

## AUSTRALIAN HANDICAPPING RULES – UPDATED 1 JANUARY 2026

### Ratings Points Matrix

A horse completing a race shall accrue Ratings Points in accordance with the Ratings Points Matrix

\$	\$	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
0	5000	3	0	0	0	0
5001	8000	4	0	0	0	0
8001	11000	5	1	0	0	0
11001	16000	6	1	0	0	0
16001	26000	7	2	1	0	0
26001	50000	8	2	1	0	0
50001	~	9	3	2	0	0

### Dropback Provision

A reduction in Ratings Points will only apply to the final four (4) placegetters in races with fields of nine (9) or more.

Where field sizes are less than nine (9) a reduction in Ratings Points will only apply as follows:

- I) Field size 6: the 6<sup>th</sup> placegetter
- II) Field size 7: the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> placegetters
- III) Field size 8: the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> placegetters

The reduction will apply as follows:

A horse that finishes as specified above in a race with stakemoney in the range of:

- I) \$0 - \$16,000 shall have its Rating adjusted as follows:
  - i. NR 30-69 adjusted by -1 rating point
  - ii. NR 70-120 reduced by -2 rating points
- II) \$16,001 - \$50,000 shall have its Rating adjusted as follows:
  - i. NR 30-55 adjusted by 0 rating points
  - ii. NR 56-69 adjusted by -1 rating point
  - iii. NR 70-120 adjusted by -2 rating points

A horse will not be eligible for Ratings Points as provided in these Rules if it:

- I) Does not finish the race
- II) Is declared a non-starter
- III) Is disqualified from a race after all clear is signalled
- IV) Contests a Ratings Exempt Race
- V) Contests a Time Trial that is not a Race
- VI) Contests a Claiming Race

In the event of a dead-heat the Ratings Points accrued by each of the horses dead-heating shall be:

- I) Totalled and apportioned equally as a fraction of the total
- II) Rounded down to a whole number

A minimum aggregate Rating of 30 is applicable to all horses irrespective of the Rating Points provided for in these Rules.

A maximum aggregate Rating of 120 is applicable to all horses irrespective of the Rating Points provided for in these Rules.

### **2YO & 3YO Pacers**

A 2YO shall commence racing with a Rating of 45.

A 2YO or 3YO that races in a 2YO or 3YO only race shall accrue half points (rounded down). For clarity, the dropback provisions will still apply.

A 2YO or 3YO that is nominated for a 2YO or 3YO race, and does not gain a start in that race, but competes in any other race programmed at that meeting will only accrue half points (rounded down). For clarity, the dropback provisions will still apply.

### **3YO & Older Pacers**

A horse aged 3YO or older that has not raced as a 2YO shall commence racing with a Rating of 50.

A horse aged 3YO or older that has raced as a 2YO shall thereafter commence to race with the National Rating it finished its 2YO season with.



### **Maiden Races**

A horse shall not accrue points when it runs second or third in a race programmed as a Maiden.

### **Concessions**

Fillies & Mares Concession (MC) – Five (5) Rating Points Concession

Driver Concession (DC) – Concession Driver with 0-50 wins – Five (5) Rating Points Concession

Driver Concession (DC) – Concession Driver with 51-100 wins – Three (3) Rating Points Concession

*Age Based Concessions are no longer available*