



NSW BREEDERS CHALLENGE

TERMS & CONDITIONS

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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 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:

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	2YO _s	3YO _s	4YO _s
SERIES 13	2017	2020	2021	2022
SERIES 14	2018	2021	2022	2023
SERIES 15	2019	2022	2023	2024
SERIES 16	2020	2023	2024	2025
SERIES 17	2021	2024	2025	2026

1.3 FEES FOR FOALS

- a) There are two options for the NSW foal notification fee for foals:
 - i. \$185 (registration fee) includes registration, freeze branding, foal DNA testing and NSW Breeding Scheme Nomination. This fee is being subsidised by HRNSW 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, therefore a payment of \$325 is due.
- b) The fee of choice is payable upon registration of the foals birth which is due within four (4) 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.
- f) Late nominations will need to be approved by HRNSW. As such, any nominations received after September 1 need to be accompanied by a letter outlining the details surrounding the late nomination.
- g) Provided HRNSW 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 Manager 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 race in a particular season in any NSW Breeders Challenge race/event or 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 the 2YO or 3YO sustaining fee or the series fee for that horse.

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 2YO horses will be sent a Nomination/Withdrawal Form by October 1 prior to the horses' 2YO racing season. Owners of 2YO horses must return the Sustaining/Withdrawal Form by December 1 inclusive of full payment. Horses whose owners do not return the Sustaining/Withdrawal Form or have not paid the sustaining fee in full within 28 days of sustaining will be withdrawn.
- b) Owners of eligible 3YO horses will be sent a Nomination/Withdrawal Form by October 1 prior to the horses' 3YO racing season. Owners of 3YO horses must return the Sustaining/Withdrawal Form by December 1 inclusive of full payment. Horses whose owners do not return the Sustaining/Withdrawal Form or have not paid the sustaining fee in full within 28 days of sustaining 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 Blue (if 100% NSW Bred), NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Race Series, Pathway Stakes, 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 and race series.

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	Sustaining Fee per horse \$ (including GST)
2YO sustaining	\$275 - to be paid by 1 December prior to the 2YO racing season
2YO & 3YO	\$450 – to be paid by 1 December prior to the 2YO racing season
3YO sustaining	\$275 - to be paid by 1 December prior to the 3YO racing season
4YO (No Fee)	In order for a 4YO horse to remain eligible the owner(s) must have paid either the series

2.7 LIST OF ENTRIES

- a) A complete list of 2YO NSW Breeders Challenge eligible horses will be available on the NSW Breeding Schemes website www.nswbred.com.au.
- b) A complete list of 3YO 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.
- 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.

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 Major Race Series, NSW Breeders Challenge Blue, NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Final and Pathway Stakes 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 RIGHT TO COMPETE

The NSW Breeders Challenge Major 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

4.2 NOMINATIONS & ACCEPTANCES

- a) 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.
- 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 every event, excepting the Major Race Series Final.
- d) Events must have a minimum of eight (8) final acceptors except with the sole approval of HRNSW.

4.3 HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS

2YO and 3YO Major Series

- a) The NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series 2YO and 3YO events will comprise of Heats, Semi Finals and Finals where nominations provide 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, Semi-Finals 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 Major Race Series events (excluding Finals) 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.

4YO Major Series

- a) The 4YO NSW Breeders Challenge Major Series events will comprise of Qualifying Heats and a Final for each 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 4YO Qualifying Heats and Finals will be Random Barrier Draw (RBD).
- d) The field size for Qualifying Heats and Finals will be ten (10) plus two (2) emergencies.
- e) The starting configuration will ten (10) front row.
- f) Field selection for all NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series events (excluding Finals) 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) Qualification for the Final will be based finishing positions in the Qualifying Heats.

4.4 NSW BREEDERS CHALLENGE MAJOR RACE SERIES SELECTION CRITERIA

- a) 2YO and 3YO NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series Heats:

- i. All Heats are open to NSW Breeders Challenge eligible horses.
- ii. Eligible horses will not be drawn in more than one Heat in each round of Heats other than as an emergency.
- iii. Race field selection and the number of races to be conducted in the Major Race Series Heats in each Region (Metropolitan, Hunter, Western and Riverina) will to be based on the following conditions:

First Round Heats

- a) Horses are to be selected on dollars won this season.
- b) There shall be two (2) emergencies drawn in each NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series Heats.
- c) If there are 8 to 15 Final acceptors there may be one Heat conducted, except with the approval of HRNSW, pursuant to clause 1.2 d).
- d) If there are 16 or more Final acceptors, with the approval of HRNSW there will be two (2) Heats conducted.
- e) HRNSW has the sole discretion to conduct additional Heats.

Second Round Heats

- a) Horses which have not contested a Heat will be selected before a horse which contested a first round Heat.
 - b) Horses which have won a first round Heat will not be eligible to compete in a second round Heat.
 - c) If there are 8 to 15 Final acceptors there may be one Heat conducted, except with the approval of HRNSW, pursuant to clause 1.2 d).
 - d) If there are 16 or more Final acceptors, with the approval of HRNSW there will be two (2) Heats conducted.
 - e) HRNSW has the sole discretion to conduct additional Heats.
- iv. 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.

- b) 2YO and 3YO Major Race Series Semi-Finals

- i. Semi-Finals are open to NSW Breeders Challenge eligible horses.
- ii. All horses that contested Heats must re-nominate for the Semi-Finals.
- iii. 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. Where there are eleven (11) Heats conducted, the first placegetters from each Heat would progress to the Semi-Finals. The nine (9) remaining positions would be selected on:

 - i. Placings in Heats;
 - ii. Dollars won this season;

- iv. 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.
 - v. There shall be two (2) emergencies drawn in each NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series Semi-Final.
- c) 4YO Major Race Series Qualifying Heats
- i. All Qualifying Heats are open to NSW Breeders Challenge eligible horses.
 - ii. There will be two (2) Qualifying Heats per gender conducted.
 - iii. 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.
- d) 2YO, 3YO & 4YO Major Race Series Finals
- i. 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.

4.5 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 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 Major Race Series events after considering the number of horses likely to compete at its sole discretion.

4.6 PRIZEMONEY & DISTRIBUTION – UNDER REVIEW

The following table outlines the prizemoney for the 2023 NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series:

	2YO	3YO	4YO
Heats	\$9,999	\$9,999	N/A
Semi-Finals / Qualifying Heats	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Finals	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$51,000

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 12 th	1%	80%	5%	5%	5%	5%

4.7 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 without notice or consultation.

4.8 DISPUTES

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.

4.9 RACE DATES & TRACKS

The 2023 NSW Breeders Challenge Major Race Series will commence from Tuesday September 19 through to the Finals on Saturday October 28.

Tracks at which first round Heats may be conducted are Wagga, Bathurst, Newcastle and Menangle Park.

Second round Heats, Semi Finals / Qualifying Heats and Finals are to be conducted at Menangle Park.

4.10 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.

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.

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 2023 the Finals will be held in Bathurst for the Western and Riverina Regions (Western Zone) and Menangle Park for the Hunter and Metropolitan Regions (Eastern Zone). Refer to HRNSW regional boundaries – [Regional Boundaries \(hrnsw.com.au\)](http://hrnsw.com.au)
- 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 2023 Major Race Series Finals or First in the 2023 Blue Finals 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 2023 NSW Breeders Challenge Major Series and will remain eligible only in that Region for the entire 2023 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 Western or Eastern zone are to be selected first 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.
- 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. 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.
- vii. 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 – UNDER REVIEW

The following table outlines the prizemoney for the 2023 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 2023 NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Race Series Qualifying Heats will commence from Tuesday November 21 through to Friday December 1.

Finals will be held at Bathurst (Western Zone) on Wednesday December 6 and Menangle Park (Eastern Zone) on Saturday December 9.

6.10 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. NSW Breeders Challenge Owners Bonus Certificates

7. NSW BREEDERS CHALLENGE OWNERS BONUS CERTIFICATES

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 win of the season in NSW, provided the win is in a race valued \geq \$5,000. Commencing from 1 January 2022 Owners of NSW Breeders Challenge eligible 2YO's will receive a bonus Certificate to the value of \$6,000 for their horses **first age win**, which must be their first win of the season in NSW. For clarity, a horse can only win one bonus as a 2YO.
 - 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. Owners of NSW Breeders Challenge eligible 4YOs will receive a bonus certificate to the value of \$3,000 for their horses' first win in NSW in a race valued \geq \$5,000, provided the horse has not won a bonus as a 2YO or 3YO and was sustained as either a 2YO or 3YO.
 - iv. Owners of NSW Breeders Challenge eligible 5YO and older horses will receive a bonus certificate to the value of \$3,000 for their horses' first win in NSW in a race valued \geq \$5,000, provided the horse has not won a bonus as a 2YO, 3YO or 4YO and the annual or series sustaining fee was paid to HRNSW before 31 August, 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

8.1 THE BONUS

- a) Five percent (5%) of prizemoney for each NSW Breeders Challenge event (Major Series, Blue Finals, Regional Series and Pathway Stakes) 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, Blue Finals, Regional Race Series and Pathway Stakes 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 Blue Finals, NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Race Series, Pathway Stakes 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), c), d) and e) 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.
- b) Nominator's of NSW Breeders Challenge eligible 2YOs 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.
- 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) Nominator's of NSW Breeders Challenge eligible 4YOs will receive a cash bonus to the value of \$3,000 for their horses first win in NSW in a race valued \geq \$5,000, provided the horse has not won a bonus as a 2YO or 3YO and was sustained as either a 2YO or 3YO.
- e) Nominators of NSW Breeders Challenge eligible 5YO and older horses will receive a cash bonus to the value of \$3,000 for their horses' first win in NSW in a race valued \geq \$5,000, provided the horse has not won a bonus as a 2YO, 3YO or 4YO and the annual or series sustaining fee was paid to HRNSW before 31 August, 2020
- f) 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
- g) 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.
- h) 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.
- i) 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.
- j) GST will be added to the bonus value for owners registered for GST who have submitted the appropriate details and declarations required by HRNSW.
- k) Unless otherwise stated in these terms and conditions, the bonus will be paid directly by HRNSW within 30 days of the bonus being earned.
- l) 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.
- m) 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.
- n) 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) Any disqualified person is not eligible to receive any Certificate, Bonus or Payment due within these conditions whilst they are disqualified.
- b) Any disqualified person is not eligible to redeem or transfer any Certificate, Bonus or Payment due within these conditions whilst 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

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