



As part of the implementation of the Handicapping System for Season 2004/2005, standard penalties for all events (with discretionary allowance to take into consideration track conditions, nature of performance, winning distance, etc) have been created.

The following tables list the standard penalties (if any), discretionary allowance on the standard penalties and if a win in those events could impact on handicaps in other events.

The tables have been developed and are to be enforced by the Handicappers (Terry O'Donnell and Kevin Seers) so any issues or questions should typically go through them. They can be contacted through the VAL Office (telephone 9428 7077, or e-mail info@val.org.au).

70 Metre Events	Standard Penalty	Discretionary variance (+/-)	Discretionary Impact on other events
Bacchus Marsh 70m	0.25	Up to 0.50	Nil
Whittlesea 70m	0.25	Up to 0.50	Nil
Northcote 70m	0.25	Up to 0.50	Nil
Northcote 70m Women	0.25	Up to 0.50	Up to 100% to Open 70, Women's 100 and 120.
Northcote 70m Novice	Nil	Nil	Nil
Essendon 70m Novice	Nil	Up to 0.50	Nil
Essendon 70m	0.25	Up to 0.50	Nil
Maryborough 70m	0.50	Up to 0.50	Up to 100% to 100 and 120m events.
Maryborough 70m Novice	Nil	Nil	Nil
Mitchell Shire 70m	0.25	Up to 0.50	Nil
St. Bernards 70m	0.50	Up to 0.50	Up to 100% to 100 and 120m events
Rye 70m	0.25	Up to 0.50	Up to 100% to 100 and 120m events
Rye 70m Novice	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ringwood 70m	0.25	Up to 0.50	Nil
Ringwood 70m Novice	Nil	Up to 0.50	Nil
Wangaratta 70m	0.25	Up to 0.50	Up to 100% to 100 and 120m events
Sandringham 70m	0.25	Up to 0.50	Nil
Ballarat 70m	0.50	Up to 0.50	Up to 100% to 100 and 120m events
Ararat 70m	0.25	Up to 0.50	Nil
Keilor 70m	0.50	Up to 0.50	Up to 100% to 100 and 120m events
Keilor Don Furness 70m	1.00	Up to 0.50	Up to 100% to 100 and 120m events
Keilor 70m Skins	Nil	Nil	Nil
Heidelberg 70m	0.25	Up to 0.50	Nil
Noble Park 70m	0.50	Up to 0.50	Up to 100% to 100 and 120m events
Geelong 70m	0.25	Up to 0.50	Up to 100% to 100 and 120m events
Bendigo 70m	0.25	Up to 0.50	Up to 100% to 100 and 120m events
Burramine 70m	0.25	Up to 0.75	Up to 100% to 100 and 120m events
Stawell 70m	N/A	N/A	Up to 100% to 100 and 120m events

100, 120 and 200 Metre Events	Standard Penalty	Discretionary Variance (+/-)	Discretionary Impact on other events
Bacchus Marsh 120m Gift	0.50	Up to 0.50	Up to 50% penalty to 70m
Cranbourne 100m	0.25	Up to 0.50	Nil
Cranbourne 100m Women's	0.25	Up to 0.50	Up to 50% of penalty Open or Vets 100/120
Whittlesea 200m Invite	Nil	Nil	Nil
Whittlesea 200m Gift	1.00	Up to 1	Up to 50% of penalty to 100/120. 100% to 400m events.
Northcote 120m Gift	0.50	Up to 0.50	Up to 50% of penalty to 70m
Maryborough 200m W/V	1.00	1.00	Up to 50% to 200 Open. 100% to 400.
Maryborough 120m Novice	Nil	Up to 0.50	Nil
Maryborough 120m Women	0.50	Up to 0.50	Up to 50% of penalty to Open or Vets 100/120
Maryborough 120m Veteran	0.50	Up to 0.50	Up to 50% of penalty to Open or Women's 100/120
Maryborough 120m Gift	1.00	Up to 0.50	UP to 80% to 70m. 100% to 200/400
Maryborough 200m	1.00	Up to 1	Up to 25% to 100/120 events. 100% to 400m events
St.Bernards 120 Gift	0.50	Up to 0.50	UP to 50% to 70m. 100% to 200/400
St. Bernards 120 Women	0.50	Up to 0.50	Up to 50% of penalty to Open or Vets 100/120
Rye 120m Gift	1.00	Up to 0.50	UP to 50% to 70m. 100% to 200/400
Rye 120m Women	1.50	Up to 0.50	Up to 50% to 70m 100% to Open 100/120
Ringwood 100m	0.50	Up to 0.50	UP to 50% of penalty to 70m/120
Ringwood 100m Women	0.50	Up to 0.50	UP to 50% of penalty to Open or Vets 100/120
Wangaratta 120m Gift	0.50	Up to 0.50	Up to 50% of penalty to 70m. 100% to 200/400
Wangaratta 120m Veteran	0.25	Up to 0.50	UP to 50% of penalty to Open or Women's 100/120
Wangaratta 120m Novice	Nil	Up to 0.50	Nil
Sandringham 100m Gift	0.50	Up to 0.50	UP to 50% of penalty to 70m/120m
Sandringham 100m Veteran	0.50	Up to 0.50	UP to 50% of penalty to Open or Women's 100/120
Ballarat Sprint Invite	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ballarat 120m Gift	2.00	Up to 0.50	UP to 50% of penalty to 70m. Up to 100% penalty to 100/200/400.
Ballarat 120m Veteran	0.50	Up to 0.50	Up to 50% of penalty to Open or Women 100/120
Ballarat 120m Women	1.50	Up to 0.50	Up to 50% of penalty to Open or Vets 100/120
Ballarat 120m Novice	Nil	Up to 0.50	Nil
Ararat 120m Gift	0.50	Up to 0.50	UP to 50% to 70m races. 100% 100m.
Ararat 100m Women	0.50	Up to 0.50	Up to 50% of penalty to Open or Vets 100/120

Keilor 120m Gift	1.50	Up to 0.50	Up to 50% of penalty to 70m. UP to 100% to 200/400
Keilor 120m Women	0.50	Up to 0.50	Up to 50% of penalty to Open or Vets 100/120
Keilor 120m U/21	0.25	Up to 0.50	Nil
Heidelberg 100m Gift	0.50	Up to 0.50	UP to 50% of penalty to 70m. 100% 100m.
Noble Park 120m Gift	0.50	Up to 0.50	UP to 50% of penalty to 70m 100% 100m.
Noble Park 120m Women	0.25	Up to 0.50	Up to 50% of penalty to Open or Vets 100/120
Noble Park 100m Veteran	0.25	Up to 0.50	UP to 50% of penalty to Open or Women's 100/120
Geelong 120m Gift	0.50	Up to 0.50	Up to 50% of penalty to 70m races.
Geelong 120m Novice	Nil	Up to 0.50	Nil
Geelong 120m Women	0.25	Up to 0.50	Up to 50% of penalty to Open or Vets 100/120
Bendigo 120m Gift	0.75	Up to 0.50	Up to 50% penalty to 70m. 100% to 100/200/400
Bendigo 120m Women	0.25	Up to 0.50	Up to 50% of penalty to Open or Vets 100/120
Burramine 120m Invite	Nil	Nil	Nil
Burramine 120m Gift	0.50	Up to 0.75	UP to 50% penalty 70m. UP to 100% of penalty 100/200/400
Burramine 100m Veteran	0.25	Up to 0.50	UP to 50% of penalty to Open or Women's 100/120
Burramine 100m Women	0.25	Up to 0.75	UP to 50% of penalty to Open or Vets 100/120
Mitchell 100m Women	0.25	Up to 0.50	Up to 50% of penalty to Open or Vets 100/120
Mitchell 120m Gift	0.50	Up to 0.50	UP to 50% of penalty to 70m/100m
St. Bernards 120m Gift	0.50	Up to 0.50	UP to 50% of penalty to 70m. 100% penalty to 200/400
St. Bernards 120m Women	0.50	Up to 0.50	UP to 50% of penalty to Open or Vets 100/120
Essendon 120m Gift	0.50	Up to 0.50	Up to 50% 70m. 100% 100/200m.
Essendon 120m Women	0.25	Up to 0.50	Up to 50% to Open or Vets 100/120
Stawell 120m Gift	N/A	N/A	N/A
Stawell 100m Veteran	N/A	N/A	N/A
Stawell 100m Women	N/A	N/A	N/A
Stawell 100m Novice	N/A	N/A	N/A
Stawell 100m U/17 Boys	N/A	N/A	N/A
Stawell 100m U/17 Girls	N/A	N/A	N/A
Stawell 200m	N/A	N/A	N/A
Stawell 120m Invite	N/A	N/A	N/A

300 and 400 Metre Events	Standard Penalty	Discretionary Variance (+/-)	Discretionary impact on other events.
Barham-Koondrook 400m	2	Up to 4m	Up to 50% penalty to 200m races
Bacchus Marsh 400m	1	Up to 4m	Nil
Cranbourne 400m	1	Up to 4m	Nil
Whittlesea 400m Novice	Nil	Up to 4m	Nil
Whittlesea 400m Women	2	Up to 4m	Up to 50% penalty to Open or Vets 300 and 400m races
Box Hill 400m	1	Up to 4m	Nil
Zatopek 400m	1	Up to 4m	Nil
Northcote 400m	3	Up to 4m	Up to 50% penalty to 200m races.
Northcote 400m Vets	2	Up to 4m	Up to 50% of penalty to Open or Women 300 and 400m races
Essendon 400m	4	Up to 4m	Nil
Essendon 400m Veteran	4	Up to 4m	Up to 50% of penalty to Open/Women 300/400. 100% Vets 300
MCG Races (1) (2) and (3)	TBA	Up to 4m	Nil
Maryborough 400m	4	Up to 4m	Nil
Maryborough 400m Women	4	Up to 4m	Up to 50% of penalty to Open or Vets 300/400
Mitchell Shire 400m	2	Up to 4m	Up to 50% for 200m.
Mitchell Shire 400m Novice	Nil	Up to 4m	Nil
Rye 400m	4	Up to 4m	Nil
Rye 400m Veteran	2	Up to 4m	Up to 50% of penalty to Open of Women 300/400
Rye 400m Women	2	Up to 4m	UP to 50% of penalty to Open or Veteran 300/400
Ringwood 400m Gift	6	Up to 4m	Up to 50% to 200m
Wangaratta 400m	4	Up to 4m	Nil
Wangaratta 400m Women	2	Up to 4m	Up to 50% of penalty to Open or Veteran 300/400
Sandringham 400m	4	Up to 4m	Nil
Sandringham 400m Women	2	Up to 4m	Up to 100% of penalty to Open or Veteran 300/400
Ballarat 400m Backmarkers	5	Up to 4m	Nil
Ballarat 400m Frontmarkers	2	Up to 4m	Nil
Ballarat 300m Novice & U/21	Nil	Up to 4m	Nil
Ararat 400	2	Up to 4m	Nil
Ararat 400m N/V/W	2 (Nil for Novice)	Up to 4m	UP to 50% to Open, Women, Vet 300/400
Keilor 400m	5	Up to 4m	Nil
Keilor 400m Women	2	Up to 4m	Up to 100% to Open or Veteran 300/400
Keilor 400m Novice	Nil	Up to 4m	Nil
Keilor 300m Veteran	2	Up to 4m	Up to 50% to Open or Women 300/400. 100% to Vets 400
Heidelberg 400m Women	2	Up to 2m	Up to 50% to Open or Veterans 300/400

Heidelberg 300m Veteran	2	Up to 2m	Up to 50% to Open or Women's 300/400. 100% to Vets 400
Heidelberg 400m Open	2	Up to 2m	Nil
Noble Park 400m	4	Up to 4m	Nil
Geelong 300m	2	Up to 4m	Up to 100% penalty to 400m
Geelong 400m Women	2	Up to 4m	Up to 50% penalty to Open or Veterans 300/400.
Bendigo 400m Classic	8	Up to 4m	Up to 50% of penalty to 200m.
Bendigo 400m Women	6	Up to 4m	Up to 50% of penalty to Open or Veterans 300/400
Burramine 400m	2	Up to 6m	Up to 50% of penalty to 200m
Burramine 400m Women	1	Up to 5m	Up to 50% of penalty to Open or Vets 300/400
Geelong 300m Veteran	2	Up to 4m	Up to 100% of penalty Open 400m. 50% 300 or womens 400m.
Bendigo 400m Novice	Nil	Up to 4m	Nil
Dandenong 300m Women	2	Up to 4m	Up to 100% of penalty Womens 400m. 50% to Open.
Dandenong 300m	2	Up to 4m	Up to 100% of penalty to Open, Veteran and Women 400m.
Stawell 400m Frontmarker	N/A	N/A	N/A
Stawell 400m Backmarker	N/A	N/A	N/A
Stawell 400m Women	N/A	N/A	N/A

550 and 800 Metre Events	Standard Penalty	Discretionary Variance (+/-)	Discretionary Impact on other events
Whittlesea 550m	4m	Up to 5m	Up to 50% 800m and 25% 400m
Northcote 800m	4m	Up to 5m	UP to 25% 550m and 50% to 1600m
Maryborough 800m	4m	Up to 5m	Up to 25% 550m and 50% 1600m
Dandenong 550m	4m	Up to 5m	UP to 25% 550m and 50% 1600m
Rye 800m	4m	Up to 5m	Up to 25% 550m and 50% 1600m
Ringwood 800m	4m	Up to 5m	UP to 25% 550m and 50% 1600m
Wangaratta 800m	4m	Up to 5m	Up to 25% 550m and 50% 1600m
Ballarat 800m	8m	Up to 5m	UP to 25% 550m and 50% 1600m
Keilor 800m	8m	Up to 5m	UP to 25% 550m and 50% 1600m
Noble Park 550m	4m	Up to 5m	Up to 50% 800m and 25% 400m
Bendigo 800m	8m	Up to 5m	Up to 25% 550m and 50% 1600m
Burramine 800m	2m	Up to 7m	UP to 25% 550m and 50% 1600m
Mitchell 800 Frontmarkers	4m	Up to 5m	Up to 25% 550m and 50% 1600m
Mitchell 800 Backmarkers	4m	Up to 5m	UP to 25% 550m and 50% 1600m
St. Bernards 550m	4m	Up to 5m	Up to 50% 800m and 25% 400m
Stawell 550m	N/A	N/A	Up to 50% 800m and 25% to 400m
Stawell 800m	N/A	N/A	Up to 25% 550m and 50% to 1600m

1600 and 3200 Metre Events	Standard Penalty	Discretionary Variance (+/-)	Discretionary Impact on other events.
Barham-Koondrook 1600m	5m	Up to 5m	UP to 25% to 800m. 100% to 3200m
Bacchus Marsh 1600m	5m	Up to 5m	Up to 25% to 800m. 100% to 3200m
Cranbourne 1600m	5m	Up to 5m	UP to 25% to 800m. 100% to 3200m.
Dandenong 1600m	5m	Up to 5m	UP to 25% to 800m. 100% to 3200m
Whittlesea 1600	5m	Up to 5m	Up to 25% to 800m. 100% to 3 200m
Box Hill 1600m	5m	Up to 5m	UP to 25% to 800m. 100% to 3200m.
Zatopek 1600m	Nil	Up to 5m	Nil
Northcote 1600m	5m	Up to 5m	UP to 25% to 800m. 100% to 3200m
Essendon 1600m	15m	Up to 5m	Up to 25% to 800m. 100% to 3200m
Heidelberg 1600m	5m	Up to 5m	UP to 25% to 800m. 100% to 3200m.
Maryborough 1600m	10m	Up to 5m	Up to 25% to 800m. 100% to 3200m.
Maryborough 1600m Veteran	10m	Up to 5m	Up to 50% Open 1600. 100% to 3200 & Vets 1500. 25% to 800
Rye 1600m	5m	Up to 5m	Up to 25% to 800m. 100% to 3200m
Rye 1600m Veteran/Women	5m	Up to 5m	Up to 50% Open 1600. 100% to 3200 & Vets 1500. 25% to 800
Ringwood 1600m	5m	Up to 5m	Up to 25% to 800m. 100% to 3200m
Wangaratta 3200m	15m	Up to 5m	Up to 50% to 1600m
Sandringham 1600m	5m	Up to 5m	Up to 25% to 800m. 100% to 3200m
Ballarat 1600m	15m	Up to 5m	UP to 25% to 800m. 100% to 3200m.
Ararat 1600m	5m	Up to 5m	UP to 25% to 800m. 100% to 3200m
Keilor 1600m Frontmarkers	10m	Up to 5m	Up to 25% to 800m. 100% to 3200m
Keilor 1600m Backmarkers	10m	Up to 5m	UP to 25% to 800m. 100% to 3200m.
Noble Park 1600m	10m	Up to 5m	Up to 25% to 800m. 100% to 3200m

Geelong 1600m	5m	Up to 5m	UP to 25% to 800m. 100% to 3200m.
Bendigo 3200m	20m	Up to 5m	UP to 50% to 1600m
Bendigo 1600 Frontmarkers	10m	Up to 5m	UP to 25% to 800m. 100% to 3200m
Bendigo 1600 Backmarkers	20m	Up to 5m	UP to 25% to 800m. 100% to 3200m.
Burramine 1600m	5m	Up to 10m	UP to 25% to 800m. 100% to 3200m
Mitchell 1600m	5m	Up to 5m	UP to 25% to 800m. 100% to 3200m
St. Bernards 1600m	5m	Up to 5m	UP to 25% to 800m. 100% to 3200m.
Stawell 1500m Veteran	N/A	N/A	UP to 50% Open 1600. 25% to 800. 100% to 3200.
Stawell 1600 Frontmarkers	N/A	N/A	UP to 25% to 800m. 100% to 3200m.
Stawell 1600 Backmarkers	N/A	N/A	UP to 25% to 800m. 100% to 3200m
Stawell 1600m Invite	N/A	N/A	UP to 25% to 800m. 100% to 3200m
Stawell 1600m Novice	N/A	N/A	UP to 25% to 800m. 100% to 3200m.
Stawell 3200m Frontmarkers	N/A	N/A	UP to 50% to 1600m
Stawell 3200m Frontmarkers	N/A	N/A	Up to 50% to 1600m