



**RIVERINA GROUP ONE  
CARNIVAL CONDITIONS**

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## **RIVERINA GROUP 1 SERIES TERMS & CONDITIONS**

### 1. THE SERIES'

- 1.1 For 4YO and 5YO Australian Bred horses and New Zealand Bred Horses that are NSW Breeders Challenge eligible and/or Australian Bred horses and New Zealand Bred Horses that were nominated and sustained for the Bathurst Gold Crown Carnival and Australian Bred horses trained by HRNSW Licensed Trainers **(REFER TO CLAUSE 4)**
- 1.2 The following Series' are to be conducted:
- a) One (1) Series for 4YO Entires & Geldings
  - b) One (1) Series for 5YO Entires & Geldings
  - c) One (1) Series for 4YO Mares
  - d) One (1) Series for 5YO Mares
- 1.3 Each Individual Series is to consist of two (2) rounds of three (3) Heats, a Final and a Consolation.
- 1.4 Should there be less than twenty four (24) final acceptors for an Individual Series then it shall be combined with the Series of the same gender.
- 1.5 The number of Heats to be conducted in a combined Series shall depend on the number of final acceptors (24-31 = 3 Heats, 32-40 = 4 Heats, 41-50 = 5 Heats)
- 1.6 All Series' are to be conducted at the Riverina Paceway – Wagga.

### 2. DATES

- 2.1. The 1<sup>st</sup> Round of Heats are to be conducted the first Friday in April (except when it coincides with Good Friday they will be conducted on the second Friday in April)
- 2.2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of heats to be conducted the following Tuesday night
- 2.3. Final and Consolation to be conducted the following Sunday

#### **2020**

1 <sup>st</sup> Round Heats	Friday, 3 April
2 <sup>nd</sup> Round Heats	Tuesday, 7 April
Final	Sunday, 12 April
Consolation	Sunday, 12 April

## **2021**

1 <sup>st</sup> Round Heats	Friday, 9 April
2 <sup>nd</sup> Round Heats	Tuesday, 13 April
Final	Sunday, 18 April
Consolation	Sunday, 18 April

## 3. FIELD SIZE

- 3.1. Each Heat in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of Heats, the Final and Consolation is to consist of 10 starters and 2 common Emergencies.
- 3.2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Heats is to consist of 10 starters.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Horses are to be selected in the following order:

First Preference is afforded to horses that are:

- a) NSW Breeders Challenge eligible and were sustained as a Foal (Series Fee), Yearling (Yearling Series Fee), 2YO (2YO Sustaining Fee or 2YO/3YO Series Fee) and/or 3YO (3YO Sustaining Fee).

**and/or;**

Bathurst Gold Crown nominated and were fully sustained as a 2YO and/or 3YO.

Second Preference is afforded to horses that are:

- a) NSW Breeders Challenge eligible and were nominated but not sustained as a 2YO and 3YO that are trained in NSW by a HRNSW licenced trainer for a period of not less than four (4) calendar months, verified by lodgement of a continuous Stable Return and permanent residency in NSW.

Third Preference is afforded to horses that are:

- a) Australian Bred (horses foaled and notified to an Australian Controlling Body) that are trained in NSW by a HRNSW licenced trainer for a period of not less than four (4) calendar months, verified by lodgement of a continuous Stable Return and permanent residency in NSW.

**REFER TO THE APPENDIX FOR THE DETAILED DEFINITIONS WITH RESPECT TO ELIGIBILITY**

## 5. ORDER OF ENTRY - RANKING

5.1. The top 32 Horses (30 starters & 2 Emergencies) are to be selected in line with the Eligibility Clause and then Ranked in the following order:

- a) Horse with the Highest National Rating Points
- b) Horse with the Highest amount of Lifetime Earnings

5.2. HRNSW will determine the number of Heats in each respective division at its sole discretion taking into consideration maximum field sizes.

## 6. THE RACE SERIES

6.1. 1 <sup>st</sup> Round of Heats of \$10,000	2270m
6.2. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round of Heats of \$10,000	1740m
6.3. Group 1 Finals of \$100,000	2270m
6.4. Consolations of \$20,000	1740m

## 7. BARRIER DRAWS

7.1. The Barrier Draws for all events is to be based on a Group Preferential Draw, based on Rankings at the start of the Series:

- a) The five lowest ranked horses in each race will randomly draw between 1 and 5. With the exception of ODM horses (Refer ODM Policy)
- b) The five highest ranked horses in each race will randomly draw between 6 and 10. With the exception of ODM horses (Refer ODM Policy)
- c) The common Emergencies will draw Barrier 11 and 12 in the first round of Heats, the Final and the Consolation and will take the place of any scratched horse (i.e. number 2 is a scratching, the first emergency will start from Barrier 2)

## 8. SPLITTING OF HEATS

8.1. The 30 horses to compete in the first round of Heats are to be split as follows (information in brackets is an example to show the Order of Entry - Ranking):

Table A

Barrier Draws	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3
Randomly Draw Barriers 6-10	1 (NR 105 \$300,000)	2 (NR 103 \$250,000)	3 (NR 99 \$200,000)
	6 (NR 99 \$150,000)	5 (NR 95 \$200,000)	4 (NR 94 \$175,000)
	7 (NR 90 \$140,000)	8 (NR 88 \$160,000)	9 (NR 88 \$85,000)
	12 (NR 86 \$130,000)	11 (NR 86 \$120,000)	10 (NR 84 \$130,000)
	13 (NR 80 \$120,000)	14 (NR 78 \$110,000)	15 (NR 76 \$90,000)
Randomly Draw Barriers 1-5	18 (NR 73 \$100,000)	17 (NR 71 \$120,000)	16 (NR 70 \$130,000)
	19 (NR 70 \$120,000)	20 (NR 68 \$60,000)	21 (NR 65 \$55,000)
	24 (NR 64 \$55,000)	23 (NR 63 \$85,000)	22 (NR 63 \$45,000)
	25 (NR 62 \$50,000)	26 (NR 61 \$45,000)	27 (NR 61 \$40,000)
	30 (NR 61 \$35,000)	29 (NR 58 \$40,000)	28 (NR 55 \$45,000)
Draws Barrier 11	1 <sup>ST</sup> EM (NR 55 \$20,000)	1 <sup>ST</sup> EM (NR 55 \$20,000)	1 <sup>ST</sup> EM (NR 55 \$20,000)
Draws Barrier 12	2 <sup>ND</sup> EM (NR 53 \$15,000)	2 <sup>ND</sup> EM (NR 53 \$15,000)	2 <sup>ND</sup> EM (NR 53 \$15,000)

8.2. Where an Owner or Trainer have multiple runners engaged in the same race based on Table A in the first instance the lowest ranked horse will swap with the next highest ranked horse, if that causes another case of multiple runners then the lowest ranked horse will swap with the next lowest ranked horse.

For Example:

Trainer Brown has three nominations. Their horses are ranked (8), (19) & (26). The horses ranked (8) & (26) are both listed in Heat 2. In the first instance the lowest ranked horse (26) will swap with the next highest ranked horse (25), however this would mean that Trainer Brown would have multiple runners in Heat 1 as (19) and (25) are in Heat 1, therefore the horse ranked (26) will swap with the horse ranked (27), meaning Trainer Brown has runners in each of the three Heats.

8.3. The 30 horses to compete in the second round of Heats are to be split as follows:

Table B

Heat 4	Heat 5	Heat 6
1 (1 <sup>st</sup> Heat 1)	2 (1 <sup>st</sup> Heat 2)	3 (1 <sup>st</sup> Heat 3)
4 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Heat 3)	5 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Heat 1)	6 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Heat 2)
7 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Heat 2)	8 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Heat 3)	9 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Heat 1)
10 (4 <sup>th</sup> Heat 1)	11 (4 <sup>th</sup> Heat 2)	12 (4 <sup>th</sup> Heat 3)
13 (5 <sup>th</sup> Heat 3)	14 (5 <sup>th</sup> Heat 1)	15 (5 <sup>th</sup> Heat 2)
16 (6 <sup>th</sup> Heat 2)	17 (6 <sup>th</sup> Heat 3)	18 (6 <sup>th</sup> Heat 1)
19 (7 <sup>th</sup> Heat 1)	20 (7 <sup>th</sup> Heat 2)	21 (7 <sup>th</sup> Heat 3)
22 (8 <sup>th</sup> Heat 3)	23 (8 <sup>th</sup> Heat 1)	24 (8 <sup>th</sup> Heat 2)
25 (9 <sup>th</sup> Heat 2)	26 (9 <sup>th</sup> Heat 3)	27 (9 <sup>th</sup> Heat 1)
28 (10 <sup>th</sup> Heat 1)	29 (10 <sup>th</sup> Heat 2)	30 (10 <sup>th</sup> Heat 3)

8.4. Where an Owner or Trainer have multiple runners engaged in the same race based on Table B in the first instance the lowest ranked horse will swap with the next highest ranked horse, if that causes another case of multiple runners then the lowest ranked horse will swap with the next lowest ranked horse.

8.5. Barrier Draws are to be based on Rankings at the start of the Series (**REFER TO CLAUSE 7**).

## 9. POINT SCORE

9.1. Each horse is allocated points based on their placing in each round of Heats:

1st 14	2nd 11	3rd 9	4th 7	5th 6
6th 5	7th 4	8th 3	9th 2	10th 1

9.2. Horses that do not finish a Heat will receive 0 points.

## 10. FINAL SELECTION

- 10.1. The 10 horses with the most accumulated points are to be the starters in the Final. The 11th and 12th horse are to be drawn as Emergencies.
- 10.2. If there is a tie for points for the final position in the field the horse that finished in the highest position in a Heat shall be deemed the starter.
- 10.3. If there is still a tie the horse that was ranked highest at the commencement of the Series is to be deemed the starter.
- 10.4. Barrier Draws are to be based on the Order of Entry – Ranking at the start of the Series (**REFER TO CLAUSES 5 & 7**).

## 11. CONSOLATION SELECTION

- 11.1. All horses that did not qualify for the Final must re-nominate for the Consolation.
- 11.2. From the nominated horses the 10 horses with the most accumulated points are to be the starters in the Consolation. The 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> horse are to be drawn as Emergencies.
- 11.3. If there is a tie for points for the final position in the field the horse that finished in the highest position in a Heat shall be deemed the starter.
- 11.4. If there is still a tie the horse that was ranked highest at the commencement of the Series is to be deemed the starter.
- 11.5. Barrier Draws are to be based on the Order of Entry – Ranking at the start of the Series (**REFER TO CLAUSES 5 & 7**).

## 12. DISCLAIMER

- 12.1. The Board Members of Harness Racing NSW shall have the utmost power to deal with any matter arising from these conditions and any such decision by the Board Members shall be final and binding on all parties.
- 12.2. The Board Members, shall have the power to, however, not limited to:
  - a) Adjudicate on the eligibility of any horse to contest a Heat, Final or Consolation of the Series
  - b) Administer the Series



- c) Determine any fees payable
- d) Determine the dates on which any fees will fall due
- e) Determine dates on which races comprising the Series will be conducted
- f) Determine the venue of races comprising the Series
- g) Determine Prizemoney distribution and the distribution thereof
- h) Determine any alteration to the number of Heats to be conducted
- i) Abandon the Series for whatever reason

- 12.3 The Board of HRNSW reserves the right to review these Conditions or any matter pertaining to the Conditions should a situation arise which is not in the spirit that is intended with respect to all aspects of the Riverina Group 1 Series.
- 12.4 The Board of HRNSW reserves the right to amend these conditions so as to protect the spirit of the Riverina Group 1 Series.

## 13. DISPUTES

- 13.1. Any matter that is in dispute regarding the Riverina Group 1 Championship 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 the Board Members of HRNSW.
- 13.2. If deemed obligatory, the Board of HRNSW shall refer any matters with respect to the interpretation of the Terms & Conditions to a HRNSW Board selected Independent Committee.

## 14. APPENDIX

With respect to Clause 4.1

### **FIRST PREFERENCE**

#### **NSW Breeders Challenge Eligible is:**

- a) Meeting the criteria for entry into the NSW Breeders Challenge (refer Clause 1.1 of the NSW Breeders Challenge Terms & Conditions)
- b) Being nominated for the NSW Breeders Challenge as a Foal or as a Yearling
  - i. Foals notified to HRNSW that meet the Eligibility Criteria are automatically nominated
  - ii. Foals notified to an alternate controlling body that meet the Eligibility Criteria must submit a NSW Breeders Challenge Nomination Form and pay the \$275 (including GST) Nomination Fee
- c) Horses purchased at a Yearling Sale that meet the Eligibility Criteria and were not nominated as Foals

Buyers have 28 days after the Yearling Sale to nominate their Yearling and pay in full a nomination fee of \$750 (including GST) to HRNSW.

#### **NSW Breeders Challenge Sustained is paying one (1) of the below fees:**

- a) Paying a Series Fee as a Foal (\$325 for eligible foals notified to HRNSW or \$500 for eligible foal notified to an alternate controlling body)  
**DUE BY 31 AUGUST IN THE SEASON OF FOALING**
- b) Paying a Series Fee as a yearling (\$450 for eligible yearlings sold at a Yearling Sale)  
**PAYABLE AT YEARLING SALES**
- c) Paying a 2YO Sustaining Fee (\$275 including GST)  
**DUE BY 30 NOVEMBER IN THE 2YO SEASON**
- d) Paying a Series Fee as a 2YO (\$450 including GST)  
**DUE BY 30 NOVEMBER IN THE 2YO SEASON**
- e) Paying a 3YO Sustaining Fee (\$275 including GST)  
**DUE BY 30 NOVEMBER IN THE 3YO SEASON**

**Bathurst Gold Crown Nominated is:**

- a) Submitting a Foal Nomination Form and Paying the Foal Nomination Fee (\$110 including GST)  
**DUE BY 31 JULY IN THE SEASON OF FOALING**

**Bathurst Gold Crown Fully Sustained is:**

- a) Paying the Yearling Sustaining Fee (\$220 including GST)  
**DUE BY 31 MAY IN THE YEARLING SEASON**

**AND**

- b) Paying the 2YO Sustaining Fee (\$220 including GST)  
**DUE BY 31 OCTOBER IN THE 2YO SEASON**

PLUS

Paying the 2YO Final Sustaining Fee (\$440 including GST)  
**DUE BY 28 FEBRUARY IN THE 2YO SEASON**

**AND/OR**

- c) Paying the 3YO Sustaining Fee (\$220 including GST)  
**DUE BY 31 OCTOBER IN THE 3YO SEASON**

PLUS

Paying the 3YO Final Sustaining Fee (\$440 including GST)  
**DUE BY 28 FEBRUARY IN THE 3YO SEASON**

**OR**

- d) Paying the Early Bird Sustaining Fee Yearling Fee plus 2YO Sustaining Fee included (\$660 including GST)  
**DUE BY 31 MAY IN THE YEARLING SEASON**

**OR**

- e) Paying the Series Fee (\$1,100 including GST)  
**DUE BY 31 MAY IN THE YEARLING SEASON**

## **SECOND PREFERNECE**

### **NSW Breeders Challenge Eligible is:**

- a) Meeting the criteria for entry into the NSW Breeders Challenge (refer Clause 1.1 of the NSW Breeders Challenge Terms & Conditions)

### **NSW Breeders Challenge Nominated is:**

- a) Being nominated for the NSW Breeders Challenge as a Foal or as a Yearling
  - i. Foals notified to HRNSW that meet the Eligibility Criteria are automatically nominated
  - ii. Foals notified to an alternate controlling body that meet the Eligibility Criteria must submit a NSW Breeders Challenge Nomination Form and pay the \$275 (including GST) Nomination Fee
  - iii. Horses purchased at a Yearling Sale that meet the Eligibility Criteria and were not nominated as Foals

Buyers have 28 days after the Yearling Sale to nominate their Yearling and pay in full a nomination fee of \$750 (including GST) to HRNSW.

### **NSW Breeders Challenge not sustained is:**

- a) A Series Fee was not paid as a Foal or Yearling and the horse was withdrawn from the 2YO and 3YO NSW Breeders Challenge Series'.