

3. TROT NSW SERIES

3.1 **RIGHT TO COMPETE**

The Trot NSW Series is restricted to horses that have paid the series fee or the annual sustaining fee for the applicable racing season in accordance with the overarching Trot NSW condition 1.1 – Eligibility Criteria.

3.2 **NOMINATIONS & ACCEPTANCES**

- a) Closing dates for nomination and acceptance in Trot NSW Series events are the same as normal nomination and acceptance dates for meetings programmed by conducting clubs.
- b) Nomination and acceptance dates and times are published by HRNSW at www.harness.org.au
- c) There are no acceptance fees applicable to Trot NSW Series races.

3.3 **HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS**

- a) The Barrier Draw for all Trot NSW Series events will be Preferential Barrier Draw based on National Rating Points (PBD/NR).
- b) Eligibility for all Trot NSW Trotters Series events is determined at acceptance time.

3.4 **TROT NSW SERIES EVENTS AND SELECTION CRITERIA**

- a) The Trot NSW Series will comprise the minimum of a Final for 2YOs, 3YOs and 4YO/5YO's.
- b) All races in the Series are to be conducted over the 1609 metre distance.
- c) 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.
- d) Where balloting of Final acceptors is necessary, race field selection will be 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
- e) Regardless of the number of final acceptors all Finals are to comprise Trot NSW Series Eligible horses only.

3.5 **CANCELLATION OR ALTERATION OF TROT NSW SERIES EVENTS**

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

3.6 PRIZEMONEY DISTRIBUTION

- a) HRNSW will determine each year the prizemoney for the next racing season. In 2022 season the Finals will be valued at \$50,000.
- b) 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% |

- c) HRNSW makes no representation that the level of prizemoney for any one season will continue for the Trot NSW Series events in later seasons.
- d) If the number of Trot NSW Series events increases during a season, the prizemoney per race may be reduced.

3.7 OTHER HRNSW BREEDING SCHEMES OR RACES

- a) If available funding permits, HRNSW may schedule additional races outside the main Trot NSW Series for Trot NSW Series eligible horses.
- b) These races are likely to be for horses that have either not participated or not been successful in the Trot NSW Series Finals.
- c) 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.

3.8 ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

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

3.9 DISPUTES

- a) Any matter that is in dispute regarding the Trot NSW Trotters 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.

3.10 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 bonus 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.