

1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this policy is to outline the selection process to determine the Tasmanian representative for the annual Australasian Young Drivers Championship.

2. DEFINITION

The 'Defending Champion' is the winner of the Australasian Young Drivers Championship (AYDC) conducted in the immediate prior year.

1. POLICY

- 3.1 A driver is eligible to represent Tasmania in the AYDC if they are currently licensed in Tasmania and have driven in the state for the 3-month period prior to selection.
- 3.2 A driver is eligible to compete if they are under the age of 25 prior to the start of the harness racing season which the AYDC falls within.
- 3.3 The driver who is eligible as per clause 3.1 and 3.2 and finished highest on the Tasmanian Drivers Premiership in the previous season will be selected as the representative.
- 3.4 If the driver eligible for selection under Clauses 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 has previously represented Tasmania on two (2) occasions, excluding any representation as Defending Champion, then the person who finished second highest on the Tasmanian Drivers Premiership will be chosen as the representative, and so on until a driver that has not represented Tasmania on two (2) occasions, is selected.
- 3.5 A driver who has been selected as the Tasmanian representative on two occasions, will be eligible to be considered for state representation again three years after their last state representation. An example is a driver who represents Tasmania in 2015 and 2017 is available for selection again in 2020.
- 3.6 If the driver that won the previous year's AYDC is eligible to compete under the terms of this policy, they receive automatic entry into the following year's series as Defending Champion and the state they represented is able to nominate an additional representative.
- 3.7 If any driver selected has been found guilty of an offence at any time resulting in disqualification, they will be ineligible to represent Tasmania at the championships.
- 3.8 Should any driver, after being selected as the Tasmanian representative, be associated with an activity deemed to bring the sport or Tasracing's reputation into disrepute or found guilty of a serious offence prior to the commencement of the Australasian Young Drivers Championship Series, Tasracing will determine if they shall be replaced at its discretion.

4. GENERAL

- 4.1. This policy needs to be read in conjunction with the Harness Racing Australia Australasian Young Drivers Championship Guidelines
- 4.2. Tasracing reserves the right to make the final determination in relation to any aspect of this policy.