



## The Big Dance Race

1<sup>st</sup> November 2022  
(At Royal Randwick Racecourse)

### 1. Race Conditions

Distance	1600m
Age	Three years and up
Weight Scale	Quality Hcp, maximum weight 62kg
Field Limit	20 Starters plus 4 emergencies

### 2. Prizemoney

Of \$2,000,000 and Trophies. First Horse \$1,050,000 and Trophies; Second Horse \$400,000; Third Horse \$200,000 Fourth Horse \$100,000 Fifth Horse \$50,000 Sixth Horse \$40,000 Seventh Horse \$30,000; Eighth Horse \$30,000; Ninth Horse \$30,000; Tenth Horse \$30,000; \$20,000 Equine Welfare Fund Contribution, \$20,000 Jockey Welfare Fund Contribution.

### 3. Eligibility

The official winners and second placed horses of qualifying races.

Horses may contest multiple qualifying races and are not restricted from contesting these races by virtue of winning an earlier qualifying race.

At its absolute discretion, Racing NSW may eliminate, add or substitute qualifying races or conditions.

### 4. Big Dance Wild Card

The Big Dance Wild Card race will be run over 1600m at Royal Randwick on Saturday 15 October 2022 as an Open Handicap.

The Big Dance Wild Card race will be open to any horse that has contested one of the qualifying races, without winning a qualifying race.

The first and second placed horses from the race will qualify for the Big Dance.

## **5. Order of Entry and Ballot Conditions**

The first and second placed horses from the Big Dance Wild Card will be exempt from ballot.

Should it become necessary to reduce the number of acceptors to determine the final field and emergencies, the excess horses shall be eliminated:

- commencing with the second placed horses from the qualifying races that have not otherwise won another of the qualifying races; then
- the lowest NSW Benchmark Handicap Rating at final acceptances shall be the first eliminated, this procedure will continue until the field limit is reached;
- if benchmarks are equal, the place in the field will be selected by the Racing NSW Handicapping Panel.

## **6. Nomination and Acceptance**

### Nominations

Horses will automatically be nominated based on the results of qualifying races.

### Acceptances

Acceptances – Close by 9am on Friday, 28th October 2022.

## **7. Weight Allowances**

### True Weight Allowance

A true weight allowance may be claimed down to 52kg.

### Apprentice Jockey Allowances

Apprentice jockeys cannot claim.

## **8. Racing NSW the Sole Judge of Eligibility**

Racing NSW will be the sole judge to determine eligibility to compete in The Big Dance. Further, Racing NSW may change any condition, term, or other factor relating to the Big Dance at any stage, in its absolute discretion.

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

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## Big Dance Qualifying Country Races

VENUE	DATE	CLUB	RACE	DIST	REGION
Goulburn	31-Oct-21	Goulburn & District Racing Club	Goulburn Cup	1400	Goulburn
Gundagai	12-Nov-21	Gundagai-Adelong Race Club	Snake Gully Cup	1400	Gundagai
Taree	21-Nov-21	Manning Valley Race Club	Taree Cup	2000	Taree
Mudgee	03-Dec-21	Mudgee Race Club	Mudgee Cup	1600	Mudgee
Nowra	05-Dec-21	Shoalhaven City Turf Club	Nowra Cup	1600	Nowra
(Tamworth)	12-Dec-21	Armidale Jockey Club	Armidale Cup	1600	(Tamworth)
Moruya	03-Jan-22	Moruya Jockey Club Inc	Moruya Cup	1425	Moruya
Ballina	14-Jan-22	Ballina Jockey Club	Ballina Cup	1590	Ballina
Sapphire Coast	30-Jan-22	Sapphire Coast Turf Club	Bega Cup	1600	Sapphire Coast
Albury	25-Mar-22	Albury Racing Club	Albury Gold Cup	2000	Albury
Muswellbrook	01-Apr-22	Muswellbrook Race Club	Muswellbrook Gold Cup	1450	Muswellbrook
Orange	08-Apr-22	Racing Orange Ltd	Orange Gold Cup	2100	Orange
Tamworth	22-Apr-22	Tamworth Jockey Club	Tamworth Cup	1400	Tamworth
Wagga	06-May-22	Murrumbidgee Turf Club	Wagga Wagga Gold Cup	2000	Wagga
Scone	13-May-22	Scone Race Club	Scone Cup	1600	Scone
Wellington	29-May-22	Wellington Race Club	Wellington Cup	1700	Wellington
Grafton	10-Jul-22	Clarence River Jockey Club	South Grafton Cup	1600	Grafton
Forbes	31-Jul-22	Forbes Jockey Club	Forbes Cup	1600	Forbes
Coffs Harbour	04-Aug-22	Coffs Harbour Racing Club	Coffs Harbour Cup	1600	Coffs Harbour
Murwillumbah	19-Aug-22	Tweed River Jockey Club	Murwillumbah Cup	1550	Murwillumbah
Dubbo	11-Sep-22	City of Dubbo Turf Club	Dubbo Gold Cup	1600	Dubbo
Lismore	22-Sep-22	Lismore Turf Club	Lismore Cup	2100	Lismore
Bathurst	25-Sep-22	Bathurst Turf Club	Bathurst Cup	1800	Bathurst
Port Macquarie	07-Oct-22	Port Macquarie Race Club	Port Macquarie Cup	2000	Port Macquarie
Randwick	8-Oct-22	Australian Turf Club	Big Dance Wild Card	1600	Randwick
Coonamble	09-Oct-22	Coonamble Jockey Club	Coonamble Cup	1600	Coonamble

To be eligible for the Big Dance, horses must be the official winners (or second placed horse) in any of the races listed above.