

Claiming Form

(to enter a claim)

Name of Club: _____ **DATE:** _____

I/We the undersigned hereby claim the horse _____ from race _____
at the _____ clubs meeting on _____ (date) for the sum of \$ _____

In making this claim I/We agreed to abide fully with the "Claiming Regulations" made by
The Board pursuant to the Rules of Harness Racing.
A full copy of these regulations can be found on the reverse side of this form.

1. Name: _____ Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Signature: _____

2. Name: _____ Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Signature: _____

3. Name: _____ Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Signature: _____

4. Name: _____ Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Signature: _____

5. Name: _____ Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Signature: _____

6. Name: _____ Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Signature: _____

CLAIMING RACES

These regulations are made by the Board pursuant to the Rules of Harness Racing.

Term: Claiming Race

For the purpose of these regulations the term “Claiming Race” shall mean any race restricted to Claiming horse only or any race where claiming horses are eligible under the conditions set for that race in the programme and in these races the following regulations shall apply to the claiming horse only.

1. Any person, registered syndicate, approved company or special partnership eligible under the New Zealand Rules of Harness Racing to own a trotter or pacer in accordance with these Regulations.
2. Prohibitions:
 - (a) No Owner shall claim his/her own horse, nor shall he/she claim a horse trained or driven by him/her.
 - (b) No eligible owner or his/her agent shall claim a horse for another person.
 - (c) No owner shall cause his/her horse to be claimed directly or indirectly for his/her own account.
 - (d) No person shall offer, or enter into an agreement to claim, or to attempt to prevent another person from claiming any horse in a claiming race.
 - (e) No person shall nominate or authorise to be nominated for a claiming race a horse in respect of which there is a Joint Interest, Mortgage, Bill of Sale, or lien of any kind, unless the written consent of every person having or holding such and interest is on file with the Chief Executive at the time of such nomination.
 - (f) A horse which has been selected to start in a claiming race shall not be sold or otherwise transferred until the claiming race has been conducted, save where it is claimed from the said claiming race.
3. Eligibility:
 - (a) No horse shall be eligible to be entered in a claiming race unless it has previously been deemed to have qualified subject to Rule 402.
 - (b) No mare known to be in foal shall be eligible to be entered into a claiming race. If a mare is claimed and is subsequently found to be in foal the claimant may repudiate the claim and the ownership if the claimed mare shall revert to the owner from whom the mare was claimed and the claiming monies shall be returned to the person or persons who claimed the mare.
 - (c) In order that a horse may be eligible to be nominated for a claiming race a current claiming authorisation form signed by the owner and where applicable, any other person holding an interest in the horse as referred to in 2(e) above, and specifying the price in units of \$500 for which the horse may be claimed must be on file with the Chief Executive prior to the close of nominations.
 - (d) In order that a horse may be eligible to be nominated for a claiming race, the price specified in the said authorisation form for which the horse may be entered to be claimed must be the same price or lower as that fixed for the claiming race. Claiming concessions as per (6) below are the exception to this.
 - (e) Owners who wish to vary the claiming price for a horse may be entered to be claimed may do so by submitting another claiming race authorisation form may do so by submitting another claiming authorisation form which shall supersede all previously submitted forms.
 - (f) No horse shall have more than one claiming price attached to it at any one time.
 - (g) No alteration shall be made to a claiming price after nominations are taken for a race meeting where the said horse is nominated and no new claiming authorisation price shall be accepted until the race meeting is completed where the said horse an acceptor.
4. Claiming Procedures:
 - (a) Claimant's Credit—The Claimant must lodge with the club conducting the race an amount equivalent to the specified claiming price plus the requisite fees for the transfer of ownership If the claimant is not on the course he must appoint, in writing to the Club Secretary a representative to act on his behalf in all matters relating to the claiming and uplifting of the horse.
 - (b) Race Book—The Maximum claiming price for the race shall be printed in the Race header, and the specified claiming price of any horse entered in the claiming race shall be printed alongside its name and any horse entered in the claiming race may be claimed for the specified amount.
 - (c) Claim Box—All claims shall be in writing on an official form obtained for the club conducting the claiming race, and shall be deposited at least 5 minutes before the advertised starting time of the race in a locked box provided for this purpose by the club concerned.
 - (d) Opening of Claim Box—No official shall open the claim box or give any information on claims filed until after the race. Immediately after the race the claim box shall be opened and the claims, if any, be examined by the Senior Stipendiary Steward on duty at the meeting concerned.

Only one claim per person, either individually or in combination with other persons, per horse, is permitted. If any persons name appears on more than one claim per horse these claims will be declared invalid.

- (e) Multiple Claims on Same Horse—should more than one claim be filed for the same horse, the owner shall be determined by lot by the Senior Stipendiary Steward in the presence of all claimants who elect to be present at such determination.
 - (f) Delivery of Claimed Horses—A horse claimed shall be delivered immediately by the original owner or his/her trainer to the successful claimant at the track at which the claiming race was conducted upon authorisation by the Senior Stipendiary Steward, the horse's halter must accompany the horse. Altering or removing the horse's shoes will be considered a violation of this regulation.
 - (g) Refusal to Deliver Claimed Horse—Any person who refuses to deliver a horse claimed in accordance with these Regulations shall be liable to be suspended together with the horse until the delivery is made.
 - (h) Vesting of Title to Claimed Horse—Every horse claimed shall race the event in the interest and for the account of the owner who nominated it in the event, but title to the claimant shall become the owner of the horse, whether it be alive or dead or sound or unsound, or injured during the race of after it, provided however, that the final vesting of title to a claimed horse is subject to the conditions of Sub Clause (n) of this Regulation, and in accordance with the provisions of the New Zealand Rules of Harness Racing.
 - (i) Affidavit by Claimant—the Stipendiary Stewards may require any person making a claim for the horse to make affidavit that he/she is claiming said horse for his/her own account and not for any other person.
 - (j) Return of Claimed Horse to Owner or Stable—No horse claimed out of a claiming race shall be eligible to start in any race in the name or interest of the original owner for one calendar month, nor shall such horse remaining the same stable or under the care or management of the first owner or trainer, or anyone connected therewith unless reclaimed out of another claiming race.
 - (k) No right, title or interest in a horse claimed shall be sold or transferred for a period of one calendar month following the date of the claiming race, other than as a result of another claiming race, unless Harness Racing New Zealand is satisfied that such sale of transfer is a bona fide arms length transaction to an unrelated person.
 - (l) Scratched Horse—Any claim lodged in respect of the horse that has been scratched from any claiming race shall be null and void. Except in exceptional circumstances of which the Stipendiary Stewards shall be the sole judges and excluding scratchings under rule 605, any horse scratched from a claiming race by its owner or trainer will not be permitted to start in any totalisator race or any stake bearing race for four weeks following the date of the race meeting at which the scratching was effected.
 - (m) IN the event of a horse having been found to have administered to it any drug, the claimant may repudiate the claim. In such case after the horse had been returned to the owner, the said owner shall be liable to pay for the care and sustenance whilst in the claimant's possession. The owner shall hold the claimant indemnified against any claim for such care and the sustenance also for any injury or the death of the animal whilst in the care of the claimant which is not the direct result of the negligence of the claimant.
 - (n) No Horse may be claimed from a claiming race unless the race is contested.
5. Claiming Price: Subject to the conditions of Clause 4(m) hereof, Harness Racing New Zealand shall pay the claiming price to the owner at the time the registration certificate is delivered for presentation to the successful claimant.
 6. Claiming Concessions: Aside from the claiming price, the following concession rates allow for a claiming horse to be entered for a claiming race over the set conditions.

Fillies and Mares	20%
2yo's	40%
3yo's	20%
- A Claiming horse can only use on concession, i.e. a 2yo filly cannot use both the fillies and mares and the 2yo concession rates.
7. Unless otherwise stated in the special conditions of a programme, the only condition on which a claiming race shall be divided is by claiming price.
 8. Where the owner of any horse entered in a claiming race is registered for GST, the claiming price given is deemed to include GST.