

NEW STARTING PROCEDURES – 1st September 2024

Participants are advised of the imminent changes to the pre-race starting procedures for both Mobile and Standing Start Races.

Mobile Starts

- There will be one (1) pre-race circle, which will circle around the two (2) Clerks, positioned approximately 40 metres apart.
- The circle will move in a clockwise direction (No Change)
- Horses will circle with frontline runners, outside to inside, directly followed by second line runners outside to inside, i.e. 7-1 followed directly by 12-8 it is essential that there are no gaps in the circle.
- Once called forward by the Starter, Number 7 will lead the field out of the circle walking toward the mobile barrier, with the clerk. All horses are to remain in a walk until all runners are facing the gate, at which time the starter will indicate that the mobile is rolling. The mobile will not move until all are facing the gate.

The circle with no scratching's will be formed as below:

7 – 6 – 5 – 4 – 3 – 2 – 1 – 12 – 11 – 10 – 9 – 8

Standing Starts

- Horses will no longer circle in their barrier area.
- There will be one (1) pre-race circle, which will circle around the two (2) Clerks, positioned approximately 40 metres apart.
- The circle will move in an anti-clockwise direction.
- Horses will circle from 1 back to 14, leaving no gaps.
- Once called forward by the Starter, Number 1 will lead the horses forward, crossing down toward the inside, allowing other runners on the same mark to fill the line as they walk forward, horses off different handicaps will also fill their lines as they approach the start.
- Once all horses have cleared the handicap mark behind them, the strand will be pulled across.

The principle behind this procedure is that as the horses approach their respective marks, they will be moving into position together, and starts can be undertaken quicker and with less interference.

The circle with no scratching's will be formed as below:

1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10 – 11 – 12 – 13 – 14