



The Big Dance Race

5th November 2024
(At Royal Randwick Racecourse)

1. Race Conditions

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| Distance | 1600m |
| Age | Three years and up |
| Weight Scale | Quality Hcp, maximum weight 62kg |
| Field Limit | 20 Starters plus 4 emergencies |

2. Prizemoney

Of \$3,000,000 and Trophies. First Horse \$1,560,000 and Trophies; Second Horse \$600,000; Third Horse \$300,000 Fourth Horse \$150,000 Fifth Horse \$75,000 Sixth Horse \$60,000 Seventh Horse \$45,000; Eighth Horse \$45,000; Ninth Horse \$45,000; Tenth Horse \$45,000; \$45,000 Equine Welfare Fund Contribution, \$30,000 Jockey Welfare Fund Contribution.

3. Eligibility

The official winners and second placed horses of qualifying races.

Horses may contest multiple qualifying races and are not restricted from contesting these races by virtue of winning an earlier qualifying race.

At its absolute discretion, Racing NSW may eliminate, add or substitute qualifying races or conditions.

4. Big Dance Wild Card

The Big Dance Wild Card race will be run over 1600m at Royal Randwick on Saturday 26 October 2024 as an Open Handicap.

The Big Dance Wild Card race will be open to any horse that has contested one of the qualifying races, without winning a qualifying race.

The first and second placed horses from the race will qualify for the Big Dance.

5. Order of Entry and Ballot Conditions

The first and second placed horses from the Big Dance Wild Card will be exempt from ballot.

Should it become necessary to reduce the number of acceptors to determine the final field and emergencies, the excess horses shall be eliminated:

- commencing with the second placed horses from the qualifying races that have not otherwise won another of the qualifying races; then
- the lowest NSW Benchmark Handicap Rating at final acceptances shall be the first eliminated, this procedure will continue until the field limit is reached;
- if benchmarks are equal, the place in the field will be selected by the Racing NSW Handicapping Panel.

6. Nomination and Acceptance

Nominations

Horses will automatically be nominated based on the results of qualifying races.

Acceptances

Acceptances – Close by 9am on Friday, 1 November 2024.

7. Weight Allowances

True Weight Allowance

A true weight allowance may be claimed down to 52kg.

Apprentice Jockey Allowances

Apprentice jockeys cannot claim.

8. Racing NSW the Sole Judge of Eligibility

Racing NSW will be the sole judge to determine eligibility to compete in The Big Dance. Further, Racing NSW may change any condition, term, or other factor relating to the Big Dance at any stage, in its absolute discretion.

Racing NSW reserves the right to cancel the race, in its absolute discretion.

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Big Dance Qualifying Country Races

| VENUE | DATE | CLUB | RACE | DIST |
|----------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------|
| Goulburn | 5-Nov-23 | Goulburn & District Racing Club | Goulburn Cup | 1400 |
| Gundagai | 17-Nov-23 | Gundagai-Adelong Race Club | Snake Gully Cup | 1400 |
| Taree | 19-Nov-23 | Manning Valley Race Club | Taree Cup | 2000 |
| Kembla Grange | 25-Nov-23 | Illawarra Turf Club | The Gong | 1600 |
| Mudgee | 1-Dec-23 | Mudgee Race Club | Mudgee Cup | 1600 |
| Armidale | 3-Dec-23 | Armidale Jockey Club | Armidale Cup | 1900 |
| Nowra | 10-Dec-23 | Shoalhaven City Turf Club | Nowra Cup | 1600 |
| Moruya | 8-Jan-24 | Moruya Jockey Club Inc | Moruya Cup | 1425 |
| Ballina | 25-Jan-24 | Ballina Jockey Club | Ballina Cup | 1590 |
| Sapphire Coast | 4-Feb-24 | Sapphire Coast Turf Club | Bega Cup | 1600 |
| Albury | 22-Mar-24 | Albury Racing Club | Albury Gold Cup | 2000 |
| Muswellbrook | 5-Apr-24 | Muswellbrook Race Club | Muswellbrook Gold Cup | 1500 |
| Wellington | 14-Apr-24 | Wellington Race Club | Wellington Cup | 1700 |
| Orange | 19-Apr-24 | Racing Orange Ltd | Orange Gold Cup | 2100 |
| Tamworth | 26-Apr-24 | Tamworth Jockey Club | Tamworth Cup | 1400 |
| Wagga | 3-May-24 | Murrumbidgee Turf Club | Wagga Wagga Gold Cup | 2000 |
| Hawkesbury | 4-May-24 | Hawkesbury Race Club | Hawkesbury Cup | 1600 |
| Gosford | 11-May-24 | Gosford Race Club | Gosford Cup | 2100 |
| Scone | 17-May-24 | Scone Race Club | Scone Cup | 1600 |
| Gunnedah | 26-May-24 | Gunnedah Jockey Club | Gunnedah Cup | 1600 |
| Narrandera | 7-Jul-24 | Narrandera Race Club | Narrandera Cup | 1600 |
| Grafton | 14-Jul-24 | Clarence River Jockey Club | South Grafton Cup | 1600 |
| Coffs Harbour | 2-Aug-24 | Coffs Harbour Racing Club | Coffs Harbour Cup | 1600 |
| Forbes | 4-Aug-24 | Forbes Jockey Club | Forbes Cup | 1600 |
| Murwillumbah | 23-Aug-24 | Tweed River Jockey Club | Murwillumbah Cup | 1550 |
| Wyong | 6-Sep-24 | Wyong Race Club | Wyong Cup | 2100 |
| Bathurst | 15-Sep-24 | Bathurst Turf Club | Bathurst Cup | 1800 |
| Newcastle | 20-Sep-24 | Newcastle Jockey Club | Cameron Hcp | 1500 |
| Lismore | 26-Sep-24 | Lismore Turf Club | Lismore Cup | 2100 |
| Dubbo | 29-Sep-24 | City of Dubbo Turf Club | Dubbo Gold Cup | 1600 |
| Port Macquarie | 11-Oct-24 | Port Macquarie Race Club | Port Macquarie Cup | 2000 |
| Coonamble | 13-Oct-24 | Coonamble Jockey Club | Coonamble Cup | 1600 |
| Randwick | 26-Oct-24 | Australian Turf Club | Big Dance Wild Card | 1600 |

Dates potentially subject to change.

To be eligible for the Big Dance, horses must be the official winners (or second placed horse) in any of the races listed above.