	0.25	-8	24 NSW metropolitan starts (discount)
		79	**Total Score on Midway Scale - Eligible**

With 79 points against the Midway Scale, Trainer B is Eligible.

Annual Recalculation of Midway Scale

The eligibility of stables for Midway races may change from one year to the next.

The assessment of eligibility for Midways races is undertaken and recalculated annually, the result applying to the next twelve-month period.

For the period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027, eligibility will be assessed on results from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

Horse to Remain with the Same or an Eligible Trainer

Horses that contest Midway races 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.

Trainers Relocating to the Metropolitan or Provincial Area

In the event of a trainer relocating to operate from a metropolitan or provincial racecourse, horses that have been under the trainer's care will become eligible for Midway races at the earlier of:

- Three NSW metropolitan or provincial race starts when trained from the new locations; or
- Sixty days after relocation.

Alteration of Conditions

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