



MANUAL



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NEW SOUTH WALES MINI TROTTING
ASSOCIATION INC

(Hereafter called Association)

AFFILIATED CLUBS

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Albury Mini Trotting Club
Bathurst Mini Trotting Club
Canberra Mini Trotting Club Incorporated
Dubbo Mini Trotting Club
Leeton Mini Trotting Club Inc.
Inner City Mini Trot Club Inc.
Metropolitan Mini Trotting Club
Newcastle/Maitland District Mini Trotting Club Inc.
Penrith & Nepean District Mini Trotting Club.
Riverina Mini Trotting Club Incorporated
Tamworth Mini Trotting Club.
Parkes Mini Trotting Club.
Shoal Haven Mini Trotting Club.

AIMS

Mini Trotting commenced in NSW in 1982 and has been conducted by the NSW Mini Trotting Association Inc continuously since that date.

The aims of the organisation are to foster the sport of Mini Trotting for children between the ages of 5 to 16 and to promote friendly competition in an atmosphere of co-operation and good sportsmanship and to encourage social interaction for all concerned.

Children are also taught the art of horsemanship and all aspects of adult Harness Racing competition.

NSW MINI TROTTING ASSOCIATION INC.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

UPDATED AND AMENDED (April 2010)

1. ELIGIBILITY.

1.1 CLUBS.

- a) All clubs will be affiliated with NSW Mini Trotting Association Inc. Affiliated Clubs to complete an affiliation form listing office bearers and return with appropriated affiliation fee (\$20) before conducting events each season.
- b) Any club may, at the discretion of the association, have its affiliation revoked if found guilty of wilfully breaking any conditions of membership, by laws or rules of the Association
- c) All clubs wishing to affiliate with NSW Mini Trotting Assoc Inc must be incorporated with Department Fair Trading and must submit copy of Department Fair Trading financial report to association with affiliation renewal form a start each season.
- d) The club conducting the NSW or any Group Event does so under the control of the Association.

1.2 HORSES.

- a) Ponies of any breed (except stallions and colts) excluding standard breeds or ponies with standard breed freeze brands measuring 10.3 to 13 hands inclusive may compete in the pony section.
- b) "Shetlands" shall include any breed (except stallions and colts) excluding standard breeds or ponies with standard breed freeze brands measuring 10.2 hands or under. This may be further divided by the use of MIDGETS section for ponies 9HH and under.
- c) At the NSW Championships there will be 3 divisions
 - 9 hands and under**
9 hands horses will start on 600m mark. Horses will move forward 10 metres for each inch in height they are under 9 hands.
 - 9.1 to 10.2 hands High**
9.1 hands high will start on the 600 metres mark moving back 10 metres for each inch in height until the 10.2 mark is reached i.e. 650m mark.
 - 10.3 to 13 hands High.**
10.3 hands high will start from the 800m mark moving back 10 metres for each inch in height until the 13 hands mark is reached i.e. 890m mark.
Three (3) heats to be run in all (3) divisions
- d) Before a section will be classified as a "Championship" there must be at least ten (10) nominations.
- e) Ponies should be presented in a healthy respectable appearance fit to race. Failure to do so may result in officials not allowing horses to compete for a period they deem fit.
- f) Each horse must perform to the satisfaction of the Stewards in at least four (4) race starts over at least two (2) meetings at shows, gymkhanas, gala days or official trials to be considered for a start at a mini trotting event at registered harness meetings. These four (4) runs to be recorded on the back of the horse registration form.
 - g) All horses barred are to have this recorded on the assessment card in RED and to be signed again when cleared to race again. Driver's comments regarding any problems are to be included on cards
 - h) All horses competing with the association will be required to be micro chipped for identification purpose. Implantation must be recorded with the association on appropriate forms Failure to comply may result in horse being declared ineligible to compete within the association. Horses will permitted for 12 months (except championship events) before this rule will be enforced.
 - i) Ponies wishing to compete at associations NSW championships must have competed in at least one event conducted under race conditions in current season.
 - j) Horses will be required to pay annual renew fee of \$5 each season. \$1 fee for initial registration apply

1.3 MEASURING OF HORSES

- a) All horses to be presented for measuring prior to competing at NSW Championships and events conducted under Height Handicap conditions by the association
- b) All horses presented for measurement shall be in a sound, healthy and calm state.
- c) They shall be either wearing shoes or barefooted.
- d) THE HORSE SHALL BE MEASURED TWICE ONLY, on the day whilst in the view of the Stewards
- e) Where the measurer is not satisfied with the presentation/condition of the horse, the matter shall be brought to the attention of the N.S.W.M.T.A. representative, who shall take whatever action he deems necessary.
- f) The design of the measuring stick and the use of the stick shall be approved by the N.S.W.M.T.A.
- g) The design of the instruments shall provide the ability to find a level in a vertical and horizontal plane. The movement in the vertical plane must be able to be finely adjusted i.e. within 0, 1" (2.5mm).
- h) The actual horizontal component of the measuring stick must not exceed 3/8" (1.0cm) in width and must form a radius where it contacts the horse.
- i) The measuring stick(s) shall be checked prior to any measurements being taken.
- j) All measuring must be undertaken on a flat, level and hard surface (eg. concrete slab) which has been laid in a horizontal plane. The surface should be flat to within 0.25" (6mm).
- k) The horse shall, stand up square, with legs perpendicular to the ground, the forelegs in line and the weight distributed evenly over all legs. The horse must not be stretched out.
- l) The poll must not be lower than the highest point of the wither at the time of measurement.
- m) The measurers will make an allowance of up to 1/4" for shoes, (horse must be shod on all 4 feet for this allowance).
- n) The measurement must be taken when the poll is level with the withers. The measurement shall be taken at the highest point of the withers.
- o) Where a horse is to be remeasured, the measuring will be performed by three (3) Official Measurers comprising of the Chief and two measurers. Horses will only be remeasured if three (3) formal requests are received to do so.
- p) Where a horse is to be remeasured it may be measured barefoot or it may be measured with shoes. If the horse is shod then the shoes are to be measured by the measurer and the actual measured value of the narrowest part of the shoe is deducted from the measured height.
- q) A member of the N.S.W.M.T.A. shall be present at the re-measurement. The horse's owner and the handler may be present.
- r) Where matters are not covered by the foregoing rules, the N.S.W.M.T.A. shall consider all the relevant facts and give such directions relating thereto as may seem to them, in their absolute discretion, to be just and proper.
- s) The above rules apply to all horses regardless of height or breed and "horse/s" always means horses and ponies
- t) Where a dispute arises between the measurer and any other person involved with the Measuring Day or with the measurement of a particular horse, the final decision shall be made by the N.S.W.M.T.A representative.
- u) If pony measures right on 1/2" mark the height will be recorded as down to the nearest inch.

1.4 DRIVERS.

- a) All drivers must be current financial members of an affiliated club to be permitted to compete in events conducted by an affiliated Club or the Association. All financial members of HRNSW are permitted to compete with any affiliated club of the Association. (Current assoc fees \$40 first child, \$20 second junior family to maximum \$80 junior members \$15 Senior membership.) Intending Members of the association must forward payment of any fees due including annual fees and horse registration fees to an official of their affiliated club before being allowed to compete. Affiliated club officials must then forward appropriate fee and completed paperwork to association officials within 14 days of receiving payment.
- b) No child is permitted to compete in races before the age of five (5) years of age. If turning sixteen (16) after the start of the season (1st July) a driver is eligible to compete to the end of that season or until that driver obtains a permit drivers licence from Harness Racing NSW which makes them ineligible to compete in any further mini trotting events.
- c) Children wishing to drive in mini trotting must produce an original copy of their Birth Certificate at the time of joining.
- d) Permission to drive consent forms are to be completed and signed by Parents/Guardians before child is permitted to trial or drive in a race. Forms are to be submitted each season.
- e) All persons wishing to change from one affiliated club to another affiliated club must give 28 days notice of their intentions and this approval is subject to club clearance.
- f) Before being allowed to race at registered meeting drivers must perform satisfactorily before the stewards in a trial or any event with at least three (3) other starters. This will include rein use in close company, various passing manoeuvres, circling on the track, standing up and moving away quietly in company i.e. attending trials that are near as possible to race conditions and demonstrating to the appointed person that the driver can handle the horse and that the horse is tractable to compete in a race.
- g) A child aged between the age of 11 and 14 years who is a registered Mini trotter participant may enter the stabling area and horse stall at any sanctioned activity associated with the sport of Harness Racing (including race meetings and official trials) to assist on an educational basis with strapping and preparation of standardbreds. Children are not allowed in if they are not supervised by an adult and if it is not for educational purposes. Directions and requirements in these areas given by Stewards of the Meeting must be adhered to.

1.5 DRESS

- a) Colours are to be made of racing type material and must be worn in a presentable fashion both on and off the track. Colours must be included on the entry form for racing. Racing colours also include the use of a cravat.
- b) All drivers must wear suitable protective headwear approved by Standards Australia (.Helmet standard 3838)
- c) . All drivers required to wear lace less enclosed boots when competing
- d) All drivers must wear white pants.
- e) All drivers must wear protective vests approved by Safety Standards Association of Australia whilst they are in sulkies.

1.6 CONVERSANT WITH RULES.

- a) Owners, Trainers, Drivers and Parents/Guardians of the children must be conversant with Rules and Procedures and must abide by them.

2 RULES OF RACING.

2.1 EQUIPMENT.

- a) Sulkies to be of two wheel type not larger than the authorised Harness Racing Sulkies and with no dangerous protuberances. Minimum width of sulkies is 900mm; wheels are to be 20 inch for Shetlands and between 20 & 26 inch for ponies Minimum wheel size for Under 9 hand ponies to be 16 inches
- b) All sulkies must have a dust sheet made of acceptable material and false girths must be worn when competing. Stewards shall inspect all gear before racing and will not permit a horse to race until they are satisfied with the quality and presentation of horse and driver.
- c) Wheel disks are optional.
- d) All items of harness, normally approved in harness racing of standard breeds are permitted. Harness to be a saddle, crupper, breast plate, open or closed bridle with throat latch, bit to be any usual acceptable type, shaft tip covers, items of harness usually approved or used in harness racing such as head check and boots. Half hobbles are permitted provided the horse has been trialling in them and approval has been received for their use from the stewards.

2.2 NOMINATIONS & FIELDS.

- a) The stipulated nomination fee must accompany all nominations.
- b) Nomination fees for the Championships shall be \$10.00 per horse. Conducting Club may charge \$10.00 nomination fee for the "Fun Day".
- c) The winner of consolations at Championships shall not receive trophy or prize of greater importance than unplaced runners in the Finals
- d) At the championships, three rounds of heats of 12 or less (one extra starter may be allowed when numbers make this necessary) for each of the three sizes.
- e) At the championships, 12 finalists in each of the three sections. If ponies finish on equal points the following methods will be used (this must be conveyed to the competitors before racing begins to avoid confusion later)
 - 1. More than 12 in the final to a maximum of 14.
 - 2. Horses with fastest time to proceed to final.
 - 3. Count back based on placing's.
- f) At the championships, N.S.W. executives plus chief Steward will have the discretion to add one or more ponies to the final field in exceptional circumstances eg. Where a horse wins 2 heats and is eliminated from the final through fault of officials or the driver being dislodged from the sulky through no fault of his/her own. (Not through broken gear.)
- g) At the championships, point score: winner of heats to receive 3 more points than second placed runner, second place to receive two more points than third place runner, remaining runners then receive one less point than the horse that was placed in front of them. All winners of heats to receive the same number of points regardless number of runners. (The last place in smaller fields will get more than one point)
- h) Nomination forms to be sent out at least 6 weeks before Championship event and fields to be released no later than 14 days before Championships.
- i) Championship Draw information to be on nomination form and Official draw to be done at public venue.

2.3 HANDICAPPING.

- a) Hoses may be handicapped using a 600m front for Shetlands and 800m front for ponies. New horses (i.e. horse that has never raced before) starts 50m behind front mark. All horses go back 10 metres for each win; there is no limit as to how far a horse can win back to. After two consecutive unplaced runs a horse comes forward 10 metres.
- b) When the club runs a combined Shetland/pony race the front for ponies can be between 700m and 800m subject to the discretion of the executive.
- c) Horses may be handicapped using Meters per Second (MPS) formula. Horses to achieve (MPS) handicap by dividing starting handicap mark by numbers of seconds timed to cover distance. This rating then is multiplied by the base mark of 150. (This should give race time of 2 min 30 sec). All horses 13 hands and under high may compete in the same division and no front mark will be required. Horses to carry same handicap should they chose to compete with any affiliated club. Club handicappers reserve the right to re-handicap ponies should the need be required to obtain the handicap to run race time of 2 min 30 sec.
- d) All Championship races to be conducted under the formula 10 metres per inch (in height).
- e) A club reserves the right to place competing horses with the club on a casual basis on a mark to the discretion of the handicappers.
- g) Club Handicappers at their discretion may place a horse forward of the front marks should they desire.
- h) Clubs may run MPS Height Handicap or Discretionary Handicaps as they see fit.
- i) The winner of any "Group One" race conducted by the association or any other state controlling body (e.g. Championships, Inter-Dominion, Miracle Mile etc) shall be penalised ten metres for each such win at Championship (Group One) events. (After the date of AGM 2002)
- j) Horses receiving a penalty of 10 metres for winning Group One events to carry that penalty should they move into another height division other than the one they received the initial penalty.

2.4 STEWARDS AND STARTERS

- a) All competitors must abide by the stewards decision at all times and their decision is final.
- b) For all Championships Races the Chief Steward is to be from the association and he/she plus the other stewards must not be a parent of a participating child. Appointed stewards to be made aware that Fun Day stewarding needs to be of required standard
- c) All drivers must obey and comply with the instructions and requirements of officials and Clerk of the Course and shall be respectful to such officials.
- d) If any horse by misbehaviour or for any other reason is in the opinion of the Starter liable to cause a delay to the start, the starter will warn the driver and shall not further delay the start.
- e) The Starters decision shall be final and conclusive upon any question that may arise as to whether the horse should have started in the race.

- f) The Starter shall give all such orders and take such measures as he may consider necessary for securing a fair start and in particular, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing the Starter:
 - *may disqualify a driver disobeying his orders or attempting to take an unfair advantage in the start.
 - *shall report to the Stewards any driver who starts before the signal is given or who starts off the incorrect mark.
 - *may, if he considers that the start in the race is unsatisfactory declare a false start and re-start the race.
- g) A driver who permits his horse to start in advance of its proper mark or before the start signal is given or attempts to take an unfair advantage at the start shall be guilty of an offence and will be disqualified from that race.
- h) The Starter must notify any breach of the pending rule to the Stewards before all clear is given who will take the appropriate action.
- i) The Starter shall have control of the horses from the time they enter the track until the start of the race.
- j) On the Starters direction "STAND CLEAR" all attendants must move to the top of the track.
- k) An attendant that attempts to drive a horse away by slapping, yelling, pushing or hinder the progress of any other horse will cause that horse to be disqualified. Attendants may hold a horse on the extreme outside of track and must immediately move to the extremity of the track as not to obstruct other runners
- l) When the Starter rises his flag all horses should go to their mark ready to start. When the Starter drops his flag and blows the whistle this is the signal to commence racing.
- m) At least two (2) flags will be used to start events.

2.5 RACING RULES.

- a) No whips are permitted whilst on a race track for the purpose of 'warming up' or competing.
- b) No competitor will be permitted to have a passenger on the side of the sulky at any time.
- c) All drivers must drive throughout the race and at all times whilst in the sulky with both feet in the rests provided on the sulky and must sit on the end of the reins. Drivers may be reprimanded, suspended or disqualified for breach of this rule.
- d) If a horse gains ground whilst out of a trotting gait the Stewards shall determine the amount of ground gained and deduct this from the horse at the finishing post and amend the places if necessary. A pony which performs out of a trotting gait for a total of 50 meters during a race may be placed at the rear of the field
- e) A driver shall not cause an opponent to be disadvantaged during a race through the actions of their horse e.g. contact being made to an opposing horse, driver or it's racing equipment, making undue noise so as to cause opponents horse to loose ground.
- f) If the Stewards decide that an offence has been committed under this clause they may:
 - Disqualify the horse from the event.
 - Place the horse in any finishing order they consider appropriate.
 - Reprimand driver.
- g) A horse may be disqualified from a race or placed behind any other competitor in the race if allowed to: cross in front of any other horse without being clear of them, interfere wilfully or accidentally with any other horse, force another horse out of it's ground, make a break in gait and allowed to gain ground, failing to keep a straight course when clear in the home straight, race or gain ground inside the peg line.
- h) Protests can only be lodged with the Stewards before all clear is given.
- i) Horses left in stalls are to be tied up with a head collar and two leads All horses when having racing sulkies attached must have bridle and bit in place on horse. No horse to have only head stall on whilst sulky is on pony..

3. MISCONDUCT.

- a) Persons engaged in Mini Trotting events are reminded that when they are competing at or attending licensed Harness Racing Meetings are under the jurisdiction of Harness Racing New South Wales and would view misconduct in a most serious light.
- b) Parental intervention and/or parental abuse could lead to the suspension of a horse for a period to be determined by the committee. At the discretion of the club depending on the severity of circumstances of a horse and/or parent may be fined, suspended, or disqualified.
- c) No alcohol is permitted near stalls and/or around drivers whilst racing.
- d) Any driver found guilty of either using bad or abusive language towards other drivers or officials will be suspended for a period determined by the Stewards.
- e) Any driver found guilty of cheating or assisting each other will be suspended for a period determined by the Stewards.
- F) All persons involved in mini trotting whilst at any event conducted by the association or any affiliated body must adhere to the associations CODE OF CONDUCT. Any breach to the Code of Conduct will result in appropriate action taken.

4. GENERAL.

- a) Notwithstanding any rule herein before the Association/Club committee may rule and act in a way they believe is in the best interests of Mini Trotting and all persons involved in Mini Trotting.
- b) Any member who has a grievance with the Association/Club shall present same in writing to the committee, care of the secretary, with full facts.
 - c) The controlling body or affiliated club may reject Membership and or a nomination without assigning any reason. Any person refused the right of membership or nomination may appeal the decision to the controlling body

PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCT OF CHAMPIONSHIPS

TRACKS

The available venue is probably the most important matter to be discussed.

It is usually difficult to obtain the exclusive use of major harness racing tracks because the tracks are used on a daily basis by so many trainers.

There may be a small showground track nearby which makes an excellent venue for the championships.

In some cases these tracks may not be suitable because of lack of facilities.

The most desirable facilities are:

- Outside running rail (for safety reasons)
- Stabling for ponies (If all other facilities are available the lack of stables may be overcome by hiring portable sheep or cattle yards, but this adds to the work load as installation and dismantling can be time consuming.
- Camping arrangements (showers are essential – preferably on the grounds)
- Electricity and toilets on the ground are also requirements.

Contact should be made at a very early stage with the trustees of the ground you select and arrangements put in place to avoid any hiccups.

Some ground trustees will not hire their ground to organisations which do not have public risk insurance (although this is now not necessary to be incorporated).

Naturally the charge made by the Trustees for the ground hire will be a major consideration.

Workforce

Many clubs are over-awed at the apparent enormity of the task ahead.

Actually, if the organisation beforehand is carried out properly (and this only takes a few dedicated people) the events flow easily.

The object is to allocate the various jobs and in most cases visiting clubs are quite willing to provide assistance.

Following is a basic workforce requirement:

Measurers – NSWMTA has appointed two official measurers who will do this job – usually of Friday afternoon and early Saturday morning.

Stewards – A Chief Steward should be appointed and two or three assistant stewards. The chief steward will brief the driver before racing starts and tell them that protests can only be lodged by the Driver before leaving the track.

Timekeepers – It is essential that every runner on the Saturday be timed in every race so that it can be properly handicapped the next day. Workforce can be reduced if a competent person is available with a multi-function stopwatch so that all runners can be timed by one person. He should be provided with an assistant to deliver the completed race results to the office at regular intervals.

Marshalling Yards – It will be necessary to have at least four people marshalling ponies and checking gear for upcoming races. Numbers have to be removed by someone as the ponies leave the track. Three sets of numbers are required. (Preferably different colours) Contact other clubs to supply extra sets.

Starters – Three starters are needed to ensure that ponies are on their correct marks and to start the races. (Visiting clubs will help if asked)

The track should be marked all the way round every ten metres starting with the under 9 hand front mark.

Broadcasters – Professionals are not necessary, and for cost reasons are usually not employed.

Visiting clubs may have someone with them who may be willing to take a turn at broadcasting. Some of our ex-drivers are quite good.

Organiser – A person should be dedicated to be centrally located at all times with a badge “Organiser” affixed. He/she should be in or near the office and have direct radio/phone contact with starters, marshalling yards and broadcaster.

Don't have your best organiser starting races on the far side of the ground.

Office – At least two people are required to staff the office at all time.

Results of races will need to be kept up to date and recorded on a board outside the office (i.e. Point scores).

It is also necessary to keep a record of the various “clubs” point score for the fun day.

Judges – An official judge should be appointed and he/she should have two assistants to hand out Ribbons and Trophies.

Bookmaker – On fun day it is a tradition (and a good earner for the club) to have a “Bookmaker” armed with his “Funny Money”. He will need two assistants.

He will need a bookies board and cardboard for tickets. (No record of bets is required).

The “Funny money” is usually “monopoly” type notes which are sold for \$1 real money for each \$10 of Funny money.

Race number is written on back of ticket and the bet on the front.

No each way betting and no prices set below even money.

A Good suggestion is to give each driver \$100 in funny money when they have their first drive so that they can be involved.

When the funny money races are over, call for all funny money to be cashed-in (for raffle tickets). 1 Ticket for each \$100 of funny money, or part thereof.

The raffle is then drawn. It is usual to have about a dozen donated prizes (Total says \$100). Your club should make approximately \$500 out of the bookie.

To avoid having too many tickets to issue after the races, it is preferable to limit bets to say \$1000.

In order to enable all drivers to participate it is a good idea to provide every driver with \$100 worth of play money in their gift bag plus one free raffle ticket so that they can be involved in the raffle even if they lose all their play money.

Barbecue – The conducting club normally provides a free barbecue on Saturday night.

Various clubs have provided entertainment for the kids on this night but the response has not been good. The drivers seem to want to socialise and do their own thing.

In recent years it has become usual procedure to present the finalists with their prizes and trophies at this function.

Medical/First Aid - Host club at championships responsible to provide First Aid/ Ambulance whilst racing is being conducted at championship venue. At Championship events the host club must provide in a highlighted region first aid by St Johns Ambulance or of equivalent standard.

Kiosk – The majority of people attending the championships will be visitors from outside your area.

Most will have ample camping facilities including barbecues etc. Some clubs conducting past championships have lost money through “over catering”.

On Easter Saturday and Sunday (during the day) there will be a demand for soft drinks, packets of chips, sandwiches and pies.

The demand for cooked food is minimal and does not warrant the cost and effort.

Communication – It is essential to have adequate communication between the office, broadcaster, starters, stewards and marshalling area.

Some form of two way radios would be required and of course an amplification system.

Nominations – The NSWMTA registrar will supply a list of financial members and their addresses.

Nomination forms should be posted to members (Not to club secretaries to hand out) six weeks before the event.

Nomination fees are \$5 per pony and \$5 for the “Fun day”. Stabling and camping fees payable should also be advised at this time.

The proceeds of nomination fees go to the club. NSWMTA provides a subsidy (Currently \$5000) which the club can access upon presentation of accounts for trophies and ribbons for at least that amount, before the championships.

Once entries close (usually two weeks prior to Easter) check with the NSWMTA registrar to see that all ponies and drivers are financial members.

Sponsors – Generally the larger towns have access to more sponsors. Sponsors are reluctant to provide donations to small town venues where they don't sell many products.

Write at an early stage to Harness Racing NSW, Veterinary Suppliers as well as local business houses.

Trophies and Ribbons – Ribbons and/or trophies are usually provided for all heat placegetters on day one.

Trophies are provided to the 12 finalists.

The trophy for the winner of the Consolation must not be any better than the unplaced runners in the finals. Trophies and ribbons are normally supplied to all placegetters on Fun day.

The aim is to ensure that every driver gets a trophy over the weekend.

AGM – In recent years the Annual General Meeting of the NSWMTA has been held on Good Friday night. (Somewhere on the grounds).

Presentations – Usually all race trophies are best presented on track after each race.

After racing is over all drivers are presented with a memento of their visit (Usually an inscribed cap or other appropriate item. (Be careful of things like T/Shirts which are a problem in fitting the correct sizes) and any donated items are presented as "Draws from the hat".

Personal Accident Insurance – All drivers are covered under the NSW Sports Accident Insurance Scheme.

This cover extends only to major injuries while participating.
Voluntary workers are also covered at present.
The premium is paid by NSWMTA.

PUBLIC RISK INSURANCE. Full coverage is provided under a policy organised by HRNSW and should be confirmed with the Secretary of NSW Mini Trotting Assn by the conducting Club.

FUN DAY.....

All ponies which raced on day one will be timed and the fastest time recorded will be used to provide the handicap mark on "fun day". Only ponies which raced on day one will be permitted to compete on fun day. All registered children can drive in the Fun Day even if they didn't race in the Championship as long as their horse competed in the Championship day.

WARATAH CLASSIC (a group two event)

1. After "Fun Day" nominations have closed, (at the same time as Championship noms), the draw can be made and sent out with the Championship draw to all competitors. The actual handicap marks will not be known until after day one racing when times are recorded.
2. Each pony will contest two heats... (Points scored the same as for the Championship) Finals will then be run (all finalists to receive trophy). Also consolations. The fields for the consolations to be limited to 6 runners grouped on similar times. Then the 3 unplaced runners stay on the track and race off. At this point, all ponies will have a trophy on the day. All ponies will have raced at least 3 times on fun day.
3. The organising club can then conduct any events they like and could include some of the following;
 1. Sit and sprint races.
 2. Mobile start races.
 3. Champion of champions (the 3 division winners).
 4. Races for any drivers which have not won a race (due to more than one driver for the one pony)
 5. Parent/ Ex Driver races will no longer be part of fun day events due to management problems and insurance risk
 6. Any other type of races.

HANDICAPPING FORMULA

PONY.	(A) Metres	(B) Seconds	(C) A/B	(D) 800/C	(E) C x D
Black Thunder	840	128	6.56	122	800
Midnight	810	123	6.58	122	803
Pistol Pete	850	119	7.14	122	871
Prince	880	118	7.45	122	910
Bucky	880	105	8.38	122	1022
Footloose	840	96	8.75	122	1067

1. List (in alphabetical order) all ponies with their respective times in metres per second. (Use the fastest time recorded).
2. For each race, list the slowest pony as number one on front ie.600 or 800.
3. Divide metres per second © of horse number one only into 600 or 800 to give the "Base" time.
4. Multiply (D) base time by © metres per second for each runner to give their respective handicap mark (E).

STAFFING... DAY ONE

1. Announcer
2. Judge/Check clocker
3. Clocker

Recorder of all placing's and they write in times.

Runner.. To deliver times to recorder in office

4 Stewards

2 Official Recorder (on computer)

Assistant.. (To write up progressive points on notice board.)

2 Gatekeepers to sell raffle tickets.

3 Starters

4 Marshall's

21 Total staff requirement

STAFFING ... DAY TWO.

1 Announcer

3 Judges

Assistant. To give out trophies.

Clerical assistant.. To record results and deliver to official recorder. To compile results etc.

1 Steward

2 Official recorders (on Computer)

2 Gatekeepers

3 Starters

4 Marshall's

4... i.e. 2 Bookies and 2 cashiers.

ASSOCIATION GEAR... (In Trunk)

The NSWMTA owns the following gear which is kept in a trunk and delivered immediately after the Championships to the next Club to hold the Championships... IF any of these items is broken or missing please notify the NSWMTA Secretary when taking delivery of the trunk.

1. Amplifying equipment with necessary wiring (2 Rolls) and 4 speakers.
2. 4 two-way radios
3. A Photo Copier
4. A laptop Computer
5. A printer
6. Two multi function stop watches.
7. Two Sets Saddle Cloth Race Numbers
8. White Board.