

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.