



NSW BREEDERS CHALLENGE

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

POSTPONED SERIES

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These Conditions are to be read in conjunction with the HRNSW COVID-19 protocols which may be amended at any time as required.





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1. NSW Breeders Challenge Eligibility

1.1 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The NSW Breeders Challenge Race Series and Breeding Schemes are restricted to the progeny of:

- a) A mare inseminated by a stallion registered and standing in NSW during that breeding season, provided the stallion has not also stood in any other State or Territory of Australia or in New Zealand during that breeding season and provided that the foal is either registered in NSW or nominated for the NSW Breeding Schemes.
 - i. If a NSW based Stud or a NSW based Genetics Company holds the exclusive Australian rights for the management, storage and distribution of frozen semen for a Northern Hemisphere stallion, all progeny by that horse will be eligible for the NSW Breeders Challenge so long as:
 - 1) The confirming paperwork is supplied to HRNSW at the start of the season
 - 2) The progeny was conceived in or after the 2018/19 season
 - 3) Studs pay the Registration of Sire fee to HRNSW
 - 4) The semen is stored in and distributed from NSW
 - 5) The stallion is not physically standing in Australasia

Pacing Stallions who conform to the above conditions are eligible to apply for the NSW Stallion Incentive Scheme and their progeny out of mares that were:

- a. served in NSW, and then;
 - b. born in NSW and registered in NSW
- will be eligible for the True Blue Bonus.
- b) A mare inseminated in NSW during a year's breeding season with the semen of a stallion registered and standing outside of NSW at the time of insemination, provided that the foal is born in NSW and provided that the foal is either registered in NSW or nominated for the NSW Breeding Schemes.
 - c) A mare inseminated outside of Australia, provided that the foal is born and registered in NSW, and provided that the foal is not eligible for any other Australian State Breeding Scheme.

- d) A foal born in NSW and notified to HRNSW who is out of a mare that was inseminated in another Australian state or territory where the foal is not eligible for another Australian Breeding Scheme.

For the purposes of the NSW Breeders Challenge Race Series and Breeding Schemes Terms and Conditions, progeny that meet any of the above criteria are considered to be at least 50% NSW bred.

In order to increase the number of broodmares and racing stock in NSW the following horses are also eligible:

- e) A weanling of a mare inseminated outside of Australia, where both the mare and weanling have been imported to NSW, provided that it is not eligible for any other Australian State Breeding related Scheme. Such nominations must be made by 31 August in the season of birth.

For the purposes of the NSW Breeders Challenge Race Series and Breeding Schemes Terms and Conditions, the resultant progeny of a mare inseminated and foaled in NSW and being by a stallion registered and based solely in NSW during the season of insemination, will be considered 100% NSW bred.

1.2 NSW BREEDERS CHALLENGE SERIES

The table below compares the year of foaling to the corresponding NSW Breeders Challenge Series.

SERIES	FOALING YEAR	2YOs	3YOs	4YOs *bonuses only
SERIES 11	2015/16	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
SERIES 12	2016/17	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
SERIES 13	2017/18	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
SERIES 14	2018/19	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
SERIES 15	2019/20	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
SERIES 16	2020/21	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25

1.3 FEES FOR FOALS

- a) There are two options for the NSW foal notification fee for foals born in 2018/19:
- i. \$185 (registration fee) includes registration, freeze branding, foal DNA testing and NSW Breeding Scheme Nomination. *This fee is being subsidised by HRNSW in the 2019/20 season, therefore \$0 payment is due.*

- ii. \$510 (series fee) which includes registration, freeze branding, foal DNA testing, NSW Breeding Scheme Nomination and all Sustaining Payments. This fee is being subsidised to the value of \$185 by HRNSW in the 2019/20 season, therefore a payment of \$325 is due.
- b) The fee of choice is payable upon registration of the foals birth which is due within three (3) weeks of the mare foaling.
- c) Provided the foal is at least 50% NSW bred and the notification and applicable fee is received by HRNSW, the foal will automatically be granted NSW Breeders Challenge eligibility.
- d) Owners of eligible foals registered outside of NSW have the opportunity to pay an optional NSW Breeding Scheme nomination fee of \$275.
- e) Foal Nominations are due by 1 September in the season following foaling (i.e. before the foal becomes a yearling).
- f) Late nominations will need to be approved by the Board. As such, any nominations received after September 1 need to be accompanied by a letter outlining the details surrounding the late nomination.
- g) Provided the Board has approved eligibility, the appropriate fee will be invoiced to the nominator of the foal, who will then be eligible for all NSW Breeders Challenge Nominators Bonuses won by the foal.
- h) No nominations will be accepted after December 1 in the season following foaling, except for:
 - i. eligible horses purchased at a Yearling Sale that were not nominated as Weanlings
 - ii. Buyers will have 28 days after the Yearling Sale to nominate their Yearling and pay in full a nomination fee of \$750 (including GST) to HRNSW.
 - iii. Horses nominated as Yearlings are entitled to compete in each eligible race series and to receive NSW Breeders Challenge Owners Bonus Certificates; however they are not eligible for the NSW Breeders Challenge Nominators Bonus.
- i) A complete list of NSW Breeders Challenge eligible foals will be available on the NSW Breeding Schemes website www.nswbred.com.au by September 30 after the close of nominations.
- j) The HRNSW Futurities Coordinator should be contacted if there are any questions in regards to the eligibility of a foal included or not included on the list.

2. NSW Breeders Challenge Sustaining Fees

2.1 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- a) In order for an eligible 2YO or 3YO horse to race in a particular season in any NSW Breeders Challenge race/event or be eligible for NSW Breeders Challenge Owner's Bonus Scheme Certificates and the NSW Breeders Challenge Nominators Bonus, the owner(s) must pay the sustaining fee or have paid the series fee for the applicable season.

- b) In order for an eligible 4YO or older horse to be eligible for any NSW Breeders Challenge Owners Bonus Scheme Certificates and the NSW Breeders Challenge Nominators Bonus, the owner(s) must have paid either of the 2YO and 3YO sustaining fee or the series fee for that horse. Effective from 1 September 2020 however under review for 1 September 2022 or the race season if altered by Harness Racing Australia.

2.2 SUSTAINING ELIGIBILITY

- a) Horses whose nominator paid the series fee at foal notification are automatically sustained.

- b) Owners of NSW Breeders Challenge eligible horses that were registered as a foal in NSW or registered a foal elsewhere but nominated for the NSW Breeding Schemes will be invited to enter as a 2YO and 3YO.

2.3 SUSTAINING/WITHDRAWING

- a) Owners of eligible 3YO horses will be sent a Nomination/Withdrawal Form by September 1 in the horses 3YO racing season. Owners of 3YO horses must return the Sustaining/Withdrawal Form by 30 September inclusive of full payment. Horses whose owners do not return the Sustaining/Withdrawal Form or have not paid the sustaining fee in full by 30 September will be withdrawn.

- b) Owners of eligible 2YO horses will be sent a Nomination/Withdrawal Form by November 1 in the horses 2YO racing season. Owners of 2YO horses must return the Sustaining/Withdrawal Form by 30 November inclusive of full payment. Horses whose owners do not return the Sustaining/Withdrawal Form or have not paid the sustaining fee in full by 30 November will be withdrawn.

- c) All horses that were sustained and the fees were fully paid are eligible for the NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series, NSW Breeders Challenge True Blue (if 100% NSW Bred), NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Race Series, the NSW Breeders Challenge Owner's Bonus Scheme and the NSW Breeders Challenge Nominators Bonus for the forthcoming season.

2.4 ELIGIBILITY OPTIONS

- a) Owners of NSW Breeders Challenge eligible horses that choose not pay the series fee or the 2YO sustaining fee will still have the option of making the horse eligible by paying the 3YO sustaining fee to enable its participation in the 3YO race series.
- b) Alternatively, if the 2YO sustaining fee is paid, there is no obligation for the owners to pay the 3YO sustaining fee. However, the horse will remain eligible for the 4YO bonus scheme.

2.5 OTHER RACES

- a) Depending on the number of horses that pay up for a given series and available funding, HRNSW may call for nominations for restricted events for NSW Breeders Challenge eligible horses.
- b) The NSW Breeders Challenge Sustaining Fees conditions will apply, though an additional sustaining fee may vary based on the total prizemoney offered.

2.6 SUSTAINING FEES

- a) The table below sets out the annual sustaining fee:

Fee Type	Owner Fee per horse \$ (including GST)
2YO sustaining fee	\$275 - to be paid 30 November in the 2YO racing season
2YO & 3YO Series fee	\$450 – to be paid by 30 November in the 2YO racing season
3YO sustaining fee	\$275 - to be paid by 30 September in the 3YO racing season
4YO & older (No Fee)	In order for a 4YO horse to remain eligible for NSW Breeders Challenge Owner's Bonus Scheme Certificates and the NSW Breeders Challenge Nominators Bonus, the owner(s) must have paid either the series fee or either of the 2YO & 3YO sustaining fees.

2.7 LIST OF ENTRIES

- a) A complete list of 3YO NSW Breeders Challenge eligible horses will be available on the NSW Breeding Schemes website www.nswbred.com.au.
- b) A complete list of 2YO NSW Breeders Challenge eligible horses will be available on the NSW Breeding Schemes website www.nswbred.com.au.
- c) The HRNSW Futurities Coordinator should be contacted if there are any questions in regards to the eligibility of a horse included or not included on the list.

2.8 INTERPRETATION

- a) Reference to a date which falls on a weekend or NSW public holiday will mean the next following business day.
- b) Fees are inclusive of GST.
- d) GST will be added to the prizemoney value for owners registered for GST who have submitted the appropriate details and declarations required by HRNSW.
- e) Payment of applicable fees will signify acceptance of these terms and conditions in connection with the relevant foal, weanling or stallion.

3. NSW Breeders Challenge Stallion Nominations & Nominators Bonus

3.1 STALLION NOMINATIONS

- a) Any stallion may be nominated annually for the NSW Breeding Schemes.
- b) Prior to the start of the breeding season, all studs including those based in NSW, interstate and internationally, will be emailed a stallion nomination form.
- c) All stallions must be nominated for the NSW Breeding Schemes to be eligible for Breeders Challenge Owner's Bonus Certificate (BCOB) redemption against their service fees in the season of nomination.
- d) Nominators of each stallion will be eligible for NSW Breeders Challenge Stallion Nominator bonuses (*see condition 3.2 below*).
- e) Fees will be invoiced to the stallion nominator on a live foal basis on September 1 of the foaling season following foaling. The fee is \$110 (GST inclusive) per live foal and is calculated based on the number of NSW Breeders Challenge eligible foals sired by the nominated stallion in the corresponding nominated breeding season.
- f) The progeny of all Non-NSW based stallions may be eligible for the NSW Breeding Schemes provided that the eligibility criteria in clause 1.1 are met.
- g) All stallions must be nominated for the NSW Breeding Schemes in order to be eligible for and to be eligible to earn 5% of the NSW Breeders Challenge prizemoney payable to stallion nominators.

3.2 STALLION NOMINATORS BONUS

- a) The following bonuses are applicable to the nominators of stallions who are nominated for the NSW Breeding Schemes:
 - i. Redemption of NSW Breeders Challenge Owners Bonus Certificates against their nominated stallion's service fees during the season for which he was nominated
 - ii. Percentage of NSW Breeders Challenge prizemoney won by progeny sired by the nominated sire during the season of nomination.



- b) Provided that the stallion was nominated for the NSW Breeding Schemes during the season of conception, Five percent (5%) of prizemoney for each NSW Breeders Challenge Main Race Series, NSW Breeders Challenge Blue and NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Final will be paid to the stallion nominator of the sire of the first ten placegetters.

- c) Any stallion nominator bonus allocated to a stallion that was not nominated for the NSW Breeding Schemes during the season of conception, will be reinvested into the Breeders Challenge budget.



4. NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series

4.1 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- a) The NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series is restricted to horses with owners that have paid both:
 - i. the compulsory foal registration fee or the optional foal nomination fee
 - ii. the series fee or the annual sustaining fee for the applicable racing season
- b) Closing dates for nomination and acceptance for NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series events are the same as normal nomination and acceptance dates for meetings programmed by conducting clubs.
- c) Nomination and acceptance dates and times are published by HRNSW at www.harness.org.au
- d) Nomination is required for every horse in respect of every event, excepting the Major Race Series Final (unless there has been a Preview).
- e) Events must have a minimum of eight (8) Final acceptors except with the approval of HRNSW.

4.2 ACCEPTANCE FEES

- a) There are no acceptance fees applicable to the NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series.

4.3 RIGHT TO COMPETE

- a) All horses conforming to the provisions of Condition 1 (NSW Breeders Challenge Eligibility) and Condition 2 (NSW Breeders Challenge Sustaining Fees) have the right to nominate for the NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series of the appropriate age and sex categories.

4.4 HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS

- a) The Barrier Draw for the 2YO and 3YO Heats, Semi-Finals and Finals will be Random Barrier Draw (RBD).
- b) Eligibility for all NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series events is determined at acceptance time based on dollars won this season. If two or more horses have equal dollars won this season a ballot will be conducted by HRNSW to determine the maximum field size and emergencies where so required.

- c) For clarity due to the COVID-19 pandemic Harness Racing Australia by resolution of all States commenced the racing season on 1 September 2019 and extended the racing season to 31 December 2020.

4.5 *NSW BREEDERS CHALLENGE MAJOR RACE SERIES EVENTS AND SELECTION CRITERIA*

- a) The 2YO and 3YO events will comprise a minimum of Heats, Semi Finals and a Final.
- b) All races in the Series are to be conducted at the distance which is closest to 1609 metres.
- c) The maximum field size for each race in the Series shall be dependent on the maximum field size allowable for each age group at the track where the event is conducted.
- d) The NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series is open to eligible horses during their 2YO and 3YO seasons.
- e) 2YO and 3YO NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series Heats:
- i. All Heats are open to NSW Breeders Challenge eligible horses.
 - ii. Race field selection and the number of races to be conducted at the Regional Heats (Metropolitan, Hunter, Western and Riverina) is to be based on the following conditions:

First Round Heats

- a) Horses trained in the host Region are to be selected first on dollars won this season. Note COVID-19 Regional Protocols.
- i. A horses Region is determined by its stable return at nomination and acceptance time and will remain eligible only in that Region for the entire 2020 NSW Breeders Challenge Major Series, True Blue Finals and Regional Race Series. Note COVID-19 Regional Protocols.

Second Round Heats

- a) Horses trained in the host Region are to be selected on dollars won this season however horses which have won a first round Heat will not be eligible to nominate for a second round Heat. Note COVID-19 Regional Protocols.
- b) If there is less than a full field of Final acceptors trained in the host Region any other NSW Breeders Challenge eligible horse from another Region may be selected on dollars won this season. Note Covid-19 Regional Protocols.

- c) If there are 8 to 15 Final acceptors there may be one Heat conducted, except with the approval of HRNSW, pursuant to clause 4.1 f).
- d) If there are 16 or more Final acceptors, with the approval of HRNSW there may be two (2) Heats conducted.
- f) Clubs allocated NSW Breeders Challenge Major Series Heats must run them on the date allocated by HRNSW and the races must only carry the name of the designated HRNSW sponsor of the Series/Races.
- g) 2YO and 3YO Major Race Series Semi-Finals
 - i. All Semi-Finals are open to NSW Breeders Challenge eligible horses.
 - ii. All horses that contested Heats must re-nominate for the Semi-Finals.
 - iii. All Major Race Series Semi-Final fields will be selected in accordance with the conditions below:
 - 1) The number of horses which will qualify from each Heat shall depend upon the number of Heats conducted, using the following example:

The 2YO & 3YO Semi-Finals are to comprise twenty (20) horses. There are eleven (11) Heats conducted, the first placegetter's from each Heat are to progress to the Semi-Finals. The nine (9) remaining positions will be selected on:

 - i. – Placings in Heats;
 - ii. – Dollars won this season;
 - iii. – If two or more horses have equal dollars won this season a ballot will be conducted by HRNSW to determine the maximum field size and emergencies where so required.
 - 2) In the event of any Heat being abandoned, HRNSW will use best endeavours to reschedule the Heat.
 - iv. There shall be two (2) emergencies drawn in each NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series Semi-Final.
- h) 2YO & 3YO Major Race Series Finals
 - i. All Major Race Series Final fields will be selected in accordance with the HRNSW Heats, Semi-Final and Final/Consolation Policy.
 - ii. There shall be two (2) emergencies drawn in each NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series Final.

4.6 CANCELLATION OR ALTERATION OF NSW BREEDERS CHALLENGE MAJOR RACE SERIES EVENTS

- a) Details of the NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series events to be conducted each season are published www.nswbred.com.au
- b) Where a NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series event is cancelled or postponed for whatever reason, HRNSW may reprogram the cancelled event at a different date and/or venue at its discretion.
- c) HRNSW may call for fresh nominations, depending on the circumstances of such cancellations or postponements at its discretion.
- d) HRNSW may, during a season, increase or reduce the number of NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series events after considering the number of horses likely to compete at its sole discretion.

4.7 PRIZEMONEY DISTRIBUTION

- a) Prizemoney is to be distributed according to the table below:

Placing	Total	Owner	Foal Nominator	Stallion Nominator	Trainer	Driver
1 st	60%	80%	5%	5%	5%	5%
2 nd	15%	80%	5%	5%	5%	5%
3 rd	10%	80%	5%	5%	5%	5%
4 th	6%	80%	5%	5%	5%	5%
5 th	4%	80%	5%	5%	5%	5%
6 th to 12 th	1%	80%	5%	5%	5%	5%

- b) HRNSW will determine each year the prizemoney for the next racing season.
- c) HRNSW makes no representation that the level of prizemoney for any one season will continue for the NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series events in later seasons.
- d) If the number of NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series events increases during a season, the prizemoney per race may be reduced.

- e) The following table outlines the budgeted prizemoney levels for the 2020 NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series.

Major Race Series	Prizemoney per race	Number of programmed Races	Total Prizemoney
2YO and 3YO Heats	\$10,000	dependant on nominations	Unknown
2YO and 3YO Semi-Finals	\$20,000	8	\$160,000
2YO Finals	\$125,000	2	\$250,000
3YO Finals	\$125,000	2	\$250,000

4.8 OTHER HRNSW BREEDING SCHEMES OR RACES

- a) If available funding permits, HRNSW may schedule additional races outside the NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series for NSW Breeders Challenge Series eligible horses.
- b) These races are likely to be for horses that have either not participated or not been successful in the Major Race Series.
- c) The scheduling of these races is entirely at the discretion of HRNSW and there is no certainty any such races will be scheduled in a season.

4.9 ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

- a) HRNSW has the right, in its absolute discretion, to impose additional conditions and restrictions for the NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series and to alter, vary, divide or cancel any event(s) and/or conditions in the NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series programme.
- b) HRNSW may, at any time, terminate the NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series.
- c) HRNSW will endeavour to notify industry participants of any discontinuation by 30 June prior to the next breeding season.

4.10 DISPUTES

- a) Any matter that is in dispute regarding the NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race 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 HRNSW.



4.11 INTERPRETATION

- a) Reference to a date which falls on a weekend or NSW public holiday will mean the next following business day.
- b) Fees are inclusive of GST.
- c) GST will be added to the prizemoney value for owners registered for GST who have submitted the appropriate details and declarations required by HRNSW.
- d) Payment of applicable fees will signify acceptance of these terms and conditions in connection with the relevant foal, weanling or stallion.

5. NSW Breeders Challenge True Blue

5.1 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- a) The NSW Breeders Challenge True Blue is restricted to the resultant progeny of a mare served/inseminated and foaled in NSW. The foal must also be by a stallion eligible under clause 1.1 a) during the season of insemination whose owners have paid the series fee or the annual sustaining fee for the applicable racing season.

5.2 ACCEPTANCE

- a) Closing dates for nomination and acceptance in NSW Breeders Challenge True Blue are the same as normal nomination and acceptance dates for meetings programmed by conducting clubs.
- b) The event will comprise a minimum of a feature event for 2YOs and 3YOs for both sexes.
- c) The feature event shall be conducted at Tabcorp Park Menangle on a date mutually agreed to by HRNSW and the Club Menangle.
- d) Events must have a minimum of eight (8) Final acceptors, except with the approval of HRNSW.

5.3 ACCEPTANCE FEES

- a) There are no acceptance fees applicable to NSW Breeders Challenge Blue.

5.4 RIGHT TO COMPETE

- a) All horses conforming to the provisions of clause 5.1 have the right to nominate for NSW Breeders Challenge True Blue events of the appropriate age and sex categories.

5.5 HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS

- a) All races in the Series will be conducted over the 1609 metre distance.
- b) The Barrier Draw for all NSW Breeders Challenge True Blue Final events will be Random Barrier Draw.
- c) Eligibility for all NSW Breeders Challenge True Blue events is determined at acceptance time.

5.6 NSW BREEDERS CHALLENGE TRUE BLUE SELECTION CRITERIA

- a) 2YO & 3YO NSW Breeders Challenge True Blue
 - i. NSW Breeders Challenge True Blue is open to NSW Breeders Challenge True Blue eligible horses. Note COVID-19 Regional Protocols.
 - ii. Horses that won a 2020 Major Race Series Final are ineligible to compete in NSW Breeders Challenge True Blue Finals conducted in the same season.
 - iii. Fields will be drawn on Dollars won this Season. If two or more horses have equal dollars won this season a ballot will be performed by HRNSW to determine the maximum field size and emergencies where so required.

5.7 CANCELLATION OR ALTERATION OF NSW BREEDERS CHALLENGE TRUE BLUE EVENTS

- a) Details of NSW Breeders Challenge True Blue races to be conducted each season are published on the NSW Breeding Schemes website www.nswbred.com.au.
- b) Where the NSW Breeders Challenge True Blue races are cancelled or postponed for whatever reason, HRNSW may reprogram the cancelled events at a different date and/or venue at its discretion.
- c) HRNSW may call for fresh nominations, depending on the circumstances of such cancellations or postponements at its discretion.
- d) HRNSW may, during a season, increase or reduce the number of NSW Breeders Challenge True Blue events after considering the number of horses likely to compete at its sole discretion.

5.8 PRIZEMONEY DISTRIBUTION

- a) Prizemoney is to be distributed according to the table below:

Placing	Total	Owner	Foal Nominator	Stallion Nominator	Trainer	Driver
1 st	60%	80%	5%	5%	5%	5%
2 nd	15%	80%	5%	5%	5%	5%
3 rd	10%	80%	5%	5%	5%	5%
4 th	6%	80%	5%	5%	5%	5%
5 th	4%	80%	5%	5%	5%	5%
6 th to 10 th	1%	80%	5%	5%	5%	5%

- b) HRNSW will determine each year the prizemoney for the next racing season. In the postponed 2020 series, prizemoney has been set to \$50,000 per feature event, with four (4) feature events budgeted.
- c) HRNSW makes no representation that the level of prizemoney for any one season will continue for the NSW Breeders Challenge True Blue in later seasons.
- d) If the number of NSW Breeders Challenge True Blue races increases during a season, the prizemoney per race may be reduced.

5.9 *OTHER HRNSW BREEDING SCHEMES OR RACES*

- a) If available funding permits, HRNSW may schedule additional races for NSW Breeders Challenge True Blue eligible horses. These races are likely to be for horses that have either not participated or not been successful in NSW Breeders Challenge True Blue events.
- b) The scheduling of these races is entirely of the discretion of HRNSW and there is no certainty any such races will be scheduled in a season.

5.10 *ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS*

- a) HRNSW has the right, in its absolute discretion, to impose additional conditions and restrictions for the NSW Breeders Challenge True Blue and to alter, vary, divide or cancel any event(s) and/or conditions in the NSW Breeders Challenge True Blue programme.
- b) HRNSW may, at any time, terminate the NSW Breeders Challenge True Blue.
- c) HRNSW will endeavour to notify industry participants of any discontinuation by 30 June prior to the next breeding season.

5.11 *DISPUTES*

- a) Any matter that is in dispute regarding the NSW Breeders Challenge True Blue (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 HRNSW.

5.12 *INTERPRETATION*

- a) Reference to a date which falls on a weekend or NSW public holiday will mean the next following business day.
- b) Fees are inclusive of GST.



- c) GST will be added to the prizemoney value for owners registered for GST who have submitted the appropriate details and declarations required by HRNSW.

- d) Payment of applicable fees will signify acceptance of these terms and conditions in connection with the relevant foal, weanling or stallion.

6. NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Race Series

6.1 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- a) The NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Finals are restricted to horses whose owners have paid:
 - i. the compulsory foal registration fee or optional foal nomination fee
 - ii. the series fee or the annual sustaining fee for the applicable racing season

6.2 ACCEPTANCE

- a) To ensure that horses from all Regions are given the best opportunity to compete in the Regional Finals, Qualifying Heats are to be conducted in each Region and the Finals will be conducted on rotation. In 2020 the Finals will be held in the Hunter (for the Hunter & Metropolitan Regions) and the Riverina (for the Riverina & Western Regions).
- b) Closing dates for nomination and acceptance for NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Series events are the same as normal nomination and acceptance dates for meetings programmed by conducting clubs.
- c) The event will comprise a minimum of a Final for 2YOs & 3YOs for both sexes.
- d) Events must have a minimum of eight (8) Final acceptors, except with the approval of HRNSW.

6.3 ACCEPTANCE FEES

- a) There are no acceptance fees applicable to NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Finals.

6.4 RIGHT TO COMPETE

- a) All horses conforming to the provisions of Condition 1 (NSW Breeders Challenge Eligibility) and Condition 2 (NSW Breeders Challenge Sustaining Fees) have the right to nominate for NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Finals events of the appropriate age and sex categories.

6.5 HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS

- a) All races in the Series are to be conducted at the distance which is closest to 1609 metres.
- b) The maximum field size for each race in the Series shall be dependent on the maximum field size allowable at the track where the event is conducted.



- c) The Barrier Draw for all NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Series events will be Random Barrier Draw.
- d) Eligibility for all NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Finals is determined at acceptance time.

6.6 *NSW BREEDERS CHALLENGE REGIONAL RACE SERIES SELECTION CRITERIA*

- a) 2YO & 3YO NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Final Series :
 - i. The 2YO & 3YO Series will comprise Qualifying Heats and Finals for each gender.
 - ii. NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Qualifying Heats are open to NSW Breeders Challenge Series eligible horses, however:
 - 1. Horses that were placed First, Second or Third in the 2020 Major Race Series Finals or First in the 2020 True Blue Race Series Finals are ineligible to compete in NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Race Series conducted in the same season.
 - iii. Race field selection for the Qualifying Divisions (Hunter, Metropolitan, Riverina and ssWestern) is to be based on the following conditions:
 - 1. Horses trained in each Region are to be selected dollars won this season however refer Clause 6.6 a) iv. 1 in the first instance. If two or more horses have equal dollars won this season a ballot will be performed by HRNSW to determine the maximum field size and emergencies where so required. Note COVID-19 Regional Protocols.
 - a) A horses Region is determined by its stable return at nomination and acceptance time for the 2020 NSW Breeders Challenge Major Series and will remain eligible only in that Region for the entire 2020 NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Race Series. If a horse was not nominated for the Major or True Blue Series the Region will be determined by its stable return at nomination and acceptance time for the Regional Series. Note COVID-19 Regional Protocols.
 - iv. If ballots are required in Heats fields will be selected in the following order:
 - 1. Horses that were nominated for but were not selected to compete in the 2YO or 3YO NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series Heats will receive preference in race field selection over those horses that did not. For clarity horses which were drawn in a NSW Breeders Challenge Major Series or True Blue Final field but did not compete are not exempt from ballot under this in this Condition.

- v. Horses must be re-nominated for the Final.
- vi. The Fields for the Finals will be selected based on finishing positions in Heats and then dollars won this season. If two or more horses have equal dollars won this season a ballot will be conducted by HRNSW to determine the maximum field size and emergencies where so required.

6.7 CANCELLATION OR ALTERATION OF NSW BREEDERS CHALLENGE REGIONAL FINALS

- a) Details of the NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Finals to be conducted each season are published on www.nswbred.com.au
- b) Where the NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Finals are cancelled or postponed for whatever reason, HRNSW may reprogram the cancelled events at a different date and/or venue at its discretion.
- c) HRNSW may call for fresh nominations, depending on the circumstances of such cancellations or postponements at its discretion.
- d) HRNSW may, during a season, increase or reduce the number of NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Final events after considering the number of horses likely to compete at its sole discretion.

6.8 PRIZEMONEY DISTRIBUTION

- a) Prizemoney is to be distributed according to the table below:

Placing	Total	Owner	Foal Nominator	Stallion Nominator	Trainer	Driver
1 st	60%	80%	5%	5%	5%	5%
2 nd	15%	80%	5%	5%	5%	5%
3 rd	10%	80%	5%	5%	5%	5%
4 th	6%	80%	5%	5%	5%	5%
5 th	4%	80%	5%	5%	5%	5%
6 th to 10 th	1%	80%	5%	5%	5%	5%

- b) HRNSW will determine each year the prizemoney for the next racing season. In the postponed 2020 series, prizemoney has been set to \$7,500 for Qualifying Heats and \$30,000 per Final, with eight (8) Finals budgeted.
- c) HRNSW makes no representation that the level of prizemoney for any one season will continue for the NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Finals in later seasons.

- d) If the number of NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Finals increases during a season, the prizemoney per race may be reduced.

6.9 *OTHER HRNSW BREEDING SCHEMES OR RACES*

- a) If available funding permits, HRNSW may schedule additional races outside the NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Finals for NSW Breeders Challenge Series eligible horses. These races are likely to be for horses that have either not participated or not been successful in NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Finals events.
- b) The scheduling of these races is entirely of the discretion of HRNSW and there is no certainty any such races will be scheduled in a season.

6.10 *ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS*

- a) HRNSW has the right, in its absolute discretion, to impose additional conditions and restrictions for the NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Finals and to alter, vary, divide or cancel any event(s) and/or conditions in the NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Finals programme.
- b) HRNSW may, at any time, terminate the NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Finals.
- c) HRNSW will endeavour to notify industry participants of any discontinuation by 30 June prior to the next breeding season.

6.11 *DISPUTES*

- a) Any matter that is in dispute regarding the NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Finals (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 HRNSW.

6.12 *INTERPRETATION*

- a) Reference to a date which falls on a weekend or NSW public holiday will mean the next following business day.
- b) Fees are exempt of GST.
- c) GST will be added to the prizemoney value for owners registered for GST who have submitted the appropriate details and declarations required by HRNSW.
- d) Payment of applicable fees will signify acceptance of these terms and conditions in connection with the relevant foal, weanling or stallion.

7. NSW Breeders Challenge Owners Bonus Certificates – Under Review

7.1 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- a) The NSW Breeders Challenge Owner's Bonus Scheme is restricted to horses that were nominated for the NSW Breeders Challenge and whose owners have paid the applicable nomination and sustaining payments (series fee or annual fee) to be eligible for the NSW Breeders Challenge series in the respective year.

7.2 CONDITIONS

- a) Bonus Certificates will be automatically applied to all races valued \geq \$5,000.
 - i. Owners of NSW Breeders Challenge eligible 2YOs will receive a bonus certificate to the value of \$3,000 for their horses' first age win of the season in NSW, provided the win is in a race valued \geq \$5,000.
 - ii. Owners of NSW Breeders Challenge eligible 3YOs will receive a bonus certificate to the value of \$3,000 for their horses' first win of the season in NSW, provided the win is in a race valued \geq \$5,000.
 - iii. Provided a 4YO horse has not won a bonus certificate as a 2YO or 3YO and provided the first life time win is in NSW in a race valued \geq \$5,000 the owners of NSW Breeders Challenge eligible 4YO horse which was sustained as either a 2YO or 3YO will also win a bonus certificate. Effective 1 September 2020.
- b) To be eligible to earn NSW Breeders Challenge Owner's Bonuses, horses must have been made NSW Breeders Challenge eligible through the payment of the series fee or annual sustaining fee prior to the close of nominations for an event where the bonus is to be won.
- c) NSW Breeders Challenge Owner's Bonuses will not be awarded to owners should the annual sustaining fee have not been paid in full prior to the close of nominations for the applicable event.
- d) The owners of eligible horses which dead-heat will each receive the full value of the certificate.
- e) NSW Breeders Challenge Owner's Bonuses will not be applied to the following races;
 - i. Any races conducted by the Canberra Harness Racing Club
 - ii. Any other races determined from time to time by HRNSW at its sole discretion
- f) NSW Breeders Challenge Owner's Bonuses are not prizemoney for the purposes of the Rules of Harness Racing and are not taken into account when deciding eligibility of a horse or the balloting conditions applicable for a race.

g) In the event that a NSW Breeders Challenge Owner's Bonus winner is pre-race or post-race swabbed or blood tested, certificates are issued to owners once the applicable swab has been cleared by the HRNSW stewards.

h) Breeders Challenge Owner's Bonus Certificates are redeemable against;

i. The service fee of a stallion nominated for the NSW Breeding Schemes to a NSW based mare upon confirmation of a positive 42 day pregnancy test

ii. In relation to having a broodmare served, upon proof of invoice the cost of semen transport, veterinary expenses and insemination charges (up to 31 December).

A broodmare that has not produced a live foal from its last three seasons of service will not be eligible to redeem against this clause

iii. In relation to the health and well-being of a broodmare while in foal, upon proof of invoice the cost of agistment and veterinary expenses (for 42 days from the date of service up to 31 December).

A broodmare that has not produced a live foal from its last three seasons of service will not be eligible to redeem against this clause

iv. The purchase price of a NSW Breeders Challenge eligible yearling at a registered Australian sale.

v. The purchase price of a NSW Breeders Challenge eligible horse at a registered trialling sale conducted in NSW.

vi. NSW Breeders Challenge Series Fees and Sustaining Fees.

vii. Bathurst Gold Crown Series Nomination, Yearling,

With respect to clause ii.:

The maximum redemption for each segment is as follows:

Semen Transport \$150.00

\$165.00 (return service)

Insemination (Breeding Fee) \$900.00

Veterinary Charges On application – must be itemised

With respect to clause iii.:

Agistment \$15.00 (per day – dry mares)

 \$16.50 (per day – mare with foal)

Veterinary Charges On application – must be itemised

- i) NSW Breeders Challenge Owner's Bonus certificates are not redeemable for cash.
- j) All or part of the certificate redemption value may be used in a single transaction with any residual value being available for one more subsequent transaction (unless the balance is available for vet, handling and agistment fees as set out above).
- k) Any one owner, with the agreement of his/her co-owners, can use the certificate.
- l) If a horse is leased, the lessor's entitlement will be as set out in the lease. Unless otherwise specified in the lease, 100% of the certificate will be issued to the lessee.
- m) GST will be added to the certificate value made for owners registered for GST who have submitted the appropriate details and declarations required by HRNSW.
- n) Unless otherwise stated in these terms and conditions, the value of a certificate will be paid directly by HRNSW within 30 days of the relevant supplier/service provider/owner presenting the certificate to HRNSW for redemption.
- o) A certificate must be fully redeemed within two (2) years from date of issue and thereafter will be null and void and of no value. Where a certificate is used to pay a stallion fee, it will be deemed used within this period if the mare is served within two (2) years of the date of issue, provided the certificate is presented to HRNSW for redemption within three (3) months of use.
- p) A certificate cannot be used by a breeder to buy back their yearlings at any sale.
- q) A certificate cannot be used by a vendor to buy back their horse at any trialling sale.
- r) HRNSW has the right, in its absolute discretion, to impose additional conditions and restrictions for the payment of NSW Breeders Challenge Owner's Bonuses and to suspend or cancel payment of the NSW Breeders Challenge Owner's Bonuses.
- s) Any matter that is in dispute regarding the NSW Breeders Challenge Owner's Bonus Scheme (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 HRNSW.
- t) Payment of applicable NSW Breeders Challenge Series fees will signify acceptance of these terms and conditions in connection with the relevant horse.

8. NSW Breeders Challenge Nominator's Bonus – Under Review

8.1 THE BONUS

- a) Five percent (5%) of prizemoney for each NSW Breeders Challenge event (Major Series, True Blue Finals & Regional Series) will be paid to the nominator of all starters.
- b) As the definition of a Breeder has been amended under the national rules (effective for foals conceived in 2011/12 breeding season onwards), HRNSW has amended the prizemoney component of the NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series, True Blue Finals and Regional Race Series to be payable to the nominator of the foal as opposed to the breeder for foals conceived from the 2011/12 season onwards.

8.2 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- a) The NSW Breeders Challenge Nominator's Bonus is restricted to horses that were nominated for the NSW Breeders Challenge and whose owners have paid the applicable nomination and sustaining payments (series fee or annual fee) to be eligible for the NSW Breeders Challenge series in the respective year, which includes payment of the annual sustaining fee for the respective season.
- b) For the purposes of the NSW Breeding Schemes including but not limited to the NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series, NSW Breeders Challenge True Blue Finals, NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Race Series and NSW Breeders Challenge Nominator's Bonuses, the nominator is the person(s) who owned the foal at the time it was registered in NSW or who nominated for the NSW Breeding Schemes.
- c) A Nominator that is eligible for a Nominators Bonus and is disqualified at the time a horse wins a race as stipulated in clause 8.3 b) and/or 8.3 c) is not entitled to receive payment and will forfeit the Nominators Bonus.

8.3 CONDITIONS

- a) The NSW Breeders Challenge Nominator's Bonus is payable to the nominator(s) of NSW Breeders Challenge eligible horses that were born in the applicable season however this is limited to 2YO, 3YO and 4YO horses. Effective 1 September 2020.
- b) Nominator's of NSW Breeders Challenge eligible 2YOs will receive a cash bonus to the value of \$3,000 for their horses' first age win of the season in NSW, provided the win is in a race valued \geq \$5,000.

- c) Nominator's of NSW Breeders Challenge eligible 3YOs will receive a cash bonus to the value of \$3,000 for their horses' first win of the season in NSW, provided the win is in a race valued \geq \$5,000.
- d) Provided a 4YO horse has not won a bonus as a 2YO or 3YO and provided the first life time win is in NSW in a race valued \geq \$5,000 the owners of NSW Breeders Challenge eligible 4YO horse which was sustained as either a 2YO or 3YO will also win a cash bonus. Effective 1 September 2020.
- e) The \$3,000 NSW Breeders Challenge Nominator's Bonus will not apply to the following races;
 - i. Any races conducted by the Canberra Harness Racing Club
 - ii. Any other races determined from time to time by HRNSW at its sole discretion
- f) Excluding NSW Breeders Challenge Major Finals (as there is a portion of prizemoney paid to the nominator/breeder as part of that distribution model), nominators of NSW Breeders Challenge eligible 2YO and 3YO that win a Group One (1) race in Australia, will also receive ten (10) percent of the total advertised first placegetter's prizemoney of that race. The nominator(s) of eligible horses which dead-heat will each receive the full value of the Group One (1) bonus.
- g) NSW Breeders Challenge Nominator's Bonuses are not prizemoney for the purposes of the Rules of Harness Racing and are not taken into account when deciding eligibility of a horse or the balloting conditions applicable for a race.
- h) In the event that a NSW Breeders Challenge Nominator's Bonus winner is pre-race or post-race swabbed or blood tested, bonuses are payable to nominators once the applicable swab has been cleared by the HRNSW stewards.
- i) GST will be added to the bonus value for owners registered for GST who have submitted the appropriate details and declarations required by HRNSW.
- j) Unless otherwise stated in these terms and conditions, the bonus will be paid directly by HRNSW within 30 days of the bonus being earned.
- k) HRNSW has the right, in its absolute discretion, to impose additional conditions and restrictions for the payment of NSW Breeders Challenge Nominator's Bonuses and to suspend or cancel payment of the NSW Breeders Challenge Nominators Bonuses.
- l) Any matter that is in dispute regarding the NSW Breeders Challenge Nominator's Bonus Scheme (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 HRNSW.



- m) Payment of applicable NSW Breeders Challenge Series fee will signify acceptance of these terms and conditions in connection with the relevant horse.

9. Disqualified Persons

9.1 ELIGIBILITY

- a) A disqualified person is not eligible to receive any Certificate, Bonus or Payment due within these conditions while they are disqualified.
- b) A disqualified person is not eligible to redeem or transfer any Certificate, Bonus or Payment due within these conditions while they are disqualified.
- c) Once a disqualification expires or is lifted, a person that had been disqualified will be eligible to receive, redeem and transfer any Certificate, Bonus or Payment due within these conditions if a win, broodmare service, yearling purchase or trialling sale purchase occurs outside of the disqualification period.

9.2 DEFINITION OF A DISQUALIFIED PERSON

A disqualified person is someone who under the provisions of Australian Harness Racing Rule 259 and 295 (2) are:

- a) Disqualified by a recognised harness racing authority
- b) Warned Off by a recognised harness racing authority
- c) On the Unpaid Forfeit List of a recognised harness racing authority

10. General

- 10.1 Harness Racing NSW has the sole discretion to amend these Conditions.