

PROGRAMME CONDITIONS

N.Z. YEARLING SALES SERIES NO 22

2 Year Old Graduates (Pacing)

For colts, geldings, fillies including N.H.T. bred horses

Northern Graduate – Auckland T C
Southern Graduate - NZMTC

1st March 2013
22rd March 2013

2 Year Old Graduettes (Pacing)

For fillies including N.H.T. bred fillies

Southern Gradulette – NZMTC
Northern Gradulette – Cambridge – Te Awamautu

15th March 2013
28th March 2013

Please Note: A Northern Time Bred horse may compete in either the Graduates or Graduettes but can only compete in one of the principal Finals.

RACE NAME:

PGG Wrighton N.Z. Yearling Sales Graduate
PGG Wrightson N.Z. Yearling Sales Gradulette (*Fillies Pacing*)

AGE: For two year olds (Pacers)

ELIGIBILITY:

Only for those horses which were nominated for N.Z. Yearling Sales Series No: 22 and for whom the appropriate payments have been made.(Level W)
The Graduate races are for pacing colts, geldings and fillies (includes N.H.T).
The Gradulette races are for pacing fillies only (includes N.H.T.).
Within each age group no horse is eligible to compete in more than one principal series race (Final) - Open – Fillies – Trotters - N.H.T.

DISTANCE:

The distance is to be determined by the club but it is recommended that it not be less than 1 mile and not greater than 2000m.

NUMBER OF STARTERS:

All races will be despatched from the mobile start with a maximum of 13 starters or a lesser number if the safety limit requires it. Right of Re-entry and barrier positions will be as per the club's normal policy. Front line numbers will be as per the safety limit unless otherwise stated by the club.

STAKES:

The stake of each Graduate race are estimated to be \$30,000.

The stake of each Gradulette race are estimated to be \$25,000.

Stakes will be paid as listed below:-

1st	55%
2nd	17%
3rd	9.5%
4th	5%
5th	3.5%

Other starters 10%

The 10% is to be divided amongst all other starters provided that each horse is not allocated an amount which exceeds 2.5% of the stake.

Where in any case there are less than 9 starters the Board shall maintain a pro rata distribution of any residue stake to the first five starters. Where following that single calculation any surplus money remains, it shall be paid to the winner.

Where the race is carded as a totalistor race and there are 7 or less acceptors, the Board reserves the right that it may reduce the stake by 10% for every acceptor less than ten.

In the case where the race is carded as a non totalistor event the Board reserves the right that it may reduce the stake by up to the club contribution for the race.

If the race is run as a non totalisator race in the event of a scratching the money allocated to the scratched horses will be retained by the Board.

NON WINNERS INCENTIVE SCHEME:

A payment of \$1,000 and \$500 will be paid to the first two non winners to finish in each of the Graduate and Gradulette races. This payment is subject to a horse complying with the Rules of Harness Racing. (Definition of Non

Winner – A horse that has not won an official race with a stake of \$2,000 or more – This relates to Statistics for Lifetime Wins and not statistics for Handicapped Wins).

Incentive payments will be paid out by the Board to the person who is deemed Owner 1 on the HRNZ system on behalf of all the registered owners of the said horse.

FIELD SELECTION:

A nomination must be made to the club conducting the event.

Fields will be selected on the basis of the preference system set out below but initial preference will be given to horses that have not previously started in a Graduation race within that category and age group.

Of those horses that have previously started in a graduation race preference will be given to those horses who did not gain automatic selection for the Final by finishing in the first three placings of that earlier graduation.

The first three eligible placed horses from each of the Graduation races will gain automatic selection for the respective Final.

The horses to start will be selected by a panel comprising:

- A representative of the N.Z. Sires' Stakes Board
- The Chief Handicapper, Harness Racing New Zealand
- A representative of the Programme Committee of the host club

Nominators will be required to advise the club of the relevant trials form of their horse.

No person shall be appointed to the selection panel who has any interest in any nominated horses subject to that selection.

A horse must be able to comply with the Rules of Harness Racing. i.e. **a two year old must have gained a clearance from the mobile gate.**

Preference List – Refer earlier conditions re previous starters.

1st Preference	Official Group Race Winners
2nd Preference	Official Race Winners - Totalisator - <i>(Gross minimum stake \$4,500 and over)</i>
3rd Preference	Official Race Winners – Totalisator
4th Preference	Official Group Race - Placegetters
5th Preference	Official Race Placegetters – Totalisator - <i>(Gross minimum stake \$4,500 and over)</i>
6th Preference	Official Race Placegetters - Totalisator
7th Preference	Official Race Winners – Non Totalisator
8th Preference	Official Race Placegetters – Non Totalisator
9th Preference	Official Qualifiers – (Barrier & Qualifying) – Official Trial Winners then Official Trial Placegetters

(Definition of Placegetters - 2nd, 3rd 4th)

Where two or more horses are on the same preference the overall performance of the horse will be taken into consideration.

A dress rug will be donated by the N.Z. Sires' Stakes Board to the winner of each Graduation race.