Australian Turf Club

SYDNEY STAKES
Group 2

17th October 2026
(At Royal Randwick Racecourse)

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1. RACE CONDITIONS

1200 Metres

For Three-Year-Olds and Upwards

Weight for Age (No allowances for apprentices)

Entries: Close by 11am Monday 12th October 2026

Final Declaration: Close by 9am Tuesday 13th October 2026

2. PRIZEMONEY

Of $2 million and Trophies. First Horse $1,155,000 and Trophies; Second Horse $380,000; Third Horse $190,000 Fourth Horse $88,000 Fifth Horse $42,000 Sixth Horse $20,000 Seventh Horse $20,000; Eighth Horse $20,000; Ninth Horse $15,000; Tenth Horse $15,000. Equine Welfare Fund Contribution $15,000, Jockey Welfare Fund Contribution, $10,000.

3. WEIGHT SCALE

AGE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE (NH)*	FEMALE (NH)
5yo and older (NH late 4yo and Older)	58.5	56.5	58.5	56.5
4yo (NH late 3yo)	58.5	56.5	58.0	56.0
3yo (NH late 2yo)	53.0	51.0	51.0	49.0

* NH or Northern Hemisphere refers to horses sired north of the equator, and foaled between the 1st of January and the 31st of July.

4. NOMINATION AND ACCEPTANCE

Nominations close at 11am Monday 12 October 2026, nomination free.

Acceptances must be declared by 9am on Tuesday 13 October 2026, acceptance free.

5. THE EVEREST

Up to six horses accepting for the Sydney Stakes may be declared as emergency runners for The Everest to be held on Saturday 17 October 2026.

The horses to be declared as emergencies for The Everest will be chosen by the Everest Committee (Racing NSW and the Australian Turf Club).

In the event that a horse accepting for the Sydney Stakes gains a start in The Everest as a result of a horse scratching from that race, the horse must be scratched from the Sydney Stakes and contest The Everest.

The declaration of emergencies for The Everest will be a listing only and not an order of entry in the event of a scratching in The Everest. The selection of the listed emergency that replaces any horse that has been scratched from The Everest will be made by the relevant slot licensee from the list of remaining available emergencies selected by The Everest Committee.

In accordance with the conditions of The Everest, the owners' share of prizemoney in that race for emergency runners gaining a start, will be divided 50:50 between the slot licensee and owner for amounts above total prizemoney of $450,000 for each placing. For emergencies running in The Everest and placing sixth, the prizemoney payable to the owners will be $50,000, for horses finishing 7th to 12th inclusive, prizemoney payable to the owners is $40,000, in addition to any payments to the trainer, rider and stablehand.

Refer also to the conditions for The Everest.

6. SCRATCHING – IMPORTANT SPECIAL CONDITION

Strict conditions apply to the scratching of horses from this race.

Horse accepting for the race may only scratch from the race under the following circumstances:

- to contest The Everest, if selected from the list of emergencies declared in that race;
- 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, in the event;
- otherwise as approved by the Racing NSW stewards.

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