

## **GRADE B DRIVERS PERMIT POLICY**

Friday and Saturday night meetings at Tabcorp Park Melton are generally regarded as HRV's premier race meeting where the industry promotes the best horses competing at our premier racing venue. Traditionally, Friday and Saturday night meetings have been regarded as a Metropolitan meeting and only Grade A drivers were eligible to compete.

With virtually all these meetings now having at least one race programmed on a Friday or Saturday night which is of prizemoney less than \$15,000 Grade B drivers may apply for a permit to drive at these meetings.

Grade B Drivers are ineligible to contest any race with prizemoney of \$15,000 or greater. In order to drive in a semi-final of a futurity race such as the Vicbred or Breeders Crown Series, where races are of \$20,000 or greater, a driver would be required to hold a Grade A drivers licence.

If a Grade B Driver intends to apply for a permit to drive in a race of less than \$15,000 prizemoney on a Friday or Saturday night at Tabcorp Park Melton, the driver must have:

- Held a Grade B licence for a minimum of nine (9) months;
- Driven in at least sixty (60) TAB class country drives at licensed meetings;
- Driven a minimum of three (3) winning race drives;
- Driving on a regular basis and their offence record will be taken into consideration.

The decision to issue any permit will be solely at the discretion of the Stewards and once a permit is granted, it shall apply for a specified period and may be reviewed by HRV Stewards at any time.

A driver is required to obtain a permit by contacting the HRV Stewards Department prior to driver declaration time of such meeting.