

NSW BREEDERS CHALLENGE & TROT NSW SERIES REVIEW

HRNSW is seeking submissions from Industry stakeholders with regard to NSW Breeders Challenge and Trot NSW Race Series and Incentive Schemes the purpose of which is to understand if the annual \$4 Million investment is delivering an optimum outcome to the harness racing industry. It should be noted that the Breeders Challenge and Trots NSW Series were not addressed in the reductions caused by the significant downturn in wagering revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic which commenced on the Monday 11th May 2020.

Race Series and Incentives:-

- NSW Breeders Challenge Major, Blue and Regional Race Series
- NSW Breeders Challenge Evolution Series
- Trot NSW Series
- Breeders Challenge Nominators (Breeders) Bonus
- Breeders Challenge Owners Bonus
- Breeders Challenge True Blue Bonus
- Breeders Challenge Group One Bonus
- Trot NSW Incentive Scheme
- Stallion Incentive Scheme
- Colonial Stallion Incentive Scheme

Stakeholders making submissions to HRNSW are requested to consider:-

- The race programme for each of the Series – Major, Blue, Regional and Trot NSW.
- The prizemoney amounts for all components of the Series – Heats, Semi-Finals and Finals.
- The redemption of Bonuses in either cash or by voucher.
- The \$ value of the Bonuses and other incentives.
- The age of horses eligible for bonuses.

Prizemoney distribution:- Importantly, for review will be the prizemoney distribution for the Breeders Challenge Race Series which is unique compared to the standard distribution of all other races.

The NSW stallion services for the past breeding season have been finalised at 1,380 and, despite the severe drought, there were only 56 less mares served than the previous year. However the previous year-on-year decrease was 234 mares served. This was reflected with 917 foals registered in NSW in the 2019/20 foaling season.

A point to note is that circa \$1/2 a Million is received by HRNSW in sustaining fees for 2 & 3YO's yet over \$4Million is distributed under the various Breeders Challenge and Trot NSW Schemes.

Timeline:- There needs to be a strict timeline on this review with Draft Amendments (if any) to be circulated to the Industry in early June for comment from stakeholders and potential implementation by the Board Members of HRNSW prior to the end of this financial year.

Details of the Breeders Challenge & Trots NSW Schemes can be found at www.nswbred.com.au

Submissions titled Breeders Challenge Review should be emailed to executive@hrnsw.com.au

All submissions are to be received by HRNSW on or before Tuesday 9th June 2020.