

VICTORIA RACING CLUB

presents the

2017 EMIRATES MELBOURNE CUP

(sponsored by Emirates Airline)

(Group 1)

(157th of Series)

3200 Metres

THE RACE THAT STOPS A NATION™

TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2017

At FLEMINGTON RACECOURSE, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

Handicap of **\$6,000,000 & \$250,000** trophies. First \$3,600,000 and trophies valued at \$200,000, \$20,000, \$15,000, \$7,500 & \$7,500 to owner, rider (including the Harry White Whip), trainer, strapper (Tommy Woodcock Trophy) and breeder respectively; Second \$900,000; Third \$450,000; Fourth \$250,000; Fifth \$175,000; Sixth \$125,000; Seventh \$125,000; Eighth \$125,000; Ninth \$125,000 & Tenth \$125,000.

ENTRIES

Entries close at **12 NOON (Melbourne Time) on TUESDAY 29 AUGUST 2017** at Racing Australia Trainers Service Centre, 400 Epsom Road, Flemington 3031 – Fee: **\$1,650**

Overseas Entries may be lodged at the offices of IRB, Newmarket, England; France Galop, France; STC, Singapore; HKJC, Hong Kong; JAIR, Tokyo, Japan; & TRNZ, Wellington, New Zealand; or alternatively via Leigh Jordon, International Agent for Racing Victoria, phone: +61 411 646 187 or email leigh@jordoninternational.com

All entries, including a late entry below, will only be accepted on the basis that it is agreed that all of the terms and conditions referred to hereafter which apply to the race are legally binding. See General Condition 1.

LATE ENTRY

Any horse not previously entered may be nominated before **12 NOON (Melbourne Time) on TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2017**. Fee - **\$5,500**.

HANDICAPS

Handicaps will be declared not later than **TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2017**.

BENCHMARK WEIGHTS:

3YO C&G	50.0kg;	3YO Filly	48.5kg
4YO E&G	58.0kg;	4YO Mare	56.5kg
5YO+ E&G	59.5kg	5YO+ Mare	58.0kg

MINIMUM HANDICAP WEIGHT:

3YO	49.0kg
4YO&Up	50.0kg.

For the purpose of any ballot on this race:

Each horse handicapped above the advertised minimum weight (for its age group) shall be appended with a weight figure that is 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 9.5kg 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 103 (1) provides that the top weight in any Group 1 handicap in Australia must not be less than 58kg when weights are released.

AR 103 (2) provides that if at the final declaration of acceptance for any handicap race in Australia, the highest weight to be carried (including any extra weight by way of re-handicap or penalty) is less than 57kg, then allocated weights for the race must be increased until the highest weighted acceptor is weighted at 57kg.

WEIGHT ALLOWANCES

No allowances for Apprentices.

DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

First and Second Declarations must be forwarded by the nominator or agent to Racing Australia Trainers Service Centre.

Final Declarations lodged on AAMI Victoria Derby Day may be effected in person by the nominator or agent at Flemington Racecourse, or through Racing Australia Trainers Service Centre.

Overseas Clubs and Agents authorised to receive entries are also authorised to receive Declarations of First and Second Acceptance.

Declarations of Final Acceptance cannot be lodged outside Australia.

Any horse for which any declaration has not been received at closing time will be automatically withdrawn.

FIRST DECLARATION

By 12 NOON (Melbourne Time) TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER – Fee: **\$2,640**

SECOND DECLARATION

By 10.00 AM (Melbourne Time) MONDAY 30 OCTOBER - Fee: **\$4,620**

FINAL DECLARATION

By 4.30 PM (Melbourne Time) SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER – Fee: **\$49,500**

CONDITIONS OF FINAL ACCEPTANCE

(1) If Racing Victoria (RV) Stewards receive and accept an RV veterinary surgeon's report that a particular horse would have been unfit to compete in the Emirates Melbourne Cup race if it was held on the actual day of final acceptance closing, then such horse shall not be a final acceptor for this race.

Provided that, in the instance of a horse that competes in a race at Flemington on 2017 AAMI Victoria Derby Day –

exclusion from final acceptance for this race will apply only if RV Stewards accept an RV veterinary surgeon's report that such horse cannot reasonably be expected to be fit to compete in the Emirates Melbourne Cup three days hence.

(2) A final acceptor included in the established field of (up to) 24 horses may not be subsequently withdrawn from this race by its nominator or agent.

The application of Australian Rule 8 (u) (power of Stewards to withdraw a horse if in their opinion it is unfit to run) will apply if the circumstances warrant it.

RIDER NOTIFICATION

By 7.00 PM (Melbourne Time) SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER

PENALTIES

The winner, after declaration of weights, of an internationally recognised Listed, Group or Graded flat race

- If a handicap race, only if it was run over a distance of 1600 metres or further, OR
- If a non-handicap race, only if it was run over a distance of 2300 metres or further

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.

BALLOTING CONDITIONS

(1) The Directors may in their absolute discretion exclude any horse or horses from the race, whether the safety limit of 24 horses at final acceptance time shall be reached or not, and if such exclusion occurs, and more than 24 final acceptors remain, balloting of surplus horses will continue in the normal manner to its conclusion.

The winner of the following, if any should be a nomination and a first, second and final acceptor for the 2017 Emirates Melbourne Cup, shall be exempt from any ballot on this race:

- 2017 VRC Bart Cummings
- 2017 VRC Lexus Stakes
- 2017 MVRC Cox Plate
- 2017 MRC Caulfield Cup

(2) Subject always to the Directors' absolute discretion, as stated, remaining final acceptors in excess of the safety limit of 24 horses shall be eliminated in the following order, until the safety limit is reached:

Horses OTHER THAN those that have registered a "Relevant Race Performance", as set out below:

Relevant Race Performances

- A) since 1 February 2016 inclusive, won or was placed 2nd or 3rd in an internationally recognised Group or Graded flat race run over 2300 metres or further; OR *won or was placed 2nd or 3rd in the Queensland Derby, Queensland Oaks or Brisbane Cup* OR
- B) since 1 February 2016 inclusive, was placed 4th or 5th in an internationally recognised Group 1 or Grade 1 flat race run over 2300 metres or further in which horses older than 3 years old could run, OR
- C) since 1 February 2016 inclusive, won an internationally recognised Listed flat race run over 2300 metres or further, OR
- D) since 1 February 2016 inclusive, won or was placed 2nd or 3rd in the York Ebor (UK) or Champions & Chater Cup (HK), OR
- E) since 1 February 2016 inclusive, won the Northumberland Plate (UK), Cesarewitch (UK), or Queen Mother Memorial Cup (HK), OR
- F) was placed 6th, 7th or 8th in the 2017 MRC Caulfield Cup, OR
- G) was placed 2nd or 3rd in the 2017 MVRC Cox Plate, OR
- H) won the 2017 VRC Yellowglen Turnbull Stakes, OR
- I) won or was placed 2nd or 3rd in the 2015 Emirates Melbourne Cup, OR
- J) won the 2015 Caulfield Cup

Should the number of such horses exceed the number of horses required to be eliminated from the race, then such elimination shall be effected by order of the lowest appended weight figure against the benchmark weight for individual horses, as the case may be.

Horses in this clause (2) with the same lowest appended weight figure against the benchmark weight for individual horses, as the case may be, shall be eliminated at the discretion of the Directors.

(3) If, after Balloting Clause (2) has been exhausted, excess horses remain, then subject to the exercise of the Directors' discretion, elimination of such horses shall be effected by order of the lowest appended weight figure against the benchmark weight for individual horses, as the case may be.

Horses in this clause (3) with the same lowest appended weight figure against the benchmark weight for individual horses, as the case may be, shall be eliminated in order of lowest aggregate prizemoney received in "Relevant Race Performances" since 1 February 2015 inclusive. Horses equal in both of these respects shall be eliminated at the discretion of the Directors.

SPECIAL NOTES

1. The Japan Racing Association (JRA) will officially invite the 2017 Emirates Melbourne Cup winner to the 2018 Tenno Sho (Spring), with JRA covering expenses for the invited horse, including round-trip air transportation and other ancillary expenses.
2. A horse that is a final acceptor for this race, and is subsequently balloted from it, is eligible to earn a \$100,000 bonus should it win the 2017 VRC Queen Elizabeth Stakes over 2600m at Flemington on Saturday 11 November. (Please refer to Queen Elizabeth Stakes race conditions).

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Entries for the 2017 Emirates Melbourne Cup will only be received upon the express basis that all of the terms and conditions applying to the race (including these General Conditions) shall be legally binding in all respects and shall govern all entries for the race.
2. In the event of a horse being eliminated under the balloting conditions, only the Final Acceptance fee (\$49,500) shall be refunded.
3. The Board reserves the right to make from time to time any alteration or modification to the conditions governing this race, and also to alter the date and time for receiving entries, payments and declarations.
4. The Board reserves the right to reject at any time any entry submitted to it.
5. All currency amounts stated are Australian dollars; (\$AUD).
6. Reference to a race being "internationally recognised" means a race published by the IRPAC in Part 1 of the International Cataloguing Standards as receiving black-type (Group, Graded or Listed status) for the year such race was run.
7. Breeders' bonuses and/or other bonuses will not be taken into account when calculating prizemoney won for determining of penalties and/or balloting order.
8. Performances by horses in match races or private sweepstakes are not recognised under the conditions of this race. The definition of a "match race" or "private sweepstakes", in any particular instance, is at the absolute discretion of the Directors.
9. In assessing a horse's performance in a race, for the purposes of these conditions a "dead heat" for a win or placing is deemed to be a win or the specific placing outright.
10. All entry and acceptance fees quoted are inclusive of Goods & Services Tax, (GST). All prizemoney and Starters' Rebates amounts quoted are 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

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FLEMINGTON RACECOURSE

Australia's International Racecourse, Flemington, is situated 6 kilometres west from the Melbourne CBD, by the Maribyrnong River. On raceday the course is accessible by car, tram, special race trains or rivercraft.

Flemington has been the venue for the running of the Melbourne Cup, since it was first run in 1861. With a capacity for up to 120,000 people, it is famous world-wide for its four-day Melbourne Cup Carnival. In 2016, this magnificent week of racing will comprise: AAMI Victoria Derby Day on Saturday 29 October; Emirates Melbourne Cup Day on Tuesday 1 November; Crown Oaks Day on Thursday 3 November, and Emirates Stakes Day on Saturday 5 November.

Flemington Facts:

Course Proper (fully grassed - anti-clockwise, fully re-constructed in 2007)

Circumference	2312 Metres
Length of Straight	450 Metres
Width of Straight	30 Metres
Run To First Turn (Cup)	888 Metres

FIELD LIMIT

Maximum of 24 Starters - No Emergencies

BALLOT HISTORY

2016	3 ballots
2015	6 ballots
2014	3 ballots
2013	11 Ballots
2012	16 Ballots
2011	6 Ballots
2010	13 Ballots
2009	5 Ballots
2008	3 Ballots
2007	7 Ballots
2006	7 Ballots
2005	1 Ballot
2004	6 Ballots
2003	2 Ballots
2002	1 Ballot
2001	10 Ballots
2000	6 Ballots
1999	1 Ballot
1998	8 Ballots
1997	0 Ballots (22 Acceptors)
1996	8 Ballots
1995	0 Ballots (21 Acceptors)
1994	4 Ballots
1993	4 Ballots

BALLOT PLANS (ORDER OF ENTRY)

Progressive ballot order lists will be available on a regular basis from Friday 22 September 2017.

SCRATCHINGS

Betting on the 2017 Emirates Melbourne Cup will start in earnest soon after entries are closed. To reduce the possibility of the public placing non-refundable wagers on horses that will not be starting, nominators are urged to officially withdraw a horse immediately after a decision is made not to run.

PRIZEMONEY DISTRIBUTION

For horses earning prizemoney for being placed 1st – 10th inclusive, respective prizemonies payable shall be distributed as follows:

Owner - 85%; Trainer - 10%; Rider - 5%

GOODS & SERVICES TAX (GST)

Please take note of Clause (8) of the General Conditions for this race. A further explanation can be obtained by contacting the VRC Financial Controller Tel +61-3-8378 0606.

PROTOCOL FOR OVERSEAS TRAINED HORSES

(For Approved Countries - (New Zealand is exempt))

In Melbourne, an excellent Quarantine & Training facility is located at Werribee Racecourse, situated 30 kilometres west of the Melbourne CBD.

Enquiries regarding protocol and the Quarantine & Training facility should be directed to:

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CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES

AR 112 (f) For the purpose of calculating the value of prizemoney earned in other countries by a horse which is entered for an Australian race, the rate of exchange shall be used which was current on the first working day of January of the year in which such prizemoney was earned, as determined by a Trading Bank nominated by the Australian Racing Board.

As at 2 January 2016 \$AUD 1.00 was equal to:

\$ US	- 0.7197
£ Stg	- 0.5829
EURO	- 0.6839
\$ CAN	- 0.9670
¥ Yen	- 84.1650
\$ NZ	- 1.0376
\$ HK	- 5.5805
\$ Sgpr	- 1.0405
D UAE	- 2.6425
R RSA	- 9.8590

HORSES NOMINATED FROM OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA

AR 60 - "The nominator of a horse which has been registered as a racehorse outside Australia must provide in writing by entry closing time to the Principal Club in the area in which the horse is entered to race:

- (a) in the case of a horse which has never started in a race, a statement to that effect.
- (b) in the case of a horse which has had its last start in a race in an overseas country, a statement advising:
 - (i) the total number of starts,
 - (ii) the racecourse and date of each start
 - (iii) the type of race and the distance

- (iv) the finishing position and the weight carried
(v) the total of the prizemoney offered for each race and the amount received for winning or being placed in any such race.

Details of performances in overseas countries must be certified by an official of the controlling body of racing in the territory overseas in which such horse last raced.”

OTHER FEATURE RACES AT FLEMINGTON
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7 Oct 2017

\$500,000	Gr. 1	YELLOWGLEN TURNBULL STAKES 2000m SW&P
\$300,000	Gr. 3	THE BART CUMMINGS 2500m Q. HCP

4 Nov 2017

\$1,500,000	Gr. 1	AAMI VICTORIA DERBY 2500m 3YO SW
\$1,000,000	Gr. 1	CANTALA STAKES 1600m Q. HCP
\$500,000	Gr. 1	MYER CLASSIC 1600m F&M WFA
\$500,000	Gr. 1	COOLMORE STUD STAKES 1200m 3YO SW
\$300,000	Gr. 2	LINLITHGOW STAKES 1200m HCP
\$300,000	Gr. 3	LEXUS STAKES 2500m Q.HCP
\$300,000	Gr. 2	WAKEFUL STAKES 2000M SW&P
\$200,000	Gr. 3	CARBINE CLUB STAKES 1600m SW&P
\$200,000	Gr. 3	BEGONIA BELLE STAKES 1100m 4YO & Up Mares SW&P

7 Nov 2017

\$150,000	Gr. 3	OTTAWA STAKES 1000m 2YO SW
\$200,000	Gr. 3	HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB STAKES 1400m 4YO & UP Mares SW&P

9 Nov 2017

\$1,000,000	Gr. 1	VRC OAKS 2500m 3YO F SW
\$200,000	Gr. 3	CHATHAM STAKES 1400m HCP
\$200,000	Gr. 3	RED ROSES STAKES 1100m 3YO Fillies SW&P

11 Nov 2017

\$2,000,000	Gr. 1	EMIRATES STAKES (formerly Mackinnon) 2000m WFA
\$1,000,000	Gr. 1	DARLEY CLASSIC 1200m WFA (Leg of GLOBAL SPRINT CHALLENGE™)
\$300,000	Gr. 2	MATRIARCH STAKES 2000m 4YO & Up Mares SW&P
\$300,000	Gr. 3	QUEEN ELIZABETH STAKES 2600m Q.HCP
\$150,000	Gr. 3	MARIBYRNONG PLATE 1000m 2YO SW