

NSW BREEDERS CHALLENGE BONUSES 5YO & OLDER HORSES

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The Board of Harness Racing New South Wales has favourably addressed requests from owners of horses five year old and older and these eligible horses will now be able to collect a NSW Breeders Challenge Bonus next racing season.

Whilst comments received by HRNSW in submissions were for the deletion of bonuses where there was no sustaining fee (that is four year old and older horses) HRNSW has since received requests from a number of participants, most of which were constructive, to reconsider the exclusion of older horses. The previous decision to exclude horses five year old and older after due consideration has now been reversed for next season.

The inclusion of five year old and older horses will however only be until 31 August 2021.

In addition two year old horses eligible to collect a Breeders Challenge bonus will be able to redeem a 2YO bonus in a postponed 2020 NSW Breeders Challenge or Trot NSW event. This will not restrict the horse from also redeeming a three year old (3YO) bonus through to August 2021.

For clarity the racing season due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to conduct major age race series such as the 2020 NSW Breeders Challenge Series was extended through to December 31 but for no other purpose.

HRNSW will rely on potential increases to wagering revenue to assist the additional funding for Breeders Challenge Bonuses which last financial year distributed a record \$3,320,608 in incentives.

The eligibility criteria for NSW Breeders Challenge Bonuses effective from September 1 are:

- Eligible two year old (2YO) horses if it is sustained can only redeem a bonus in a NSW two year old race;
- Eligible three year old (3YO) horses can redeem a bonus for their first win as a three year old in NSW (may not be in a designated three year old race) if it is 3YO sustained;
- Eligible four year old (4YO) horses can redeem a bonus for their first lifetime win if the horse was sustained as either a 2YO or 3YO; and
- Eligible five year old and older (5YO +) horses can redeem a bonus for their first lifetime win if the horse was sustained as either a 2YO or 3YO until 31 August 2021.

The Breeders Schemes Conditions can be found at:

Breeders - <http://www.nswbred.com.au/breeders-bonuses/>

Owners - <http://www.nswbred.com.au/owners-bonuses/>

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