



## **2023 CAULFIELD CUP (G1)**

MELBOURNE RACING CLUB  
CAULFIELD CUP (G1)  
SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER 2023  
2400 Metres – 146th of Series  
Standard Handicap conditions at Caulfield Racecourse, Melbourne, Australia

### **PRIZEMONEY**

Of \$5,000,000 & \$150,000 trophies

First \$3,000,000 and trophies valued at \$150,000 to owner, trainer, jockey and strapper  
Second \$700,000  
Third \$350,000  
Fourth \$200,000  
Fifth \$150,000  
Sixth \$120,000  
Seventh \$120,000  
Eighth \$120,000  
Ninth \$120,000  
Tenth \$120,000

### **NOMINATIONS**

Fee \$1,100  
Entries close at 12 Noon (Melbourne Time) on Tuesday 8 August 2023 at:

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Overseas Entries may be lodged at the offices of International Racing Bureau (IRB), Newmarket, United Kingdom; France Galop, France; Singapore Turf Club (STC), Singapore; Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC), Hong Kong; Japan Association for International Racing and Stud Book (JAIRS) or Japan Racing Association (JRA), Tokyo, Japan; New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Inc (NZTR), Wellington, New Zealand.

### **LATE NOMINATIONS**

Fee - \$6,600  
Any horse not previously nominated may be nominated before 12 Noon on Tuesday 15 August, 2023.

## **HANDICAPS**

Handicaps will be declared not later than Tuesday 19 September 2023.

## **BENCHMARK WEIGHTS**

3YO C&G 49.5kg; 3YO Filly 48.0kg  
4YO E&G 57.5kg; 4YO Mare 56.0kg (NH Bred 4YO allowed 1kg)  
5YO+ C&G 59.0kg; 5YO+ Mare 57.5kg

## **MINIMUM HANDICAP WEIGHT**

3YO 49.0kg 4YO&Up 50.0kg

For the purpose of elimination:

Each horse handicapped above the advertised minimum weight (for its age group) shall be appended with a weight below, equal to, or above the benchmark weight for that horse, as the case may be.

Each horse handicapped on the minimum weight (for its age group) shall be appended with a weight figure that is not more than 9.0kg below the benchmark weight for that horse, and is not less than or equal to the appended weight figure for a horse of the same age and gender handicapped above the advertised minimum weight (for its age group).

Such appended weight figure below, equal to, or above a horse's benchmark weight shall not affect the weight to be carried in the race by any horse.

## **MAXIMUM WEIGHT**

There is no maximum weight for this race.

## **MINIMUM TOP WEIGHT**

AR 167 (1) provides that the top weight in any Group 1 handicap in Australia must not be less than 58kg when weights are released.

AR 167 (2) exemption provides that there is no minimum top weight required at the declaration of acceptances.

## **WEIGHT ALLOWANCES**

No allowances for apprentices.

## **DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE & SCHEDULE OF FEES**

All declarations of acceptance are to be forwarded to Racing Australia by the designated time (Melbourne, Australia time).

### **FIRST DECLARATION**

12 Noon Tuesday 12 September 2023 Fee \$2,200

### **SECOND DECLARATION**

12 Noon Tuesday 26 September 2023 Fee \$3,300

### **THIRD DECLARATION**

12 Noon Tuesday 10 October 2023 Fee \$4,400

### **FINAL DECLARATION**

3.30pm Wednesday 18 October 2023 Fee \$37,500

### **RIDER NOTIFICATION**

3.30pm Wednesday 18 October 2023

### **2023 GUIDELINES**

These guidelines are intended to make it absolutely clear that horses do not qualify to gain entry to the field for the 2023 Caulfield Cup, rather they provide for horses to be eliminated there from.

Only performances in flat races of 1600 metres or further shall be taken into account in satisfying the elimination clauses for the 2023 Caulfield Cup.

**EXEMPT RACES** The winners of the 2023:

- Underwood Stakes
- Naturalism Stakes
- Turnbull Stakes
- Herbert Power Stakes
- The Might and Power
- Mornington Cup
- Coongy Handicap
- Sheema Classic (UAE)
- Jockey Club Stakes (UK)
- Champions and Chater Cup (HK)
- Meguro Kinen (JPN)
- Grand Prix de Chantilly (FR)
- Hardwicke Stakes (UK)
- Princess of Wales's Stakes (UK)

Shall not be eliminated from the 2023 Caulfield Cup, provided that in the case of a dead-heat for first, the Committee may exercise its absolute discretion as to which horse or horses involved in the dead-heat shall be exempt from elimination.

### **PENALTIES**

The winner, after declaration of weights, of any internationally recognised Listed handicap, Group handicap or Graded handicap race run over a distance of 1600 metres or further (2023 Herbert Power Stakes and Coongy Handicap excepted) is to carry such additional weight (if any) for each win as the Handicapper shall determine.

Provided that, in lieu of re-handicapping, should such winner be a horse on the minimum handicap weight (for its age group) the Handicapper may, at his discretion, instead amend the originally appended weight figure against the benchmark weight downwards, to a figure that is not less than or equal to the appended weight figure for a horse of the same age and gender handicapped above the advertised minimum weight (for its age group).

Any such amendments referred to above shall not affect the weight to be carried in the race. In these circumstances, any extra weight to be imposed on any horse, or in lieu of re-handicapping, any amendment to the appended weight figure against the benchmark weight for a horse shall be declared by the Handicapper not later than five (5) working days after such win.

#### **CLAUSE ONE**

Horses which have not on or after 1 August, 2022 up to the time of final acceptances:

- a) won or been placed second or third in an Internationally recognised Group 1 or Grade 1 or Group 2 or Grade 2 race or Group 3 or Grade 3 race on the flat of 1600 metres or further, or
- b) won an Internationally recognised Listed race on the flat of 1600 metres or further, or
- c) won the Ebor Handicap (UK)

Shall be eliminated in order of the lowest appended weight figure against the benchmark weight for each individual horse.

For the purposes of sub-paragraph (a) above, wins, second, third, fourth and fifth placings in any internationally recognised Group, Graded or Listed race shall be taken into account, provided that \$60,000 (AUD) or more was received for any such win or placing.

Provided however, that prizemoney acquired as follows will not be taken into account when assessing prize money for any of these elimination clauses:

- d) Prizemoney acquired by a horse(s) in any race restricted to horses sold at a particular sale or bred, trained or sold in a particular region or state, and
- e) Bonuses and/or incentives received by a horse in respect of any race.

Further, provided that past winners of the Caulfield Cup, W.S. Cox Plate and Melbourne Cup will not be eliminated under this clause.

#### **CLAUSE TWO**

Should the number of horses exceed the number of horses required to be eliminated from the race after the operation of Clause One (or any part thereof), then such elimination shall be effected by order of the lowest appended weight figure against the benchmark weight for each individual horse within this clause.

In the event that two or more horses whose appended weight figure below the benchmark weight are the same, such elimination shall be effected by order of the lowest peak international rating (as determined at the sole discretion of RV Handicapping) of the preceding 12-month period, from 18 October 2022 to 18 October 2023.

In the event two or more horses whose appended weight figure below the benchmark weight and peak international rating is the same, such elimination shall be affected by order of lowest aggregate prizemoney received in the relevant performances as listed under Clause One.

Horses equal in each of these respects shall be eliminated at the discretion of the Committee.

*The rules of racing of Racing Victoria apply to this race.*

## **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

1. All owners, including those involved in syndicates, trainers and all licensed persons shall abide by and accept any and all decisions of the Committee taken in respect of the elimination conditions for the 2023 Caulfield Cup; such decisions are final and conclusive for all purposes and shall not be capable of challenge in any legal proceedings.
2. In the event of a horse being eliminated from the field only the final declaration fee will be refunded, unless the Committee otherwise determines.
3. The Committee reserves to itself the absolute right to make, from time to time, any alteration, variation or modification to the elimination clauses, terms and conditions of and governing the 2023 Caulfield Cup including the right to alter the date and/or time for receiving entries, payments and the making of declarations.
4. The Committee reserves to itself the right to reject at any time, or otherwise to seek further information in respect of any entry submitted for the 2023 Caulfield Cup.
5. The Committee reserves to itself the prerogative to declare a field, or field size, which may be less than the prescribed safety limit but which, in the opinion of the Committee, is in keeping with the reputation and International status of the race.
6. All currency amounts stated are in Australian dollars (\$AUD) and the exchange rate for the purpose of the elimination clauses and conditions of entry are to be applied as at the first working day in January in the calendar year in which such prize money was earned.
7. Reference to the race being “Internationally recognised” means a race published by the International Cataloguing Standards Committee in part 1 of the International Cataloguing Standards as receiving Black Type (Group, Graded or Listed status) for the year such race was run.
8. All entry and acceptance fees quoted are in Australian Dollars (\$AUD) and inclusive of Goods & Services Tax (“GST”). All prize money amounts quoted are in \$AUD and exclusive of GST and any required GST amount will be added by the Club to any sum of money payable to an entity registered for GST as identified by its Australian Government approved Australian Business Number (“ABN”).
9. All dates and times quoted are in Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) / local Melbourne time.

## **EMERGENCY ACCEPTORS**

Provision may be made for the naming of up to 4 horses as emergency acceptors to replace horses scratched or withdrawn after final acceptances but only up to 7:30am on the day on which the 2023 Caulfield Cup is conducted.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE PLEASE CONTACT:**

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