

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) In 2024 the Finals will be held in Bathurst for the Western and Riverina Regions (Western Zone) and Newcastle for the Hunter and Metropolitan Regions (Eastern Zone). No Heats are to be run. Refer to HRNSW regional boundaries – Regional Boundaries (hrnsw.com.au)
- b) Closing dates for nomination and acceptance for NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Race Series Finals 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) Finals 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 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 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 Finals only.
- b) NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Finals are open to eligible horses however:
 - i. Horses that are placed First or Second in the 2024 Major Race Series Finals or First in the 2024 Blue Finals are ineligible to compete in NSW Breeders Challenge Regional Race Series conducted in the same season.
 - ii. A horse's Region is determined by its stable return at nomination and acceptance time for the 2024 NSW Breeders Challenge Major Series and will remain eligible only in that Region for the entire 2024 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. Race field selection for the Regional Finals: 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.

iv. If ballots are required, 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. 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

Each Final of the 2024 Regional Series will be run for \$30,000.

Prizemoney is to be distributed according to the table below:

Placing	Total	Owner	Foal Nominator	Stallion Nominator	Trainer	Driver
1 st	60%	85%	5%	5%	10%	5%
2 nd	15%	85%	5%	5%	10%	5%
3 rd	10%	85%	5%	5%	10%	5%
4 th	6%	85%	5%	5%	10%	5%
5 th	4%	85%	5%	5%	10%	5%
6 th to 12 th	1%	85%	5%	5%	10%	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

Finals will be held at Newcastle (Eastern Zone) on Friday 29 November and Bathurst (Western Zone) on Wednesday December 4.

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.