

NSW

RACE SERIES

Breeders Challenge Major Race Series

The aim of the Breeders Challenge Race Series is to promote improvement in the quality of the Standardbred breed in NSW, provide an incentive to domicile more mares in NSW and to reward NSW breeders through the development of a lucrative race series and bonus scheme in their home state. For Breeders Challenge eligible 2YO and 3YOs, heats of \$15,000 are conducted at racetracks throughout NSW, with \$25,000 semi-finals and \$125,000 finals (2YO) and \$150,000 finals (3YO) held at Tabcorp Park Menangle. A 4YO series with \$25,000 semi-finals and \$100,000 finals is also conducted at Tabcorp Park Menangle. All Finals are held at Tabcorp Park Menangle on the last Sunday in June. Prizemoney for all NSW Breeders Challenge events is split 80% to the owners (1st to last), 5% each to the trainer, driver, the foal nominator and the stallion nominator of all runners.

Breeders Challenge Blue

HRNSW in conjunction with Club Menangle introduced a new race series for horses that are 100% NSW Bred. Scheduled to run between the Major Race series and the Regional Finals in July, these races are designed to give 100% NSW bred horses another opportunity at earning prizemoney. The races are restricted to Breeders Challenge eligible horses that have been sustained for their respective season that also meet the following criteria:

- Sire physically stood in NSW in the season of conception, and;
- Dam served or inseminated in NSW, and;
- Foal born in NSW and notified to HRNSW.

Tabcorp Park Menangle host both 2YO & 3YO feature events worth \$50,000 each for both genders with performance based eligibility restrictions. It must be acknowledged that there is a prizemoney contribution of \$150,000 by Club Menangle for this series.

Breeders Challenge Regional Finals

Wagga, Parkes, Newcastle, Goulburn, Young & Bathurst have conducted successful Breeders Challenge Regional Finals since their inception in 2010. In 2017 for the first time there were \$10,000 Semi Finals conducted for the 3YO and 4YO divisions in each gender. The Breeders Challenge Regional Finals feature six \$30,000 finals for Breeders Challenge eligible 2YOs, 3YOs and 4YOs of both sexes, from 2017 the Series will permanently be conducted at Paceway Bathurst.

Trot NSW Race Series

A Trotters Race Series was added from Series 7 (foals born from the 2011/12 season) onwards and from 2017 does not form part of the NSW Breeders Challenge. Eligibility criteria along with nomination and sustaining fees are the same as those already in place for the pacers. The Trotters Race Series has been introduced to create more opportunities for owners and breeders of square gaiters to earn substantial prizemoney while encouraging more participants to breed trotters in NSW. The series comprises one off Group 2 \$30,000 races for 2YO, 3YO and 4YO/5YO and going forward all finals are run at Tabcorp Park Menangle at the same meeting in May each year.