

RIVERINA CHAMPIONSHIPS- 2026

The Riverina Four & Five Year Old Championships in 2026 will be contested with two \$100,000 Finals for combined age groups (4YO & 5YO) with two divisions - one Championship for Mares and the other for Entires and Geldings.

RIVERINA FOUR & FIVE YEAR OLD CHAMPIONSHIPS CONDITIONS:

Eligibility

For four and five year old NSW Breeders Challenge eligible horses or Australian bred horses.

For the avoidance of doubt these Championship races do not form part of the NSW Breeders Challenge Series or Funding from the NSW Breeders Challenge Scheme.

Order of Eligibility & Entry

1 - NSW Breeders Challenge eligible horses which were sustained for both 2YO and 3YO (includes Series Sustained) in their respective age season;

2 - NSW Breeders Challenge eligible horses which were sustained for either 2YO or 3YO in their respective age season;

3 - NSW Breeders Challenge eligible horses which were not sustained as either 2YO or 3YO; and

4 - Australian bred horses trained in NSW (28 day stable return) however only if insufficient nominations are received to constitute six maximum field size Heats in a Division.

Field Selection

- a) Dollars won lifetime.
- b) In the case of a tie \$TS will be applied.
- c) In the case of a tie \$L5 will be applied.
- d) In the case of a tie by ballot.

Barrier Draw

The barrier draw will be Preferential National Rating Points (PBD/NR) at Close of Nominations for the Heats.

Distances

The Championship races will be conducted over a distance of 2270M at Riverina Paceway Wagga Wagga.

Field Size

The Heats, Finals and Consolations of the Riverina Championships will consist of 12 horses and 2 Emergencies.

HEATS, CONSOLATIONS, FINALS & PRIZEMONEY:

A maximum of 6 Heats will be conducted in each division for prizemoney of **\$11,600**.

Horses will progress to the Final based on finishing positions and where these are the same on individual times recorded in the Heat.

Consolations (one for each Division – Mares and Entires & Geldings) of **\$14,500** will be conducted from nominations received with field selection based on finishing positions in the Heats and on individual times

recorded for those horses with the same finishing position. Consolations races will not be conducted if there are less than three Heats in either division.

Each of the Four & Five Year Old Riverina Championship Finals will be conducted for **\$100,000**.

All prizemoney will be distributed in accordance with HRNSW Policy.

Schedule for Heats, Consolations and Final will be as follows at Riverina Paceway Wagga Wagga:

Heats – Friday 27 March 2026.

Finals & Consolations – Saturday 4 April 2026.