

TABCORP REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2021

The TAB Regional Championships in 2021 are to be conducted similarly to the 2020 Championships with Heats, Consolations and Finals in the Metropolitan, Western, Riverina and Hunter Regions however with a State Final 'The Ultimate TAB Final' at Tabcorp Park Menangle. The State Final will consist of the first two placed horses in the Regional Finals with the third placed horses based on \$TS constituting the remainder of the field and the emergency starters.

TABCORP REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS CONDITIONS

Eligibility

For four year old and older Australian Bred pacers with a National Rating Points up to 70.

No Driver or Mares Concessions apply.

Horses must be trained, based on a processed Stable Return, by a HRNSW licensed trainer from 1st January 2021 in accordance with HRNSW Stable Return Policy.

Horses are eligible to compete in the Region where they were stabled continuously from 1st March 2021. For the avoidance of doubt horses which are transferred out of a Region are ineligible to compete in the Championships.

In the circumstance of a satellite stable operated by a HRNSW licenced trainer, the horse(s) must be physically located in NSW from 1st March 2021.

Field Selection

First preference in race field selection is provided to horses with National Rating Points between 60 and 70 based on \$TS (dollars won from 1st January 2021).

Second preference in race field selection is provided to horses with National Rating Points of 59 and below based on \$TS (dollars won from 1st January 2021).

Barrier Draw

The barrier draw will be random (RBD).

Distances

All races will be conducted at a distance of circa 2200M. The State Final will be conducted over 2400M at Tabcorp Park Menangle

HEATS, CONSOLATIONS & FINALS:

Each Region (Metropolitan, Hunter, Riverina and Western) will conduct an individual Championship.

Tabcorp Park Menangle will host the TAB State Championship on Saturday 29th May 2021.

Each Region will conduct two rounds of Heats with a maximum of 5 heats per round. Fresh nominations will be called for the second round of Heats. The two fastest second placed horses (individual time) from both rounds of Heats will be the emergencies for the Final. Prizemoney for the Heats will be **\$9,500**.

Each Region will conduct a Consolation from nominations received. Field selection will be based on finishing positions in the Heats and on individual times recorded for those horses with the same finishing position for each Consolation.

Consolations will only be held where more than 5 Heats were conducted. Prizemoney for the Consolations will be **\$14,500**.

The first two placed horses in each Region Final will progress to the TAB State Championship Final with the two third placed horses in order of the highest \$TS to compete the field and the two lowest \$TS third placed horses in order will be the emergencies.

Each Regional Final and the State Final will be conducted for **\$100,000**.

A State Consolation of **\$25,000** will be conducted from nominations received with field selection based on finishing positions in the Regional Finals and \$TS on Saturday 29th May 2021 at Tabcorp Park Menangle.

All prizemoney will be distributed in accordance with HRNSW Policy.

Schedule for Heats, Consolations and Final will be as follows:

Western

- Round 1 Heats - Bathurst 5 May - Distance 2260
- Round 2 Heats - Bathurst 12 May - Distance 2260
- Final & Consolation Wednesday 19 May – Distance 2260

Hunter

- Round 1 Heats - Newcastle 7 May - Distance 2030
- Round 2 Heats - Newcastle 14 May - Distance 2030
- Final & Consolation Saturday 21 May - Distance 2030

Metropolitan

- Round 1 Heats - Menangle 4 May - Distance 2300
- Round 2 Heats - Menangle 11 May - Distance 2300
- Final & Consolation Saturday 22 May - Distance 2300

Riverina

- Round 1 Heats - Wagga 7 May – Distance 2270
- Round 2 Heats - Wagga 14 May – Distance 2270
- Final & Consolation Sunday 23 May – Distance 2270

Regions

The boundaries for the Regions are currently under review by HRNSW and may be altered.

Funding

The funding for the TAB Championships fall within the \$725,000 Tabcorp Odds & Evens sponsorship.

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