

1. OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this policy is to define a Concession Driver (CD) and to detail the benefits of a Driver Concession.

2. DEFINITION

2.1 A Concession Driver is a licensed reinsperson who meets the eligibility conditions listed below.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 CD's are eligible for a claim until they have driven a career total of winning drives as determined in clause 3.2 at licensed harness racing meetings or for seven (7) consecutive years (the concession period), whichever comes first.

3.2 CD's will receive discount points on a horses' rating as per the below table:

Discount Points	Minimum Wins	Maximum Wins
5	0	100
3	101	250

3.3 The following exception will apply to the above table:

3.3.1 CD's eligible to claim 5 points who are currently sitting between 51-100 wins will have the following restrictions applied:

Date	Discount Points
1 st Sept – 28 th Feb	5
1 st Mar – 31 st Aug	3

3.4 The concession period shall apply regardless of any period of suspension, disqualification or other restriction imposed by the Stewards or the Controlling Body, but may be extended if;

3.4.1 A CD is injured, suffers an illness or other condition and such matter prevents their active participation as a Driver for a period of greater than one (1) month, then upon application and the receipt of a medical certificate from a medical practitioner in the relevant field of medicine confirming such status, the Stewards shall extend the concession period of eligibility by an amount of time equal to the period lost due to the injury, illness or condition. In such circumstances, a medical certificate of clearance will be required prior to resuming active driving duties.

- 3.4.2 A CD who is prevented from driving by virtue of AHRR.153, or who confirms in writing that as a result of pregnancy they wish to cease driving for an elected period of time, shall have that period of time added to their concession period.
- 3.4.3 A CD who does not renew their licence for a season, or who voluntarily relinquishes their licence for a period of time greater than six (6) months for whatever reason and resumes at some later stage, shall, on application to the Stewards, have that period of time added to their concession period.

4. CONCESSIONS

- 4.1 Only an eligible CD will be entitled to claim a handicapping concession
- 4.2 To obtain a Driver Concession in a race, the trainer of a horse must name a concession driver and select the appropriate tick box at the time the horse is nominated as an acceptor for that race.
- 4.3 A horse nominated for a race with a concession driver is, unless otherwise stipulated in the Office of Racing Integrity Handicapping Policies or the conditions of the race, eligible for:
 - 4.3.1 A discount of points, as per clause 3.2, in its rating in a standing start race to a rating no lower than the front rating of a race.
 - 4.3.2 A discount of points, as per clause 3.2, in its rating in a mobile start race to a rating no lower than the front rating of a race. In mobile races combining fifteen (15) or more rating points, a concession will be granted for barrier purposes only.
 - 4.3.3 A barrier draw concession of \$1,000 to the claiming price of a horse (not to be used with any other concession).
 - 4.3.4 A reduction of \$2,000 in the lifetime earnings of a horse in a race handicapped on Life-Time Earnings provided that at no time will the earnings of the horse be reduced to less than \$3,001.
- 4.4 A driver concession cannot be claimed in certain races as stipulated in the Office of Racing Integrity Handicapping Policies.
- 4.5 A driver concession cannot be claimed in a race where another concession is used.

5. CONDITIONS

- 5.1 The reinsperson of a horse where a Driver Concession has been granted can only be replaced by another Concession Driver as per the Australian Handicapping Rules.
- 5.2 If a horse wins after acceptance time for a meeting thereby making it ineligible for a race in which it is accepted, provided that such race is one in which a Driver Concession may be claimed, a CD may be engaged for, or substituted for, the engaged driver of such horse so that it remains eligible for the race.

- 5.3 A CD is issued with a Driving Record Sheet on which the Stewards shall record details of their winning drives. The CD shall present their Driving Record Sheet to the Stewards within 24 hours of driving a winner or dead heat for first. Failure to lodge the Driving Record Sheet with the Stewards may result in the reinsperson being fined, suspended or having their concession withdrawn.
- 5.4 A Dead Heat win, while being recorded on the Driving Record Sheet shall be disregarded in determining the number of wins of a reinsperson for eligibility as a CD.
- 5.5 An interstate reinsperson shall be eligible for a Driver Concession if they are deemed eligible under clause 3.2.
- 5.6 The licence of a CD may be withdrawn by the Stewards at any time the reinspersons driving performance is not of a sufficiently high standard. In such circumstances the reinsperson may be required to complete a number of trial drives at organised trials before becoming eligible to re-apply for a reinspersons licence.
- 5.7 Tasracing retains the right in its sole discretion to make amendments to and interpret these conditions as it deems appropriate from time to time and to determine any matter deemed to be not addressed in these conditions.