

## TWO-YEAR-OLD HANDICAPPING IN NSW

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Harness Racing NSW informs participants as part of the recent changes to the Handicapping Rules by Harness Racing Australia, and the wider proposed changes to the NSW Two-Year-Old (2YO) Racing Policy to be released for consultation with participants, the following will be adopted from 1 January 2023:

From 1 January 2023, all 2YO horses will receive a sixteen point (16 point) concession when racing in open grade races. This follows the current eight (8) point concession currently applied for 3YO horses in NSW.

In line with the National Handicapping Rules 2YO horses will begin with a National Rating (NR) of 50 however with the implementation of the 16 point concession, this effectively gives 2YO horses a starting figure of NR34.

This is one NR point less than the current figure of NR35.

### **Transitioning to Three-Year-Old (1 January 2024)**

Any 2YO with a figure on or below NR50 transitioning to their 3YO season (from 2024) will retain that figure in the new season, with an eight point 3YO concession.

Any 2YO with a figure of NR51+ will be reassessed as they transition to their 3YO season by halving any points 51+, rounded up to the nearest point.

#### **For example:**

A 2YO horse with a NR of 62, will be reassessed as a NR56 as a 3YO.

A 2YO horse with a NR of 42, will retain the NR42 as a 3YO.

HRNSW will release proposed changes to the established NSW Two Year Old (2YO) Racing Policy next week for consultation and comment from industry participants prior to implementation.

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