

NSW BREEDERS CHALLENGE - Terms & Conditions

For foals born 2008/09 and beyond

Listed below are the terms and conditions of the NSW Breeders Challenge Series for foals born in 2008/09 and beyond. Please read the terms and conditions carefully before acting upon them.

1. ELIGIBILITY

The NSW Breeders Challenge Series is restricted to:

Horses that have had paid:

- i. the compulsory foal registration fee or optional foal nomination fee
- ii. the annual participation fee for that season

with the exception of 4YO's competing in Breeders Challenge Regional Finals which are restricted to horses that have had paid:

- i. the compulsory foal registration fee or optional foal nomination fee
- ii. the annual participation fee as either a 2YO or 3YO.

2. ANNUAL PARTICIPATION FEES

In order for an eligible 2YO or 3YO horse to race in a particular season in the NSW Breeders Challenge Series or be eligible for Breeders Challenge Owner's Bonus Scheme certificates, the Owner(s) must pay the Participation fee for that season.

In order for an eligible 4YO horse to race in a NSW Breeders Challenge Series or be eligible for Breeders Challenge Owners Bonus Scheme certificates, the Owner(s) must pay either the 2YO or 3YO Participation fee.

Owners of eligible horses that registered a foal in NSW or registered a foal elsewhere but nominated it for the NSW Breeding Schemes, will be invited to enter.

Owners are to be mailed a NSW Breeding Scheme Participation Coupon by 1st July in the year preceding the horses 2YO and 3YO race season.

Owners that wish their horse to compete in the NSW Breeding Schemes will need to lodge the Participation Coupon and payment of \$275 with HRNSW by 5pm on 1st September in the season of the applicable race series. Late fees apply (see table below).

Participation fees will not be accepted after 1st December in the season of the applicable race series.

To be eligible to earn Breeders Challenge Owner's Bonuses, horses must have been made Breeders Challenge eligible through the payment of the annual participation fee prior to the close of nominations for an event where the bonus is to be won. Breeders Challenge Owner's Bonuses will not be awarded to owners should the annual participation fee have not been paid in full prior to the close of nominations for the applicable event.

Owners of Breeders Challenge eligible horses who did not pay that horse's 2YO Participation fee will still have the option to pay the horse's 3YO Participation fee to enable its participation in the 3YO and 4YO series.

Depending on the number of horses that pay up for a given series and available funding, HRNSW may call for nominations for restricted events for NSW Breeders Challenge eligible horses.

The conditions above will apply, though the participation fee may vary based on the total prizemoney offered. (*Refer to Condition 12 for details.*)

The table below sets out the annual Participation fee:

| Type of Fee | Owner fee per horse \$ (GST inclusive) |
|-----------------------|---|
| 2YO Participation Fee | 275 if paid by 1 September in season of 2YO race series 550 if paid by 1 October in season of 2YO race series 1100 if paid by 1 November in season of 2YO race series 2200 if paid by 1 December in season of 2YO race series No participation fees will be accepted after the December 1 in the season of the 2YO race series. |
| 3YO Participation Fee | 275 if paid by 1 September in season of 3YO race series 550 if paid by 1 October in season of 3YO race series 1100 if paid by 1 November in season of 3YO race series 2200 if paid by 1 December in season of 3YO race series No participation fees will be accepted after the December 1 in the season of the 3YO race series. |
| 4YO Participation Fee | There is no participation fee for 4YOs. In order for an eligible 4YO horse to race in a NSW Breeders Challenge Series or be eligible for Breeders Challenge Owner's Bonus Scheme certificates, the Owner(s) must pay either the 2YO or 3YO Participation fee. |

3. NOMINATION AND ACCEPTANCE

Closing dates for nomination and acceptance in NSW Breeders Challenge Series events are the same as normal nomination and acceptance dates for meetings programmed by conducting clubs. Nomination and acceptance dates and times are printed in the HRNSW Official Notices Section of the NSW Harness Racing Gazette.

Nomination is required for every horse in respect of every event, excepting the Series Final (unless there has been a Preview).

Events must have a minimum of eight (8) final acceptors except with the approval of HRNSW.

4. ACCEPTANCE FEES

There are no acceptance fees applicable to NSW Breeders Challenge Series races.

5. RIGHT TO COMPETE

All horses conforming to the provisions of condition 1 (Eligibility) and condition 2 (Annual Participation Fees) have the right to nominate for NSW Breeders Challenge Series events of the appropriate age and sex categories.

6. HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS

The Handicapping and Barrier Draw will be Random Barrier Draw, with the exception of the 4YO Breeders Challenge Regional Finals and Consolations which will be determined by Preferential Barrier Draw On Class.

Any horse which has won a maximum of two (2) NSW Breeders Challenge Series heats, in any one age category will not be eligible to compete in any further event in that category, excepting the Series Semi Final (if scheduled) and Series Final.

Eligibility for all NSW Breeders Challenge Series events is determined at acceptance time.

7. BREEDERS CHALLENGE EVENTS AND SELECTION CRITERIA

The events will comprise a minimum of Heats and a Final. HRNSW will determine for each season if Semi Finals are to be conducted. The Breeders Challenge events are open to eligible horses during their 2YO and 3YO years.

a) 2YO and 3YO Heats

- i. All heats are open to Breeders Challenge Series eligible horses.
- ii. Horses that win a Heat automatically qualify for the Series Semi Finals (including dead-heats).
- iii. Horses that have not started in a Breeders Challenge Series Heat will have preference in selection.
- iv. Where balloting of final acceptors is necessary, the ballots will go against the following horses:
 - Firstly, horses with an unfulfilled engagement.
 - Secondly, horses that have started in a Breeders Challenge Series Heat and have the most inferior current form compared to other nominees that have started in a Heat.

b) 2YO and 3YO Series Semi Finals (if programmed)

- i. All Semi Finals are open to Breeders Challenge Series eligible horses.
- ii. Where balloting of final acceptors is necessary, race field selection will be based on the following criteria:
 - Winners of heats automatically qualify for the Semi Finals (including dead-heats).
 - Horses that have competed in Heats will gain a start in preference to horses that have not.
 - Current form.

- c) 2YO and 3YO Series Finals
 - i. All Final fields will be selected in accordance with HRNSW Heat/Final conditions.
 - ii. If a Preview has been conducted in place of Semi Finals the first five (5) placegetters will be given preference in selection for the Final. The remainder of the Final field shall be selected on the basis of the following priority:
 - Winners of Heats (including dead-heats).
 - Horses that have competed in Heats will gain a start in preference to horses that have not.
 - Current form.
 - iii. In the event of a Preview being conducted, all horses must nominate for the Final.

8. BREEDERS CHALLENGE REGIONAL FINALS EVENTS AND SELECTION CRITERIA

The event will comprise a minimum of a Final for 2YOs, 3YOs and 4YOs of both sexes. HRNSW will determine for each season where the Regional Finals are to be conducted.

- a) 2YO, 3YO and 4YO Regional Finals
 - i. Regional Finals are open to Breeders Challenge Series eligible horses that have not won a race with total prizemoney of \$20,000 or greater in the current season.
 - ii. 2YO and 3YO Horses that win a heat or semi-final, or run first, second or third in the Breeders Challenge Race Series Final are ineligible to compete in Breeders Challenge Regional Finals conducted in the same season.
 - iii. 3YO horses that won a Breeders Challenge Final as a 2YO will be ineligible to compete in the 3YO Breeders Challenge Regional Finals.
 - iv. 4YO horses that won a Breeders Challenge Final as either a 2YO or 3YO will be ineligible to compete in the 4YO Breeders Challenge Regional Finals.
 - v. Where balloting of final acceptors is necessary, the ballots will go against the following horses:
 - Firstly, horses that have not started in an Breeders Challenge series heat
 - Secondly, horses that have started in a Breeders Challenge Series Heat and have the most inferior current form compared to other nominees that have started in a Heat.

9. CANCELLATION OR ALTERATION OF NSW BREEDERS CHALLENGE SERIES EVENTS

Details of the Breeders Challenge Series events to be conducted each season are published in the HRNSW Official Notices Section of the NSW Harness Racing Gazette and may vary from season to season. Where an Alabar Breeders Challenge Series event is cancelled or postponed for whatever reason, HRNSW may reprogram the cancelled event at a different date and or venue. HRNSW may call for fresh nominations, depending on the circumstances of such cancellations or postponements.

HRNSW may, during a season, increase or reduce the number of Alabar Breeders Challenge events after considering the number of horses likely to compete.

10. NSW BREEDERS CHALLENGE BREEDER AND STALLION NOMINATOR BONUSES

Five percent (5%) of prizemoney for each Breeders Challenge event will be paid to the breeder of the first ten placegetters.

As the definition of a Breeder has been amended under the national rules (effective for foals conceived in 2011-12 season onwards), HRNSW has amended the prizemoney component of the NSW Breeders Challenge to be payable to the nominator of the foal for foals conceived from the 2011-12 season onwards.

For the purposes of the NSW Breeding Schemes including but not limited to the Breeders Challenge Race Series, Breeders Challenge Regional Finals and Breeders Challenge Nominators Bonuses, the nominator is the person(s) who owned the foal at the time it was registered in NSW or nominated for the NSW Breeding Schemes.

Five percent (5%) of prizemoney for each Breeders Challenge event will be paid to the stallion nominator of the sire of the first ten placegetters, provided that the stallion was either registered and standing solely in NSW or registered elsewhere but nominated for the NSW Breeding Schemes during the season of conception.

Any stallion nominator bonus not won, due to prizemoney being earned by progeny of interstate stallions that were not nominated for the NSW Breeding Schemes during the season of conception, will jackpot. Bonuses not won in heats will jackpot to the applicable final where it will be paid to the stallion nominator of the eligible sire of the highest placed horse in the final*.

*An eligible sire is one that was either registered and stood solely in NSW, or was registered elsewhere but nominated for the NSW Breeding Schemes in the season of conception.

11. PRIZEMONEY DISTRIBUTION

Prizemoney is to be distributed according to the table below:

| Placing | Owner | Breeder/ Nominator | Stallion nom. | Trainer | Driver |
|--|-------|-----------------------|------------------|---------|--------|
| 1 st – 63% | 80% | 5% | 5% | 5% | 5% |
| 2 nd – 15% | 80% | 5% | 5% | 5% | 5% |
| 3 rd – 10% | 80% | 5% | 5% | 5% | 5% |
| 4 th – 5% | 80% | 5% | 5% | 5% | 5% |
| 5 th – 2% | 80% | 5% | 5% | 5% | 5% |
| 6 th to 10 th – 1% | 80% | 5% | 5% | 5% | 5% |

Example of prizemoney division for \$125,000 Alabar Breeders Challenge Final

| Placing | Owner | Breeder/ Nominator | Stallion nom. | Trainer | Driver |
|---|----------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 st - \$78,750 | \$63,000 | \$3937.50 | \$3937.50 | \$3937.50 | \$3937.50 |
| 2 nd - \$18,750 | \$15,000 | \$937.50 | \$937.50 | \$937.50 | \$937.50 |
| 3 rd - \$12,500 | \$10,000 | \$625 | \$625 | \$625 | \$625 |
| 4 th - \$6,250 | \$5,000 | \$312.50 | \$312.50 | \$312.50 | \$312.50 |
| 5 th - \$2,500 | \$2,000 | \$125 | \$125 | \$125 | \$125 |
| 6 th to 10 th - \$1,250 | \$1,000 | \$62.50 | \$62.50 | \$62.50 | \$62.50 |

HRNSW will determine each year the prizemoney for the next racing season. HRNSW makes no representation that the level of prizemoney for any one season will continue for the Breeders Challenge Series events in later seasons. If the number of Breeders Challenge Series events increases during a season, the prizemoney per race may be reduced.

12. OTHER HRNSW BREEDING SCHEMES OR RACES

If available funding permits, HRNSW may schedule additional races outside the main Breeders Challenge Series for Breeders Challenge Series eligible horses. These races are likely to be for horses that have either not participated or not been successful in main series events.

The scheduling of these races is entirely of the discretion of HRNSW and there is no certainty any such races will be scheduled in a season.

13. ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

HRNSW has the right, in its absolute discretion, to impose additional conditions and restrictions for the Breeders Challenge Series and to alter, vary, divide or cancel any event(s) and/or conditions in the Breeders Challenge Series programme. HRNSW may, at any time, terminate the Breeders Challenge Series. HRNSW will endeavour to notify industry participants of any discontinuation by 30 June prior to the next breeding season.

14. DISPUTES

Any matter that is in dispute regarding the Breeders Challenge Series (including, but not limited to, the application and interpretation of the terms and conditions or any matter not covered by the terms and conditions) will be determined solely by HRNSW.

15. INTERPRETATION

Reference to a date which falls on a weekend or NSW public holiday will mean the next following business day.

Fees are inclusive of GST.

Payment of applicable fees will signify acceptance of these terms and conditions in connection with the relevant foal, weanling or stallion.