



NSW BREEDERS CHALLENGE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What makes my foal eligible for the Alabar Breeders Challenge (ABC)?

A: One of two (or both) criteria needs to be met in order for a foal to be considered NSW bred and therefore eligible for the ABC. These are:

The sire of the foal must have been standing at a stud in NSW during the season of service

Or; The mare must have been served in NSW and also foaled in NSW

Q: Why do owners of foals notified outside NSW have to pay a \$275 eligibility fee?

A: When foals are notified to NSW, part of the registration fee is a compulsory payment for the foal to be eligible for the ABC. If an eligible foal is notified interstate there is an option of making it eligible through the payment of the \$275 fee.

Q: My foal is eligible for the ABC but is not included in the eligibility list. Why?

A: The most likely reason is that the foal has not yet been notified. Foals need to be notified to the controlling body within 21 days of their birth otherwise a late fee may apply.

Q: What is the difference between a NSW sire and one that stands outside of NSW but is nominated for the NSW Breeding Schemes?

A: A NSW sire is one that is actually standing at a stud in NSW during any given breeding season. The foals by these stallions are eligible for the ABC regardless of where the mare is domiciled.

The sires nominated for the NSW breeding schemes that stand outside of NSW are on this list solely for the benefit of owners that are seeking to use their State Bred Bonus Scheme (SBBS) or Breeders Challenge Owners Bonus (BCOB) Certificates to reimburse service fees. Foals by these stallions are only eligible for the ABC if the mare is served and foals down in NSW.

Q: What series is my horse in?

A: Below is a table outlining the series each horse is in by their foaling year:

Series #	Foaling Year
Series 1	2005/06
Series 2	2006/07
Series 3	2007/08
Series 4	2008/09
Series 5	2009/10
Series 6	2010/11
Series 7	2011/12

Q: What is the \$275 sustaining fee and what does it make my horse eligible for?

A: The sustaining fee is an optional payment that owners can make which entitles their horse to race in the upcoming series of the ABC (which has replaced the Sires Stakes series). It also makes the horse eligible for a \$2,500 BCOB Certificate and for foals born in the 2011-12 season onwards, a \$3,000 Breeders Challenge Nominators

Bonus upon the horse's first "career" class win of the season (any race with prizemoney greater than \$3,000).

The owners of eligible yearlings and 2YOs will automatically be invoiced the \$275 fee for the 2YO and 3YO series if they do not withdraw them by the 31st May prior to the racing season.

Q: What is the Breeders Challenge Nominators Bonus?

A: As part of the HRNSW Board's commitment to allocate 25% of Race Fields Legislation earnings to breeding initiatives, it is the intention to provide a Breeders Challenge Nominators Bonus to nominators of foals conceived in the 2010-11 season. The nominators of Breeders Challenge eligible 2 and 3YO's will win a \$3,000 cash bonus for a horse's first "C" Class win for the season. Breeders Challenge eligible 4YO's will also win a \$3,000 cash bonus for their first "C" Class win provided they have not won a cash bonus as a 2 or 3YO.

In addition, the Breeders Challenge Nominators Bonus will provide the nominators of these eligible 2, 3 and 4YO horses with an additional 10% of winning Group 1 earnings Australia wide.

Q: Do I have to be part of the 2YO series in order to be eligible for the 3YO series?

A: No. You can choose to withdraw your yearling from the upcoming 2YO series and still have the opportunity to pay up for the 3YO series the following year. Similarly, you can pay up for the 2YO series without being obliged to pay up for the 3YO series.

Q: Is there a payment for the 4YO series?

A: No. If you have paid the sustaining payment for the 2YO or 3YO series (or both) your ABC eligibility will automatically follow the horse through to the 4YO series. 4YOs are now eligible to win a BCOB Certificate and a BCNB for their first "career" class win IF they have not won a bonus as a 2YO or 3YO. They are also eligible to race in the programmed Regional Finals.

Q: The eligibility fee was not paid when it was a foal, can I pay up for it as a yearling?

A: No. Unfortunately there is no provision for late entry into the NSW Breeders Challenge.

Q: Why have I been invoiced for a horse I no longer own?

A: It is likely that the new owners of the horse have not lodged a transfer of ownership with the controlling body. Until this form is lodged with payment you are still the registered owner of the horse. To avoid being incorrectly invoiced it is best to send the withdrawal notice (sent out to owners by July 1 in the season prior to the race series) back to HRNSW with notification that the horse has been sold.

Q: Why have I not been invoiced for a horse(s) that I own?

A: You need to check that a transfer of ownership has been lodged and processed with the controlling body. Until this course of action has been taken, you are not the registered owner of this horse.

Q: My horse is paid up for Series 1-3 (foals born between 2005 & 2007). Are there any more fees to keep it eligible?

A: No. For the first three Breeders Challenge series there was only a one off foal fee. There are no further fees to maintain its' eligibility.

Q: My horse is eligible for a breeding scheme in another state, can it also be eligible for the ABC?

A: Yes. As long as the NSW eligibility criteria are met and the foal fee was paid, a horse can be duly eligible for breeding schemes in different states.

Q: How many certificates can my horse win?

A: From July 1, 2010, a horse is eligible for one (1) \$2,500 BCOB Certificate per racing season. If a horse has already won a SBBS Certificate in the 09/10 racing season it is considered to have already won a certificate and as such is not entitled to any further certificates until the new racing season commences on September 1, 2010.

Q: How can I redeem my BCOB certificate?

A: There are two ways a certificate can be redeemed. These are:

To purchase a Breeders Challenge eligible yearling from any Australian Sale (Sign the back of the certificate and give it to the sale personnel when making payment arrangements. The sale company will forward it to HRNSW for redemption)

To fund a service by a NSW sire or one that stands outside of NSW but is nominated for the NSW Breeding Schemes in that particular season. If the service fee is less than \$2,500, breeding fees incurred for the service up to a value of \$500 will also be covered (e.g. agistment, AI costs, vet). (Sign the back of the certificate and send it to the stud as payment or part payment of your invoice. The stud will forward it to HRNSW for redemption.)

Q: Can I give/sell the certificate to someone else?

A: Certificates are transferrable provided that HRNSW is notified in writing that the certificate has been transferred and to whom, prior to the certificate being redeemed by the new owner. (Send a letter or email to Siobhan White at HRNSW)

Q: Can I redeem my certificate for cash?

A: No. BCOB Certificates cannot be redeemed for cash.

Q: I have an old SBBS Certificate. Have the conditions on these changed?

A: Yes. The certificates are now transferrable provided that HRNSW is notified in writing that the certificate has been transferred and to whom, prior to the certificate being redeemed by the new owner. Other conditions are the same.

Q: When and where are the ABC heats, semis and finals going to be run?

A: The heats are going to be run at tracks throughout the state and the semi finals and finals will be run at Tabcorp Park, Menangle. Heats will commence in mid April 2011 and the finals will be held in late June 2011. The heats for the 2YO series will be run for \$15,000, the semis are worth \$25,000 and the final will be run for \$125,000. The 3YO series is the same with the exception of \$150,000 finals from 2011 onwards.

Race dates are published on the Breeding Schemes page of the HRNSW website.

Q: Who do I contact if I want more information?

A: If you want more information on any of the conditions please contact Siobhan White on (02) 9722 6615 or email swhite@hrnsw.com.au