

AVERAGE BENCHMARK RACES

Average Benchmark Races (ABR) are races where the benchmark level is set after nominations are taken.

How ABR races will work

Entries are taken as per normal.

The average rating of those horses entered is then calculated (see conditions).

The average rating then becomes the Benchmark for that race.

The Benchmark (rating) for the race is then allocated 58kg's and all other horses are weighted up or down according to the template.

Conditions

To ensure that the Benchmark is not skewed either by a particularly high or low rated horse the top and bottom rated 10% of horses entered, or in cases where there are less than 10 entries and highest and lowest rated horses are discounted for the purpose of calculating the average. The remaining horses ratings are then averaged to create the benchmark for that race.

Any horse which runs in the first three in an ABR and is rated below the 55.0kg minimum will automatically be rerated up to the 55.0kg of that race.

If the stewards believe that any horse/s may have been nominated in an endeavour to affect the Benchmark in an ABR race they may instruct the handicapper to discount

its rating in the calculation of the Benchmark for that race.

Stewards will scrutinise the nominations and exclude any horses from the calculation of the average benchmark if they believe that such horse/s sits outside the norm for that race. All horses which are used for the average calculation will be identified on the weights.

Except in special circumstances horse/s may not be entered for an ABR if on the same day program there is another race over the same distance for which they are eligible.

Sliding Scale for Average Benchmark Races

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