

5. NSW BREEDERS CHALLENGE BLUE

5.1 RIGHT TO COMPETE

The NSW Breeders Challenge Blue events are 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

The NSW Breeders Challenge Blue is specifically restricted to the resultant progeny of a mare inseminated/served in NSW by a stallion conforming to condition 1.1 a) during the year of service. In addition the foal must be born in NSW and notified to HRNSW.

5.2 NOMINATIONS & ACCEPTANCES

- a) Closing dates for nomination and acceptance for NSW Breeders Challenge Blue events are the same as normal nomination and acceptance dates for meetings programmed by the conducting club.
- b) Nomination and acceptance dates and times are published by HRNSW at www.harness.org.au
- c) Nomination is required for every horse in respect of each event.
- d) Events must have a minimum of eight (8) final acceptors except with the sole approval of HRNSW.

5.3 HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS & SELECTION CRITERIA

- a) The 2YO and 3YO events will comprise of Heats (refer condition 5.3 b) and Finals for each age group and gender.
- b) Heats will be conducted if there are 16 or more final acceptors, except with the approval of HRNSW.
- c) All Blue races are to be conducted at the distance which is closest to 1609 metres.
- d) The Barrier Draw for the 2YO and 3YO events will be Random Barrier Draw (RBD).
- e) The maximum field size for each Blue race shall be dependent on the maximum field size allowable for each age group at the track where the event is conducted.
- f) Field selection for all NSW Breeders Challenge Blue Heats 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.
- g) Blue Final fields will be selected in accordance with the HRNSW Heats, Semi-Final and Final/Consolation Policy. If heats are not conducted Blue Final fields will be 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

5.4 CANCELLATION OR ALTERATION OF NSW BREEDERS CHALLENGE BLUE EVENTS

- a) Details of NSW Breeders Challenge Blue events to be conducted each season are published on the NSW Breeding Schemes website www.nswbred.com.au.
- b) Where the NSW Breeders Challenge Blue events 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 Blue events after considering the number of horses likely to compete at its sole discretion.

5.5 PRIZEMONEY & DISTRIBUTION – UNDER REVIEW

Prizemoney of \$100,000 will be offered for each Blue event.

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%

5.6 ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

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

5.7 DISPUTES

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

5.8 VENUE AND RACE DATES

The 2023 Blue Heats (if required) will be conducted at Menangle Park on Monday August 21 for 2YO horses and Tuesday August 22 for 3YO horses. Blue Finals will be conducted at Menangle Park on Saturday September 2.

5.9 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.