

6. NSW BREEDERS CHALLENGE REGIONAL RACE SERIES

6.1 *RIGHT TO COMPETE*

The NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Race Series is restricted to horses that have paid the series fee or the annual sustaining fee for the applicable racing season in accordance with overarching NSW Breeders Challenge Eligibility Conditions at www.nswbred.com.au

6.2 *NOMINATIONS & ACCEPTANCES*

- a) Qualifying Heats are to be conducted in each Region. Finals will be conducted on rotation in the Western Zone whilst in the Eastern Zone Finals will continuously be conducted at Newcastle. In 2022 the Finals will be held in Wagga for the Western and Riverina Regions (Western Zone) and Newcastle for the Hunter and Metropolitan Regions (Eastern Zone).
- b) Closing dates for nomination and acceptance for NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Race Series events will be coordinated to close on the same date and time for the respective Regions at which a Final will be conducted.
- 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 including the Regional Race Series Finals.
- e) Events must have a minimum of eight (8) final acceptors except with the sole approval of HRNSW.

6.3 *HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS*

- a) The 2YO and 3YO events will comprise of Qualifying Heats and a Final for each age group and gender.
- b) All races in the Series are to be conducted at the distance which is closest to 1609 metres.
- c) The Barrier Draw for the 2YO and 3YO Heats Qualifying Heats and Finals will be Random Barrier Draw (RBD).
- d) 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.
- e) Field selection for all NSW Breeders Challenge Regional 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, they will be drawn by lot by HRNSW to determine the maximum field size and emergencies where so required.

6.4 *NSW BREEDERS CHALLENGE REGIONAL RACE SERIES EVENTS & SELECTION CRITERIA*

- a) The NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Race Series 2YO and 3YO events will comprise of Qualifying Heats and Finals where nominations provide.
- b) NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Qualifying Heats are open to eligible horses however:
 - i. Horses that are placed First or Second in the 2022 Major Race Series Finals or First in the 2022 Blue events are ineligible to compete in NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Race Series conducted in the same season.

- ii. A horses Region is determined by its stable return at nomination and acceptance time for the 2022 NSW Breeders Challenge Major Series and will remain eligible only in that Region for the entire 2022 NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Race Series. If a horse was not nominated for the Major Series it will be determined by its stable return at nomination and acceptance time for the Regional Series. For the avoidance of doubt horses are to compete in the Region they are trained in unless these conditions allow otherwise.
- iii. Eligible horses will not be drawn in more than one Heat other than as an emergency.
- iv. Race field selection for the Qualifying Heats is to be based on the following condition:
Horses trained in the Region are to be selected first on dollars won this season. Horses that received a ballot from their Region may nominate for another heat in their Zone but will not be drawn into heats before horses trained in the host Region are drawn. If two or more horses have equal dollars won this season, they will be drawn by lot by HRNSW to determine the maximum field size and emergencies where so required.
- v. If ballots are required in Qualifying Heats fields will be selected in the following order:
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 were drawn in the Major Series. For clarity horses which were drawn in fields of the NSW Breeders Challenge Major Series or Blue events but did not compete are not exempt from ballot under this in this Condition.
- vi. Horses must be re-nominated for the Final.
- vii. 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, they will be drawn by lot by HRNSW to determine the maximum field size and emergencies where so required.
- viii. In the circumstance where nominations are extended the original nominations will not be subject to ballot. Additional nominations will be accepted into the fields in accordance with the race field selection criteria of Condition 1.4.

6.5 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 sole discretion.
- c) HRNSW may call for fresh nominations, depending on the circumstances of such cancellations or postponements at its sole discretion.
- d) HRNSW may, during a season, increase or reduce the number of NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Series events after considering the number of horses likely to compete at its sole discretion.

6.6 PRIZEMONEY & DISTRIBUTION

The following table outlines the prizemoney for the 2022 Regional Series:

Regional Series	Prizemoney per race
Qualifying Heats	\$9,999
Finals	\$30,000

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%

6.7 ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

- a) HRNSW has the right, in its absolute discretion, to impose additional conditions and restrictions for the NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Series and to alter, vary, divide or cancel any event(s) and/or conditions in the NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Series programme.
- b) HRNSW may, at any time, terminate the NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Series without notification or consultation.

6.8 DISPUTES

Any matter that is in dispute regarding the NSW Breeders Challenge Regional 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.

6.9 RACE DATES & TRACKS

The 2022 NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Race Series Qualifying Heats will commence from Tuesday November 22 through to Friday December 2.

Tracks at which Qualifying Heats will be conducted are Wagga (Nov 22 & 25), Bathurst (Nov 23 & 30), Penrith (Nov 24 & Dec 1) and Newcastle (Nov 25 & Dec 2).

Finals will be held at Wagga (Western Zone) and Newcastle (Eastern Zone) on Friday December 9.

6.10 INTERSTATE TRAINED HORSES

The first horse entered by an interstate licensed trainer may compete in any Region however all other horses entered to race thereafter in the NSW Breeders Challenge by that trainer will be classified by the Region of that first entry. For the avoidance of doubt a trainer cannot initially enter horses in two different Regions.

6.11 HARNESS RACING NSW SOLE DISCRETION

Harness Racing NSW will have sole discretion with respect to the eligibility of horses if the spirit of these conditions are not abided by.