

# TAB REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2025-26

The TAB Regional Championships in 2025-26 are to be conducted with Heats, Consolations and Finals in the Metropolitan, Western, Riverina and Hunter Regions with a State Final TAB Championship Final at Tabcorp Park Menangle. There will also be four (4) *Fast Pass* races that will provide direct entry to the State Final. The State Final will consist of the first two placed horses in the Regional Finals, and the four Fast Pass winners, with the third placed horses based on LT\$ constituting the emergency starters.

## TABCORP REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS CONDITIONS

### Eligibility

For three year old and older Australian Bred pacers with a National Rating Points up to 70, at the time of nomination for the Regional events.

No Driver, 3YO or Mares Concessions apply.

Horses must be trained, based on a processed Stable Return, by a HRNSW licensed trainer from 1 September 2025 in accordance with HRNSW Stable Return Policy and/or in accordance with HRNSW Policies governing the responsibilities of a trainer with the notification of the movement of horses under their training.

Horses are eligible to compete in the Region where they were stabled continuously, 56 days prior to each nominated event. Horses are only allowed to compete in ONE region for the duration of the 2025-26 TAB Regional Championships.

For the avoidance of doubt horses which are transferred out of a Region other than for the purpose of spelling are ineligible to compete in the Championships.

In the circumstance of a satellite stable operated by a HRNSW licenced trainer, the horse(s) must be physically located in NSW 56 days prior to each nominated event.

### Fast Pass Races

Fast Pass Races are for three year old and older Australian Bred pacers with a National Rating Points up to 70, at the time of nomination for that event.

No Driver, 3YO or Mares Concessions apply.

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Horses are not required to be stabled in the Region where the Fast Pass Race is to be competed.

### Field Selection

First preference in race field selection is provided to horses with National Rating Points between 60 and 70 based on LT\$ prior to each event.

Second preference in race field selection is provided to horses with National Rating Points of 59 and below based on LT\$ prior to each event.

### Field Size

Twelve (12) horses will be drawn in each Heat where nominations provide. Penrith will conduct Heats and Finals of ten (10) horses.

Fast Pass Races will be conducted with ten (10) horses drawn into the race.

### **Starting Configuration**

Eight (8) horses will commence on the front row of the mobile barrier and four horses on the second row for all tracks. In accordance with HRNSW Policy outside draw horses will be drawn to the outside of the front row. Emergencies will be drawn where nominations provide but will drawn to the outside and take the positions of scratched horses should they gain a start.

Penrith will run six (6) horses in the front row and four (4) horses on the second row for any event.

### **Barrier Draw**

The barrier draw will be random (RBD). Note outside barrier draw horses.

### **Distances**

All races will be conducted at a distance of as close to 2200M on the respective tracks. The State Final will be conducted over 2400M at Tabcorp Park Menangle

### **HEATS, CONSOLATIONS & FINALS:**

Each Region (Metropolitan, Hunter, Riverina and Western) will conduct an Individual Championship.

Tabcorp Park Menangle will host 'The TAB State Championship Final' on Saturday 2 May 2026.

Each Region will conduct one round of Heats with a maximum of 6 Heats. The first two placed horses will automatically qualify for the Finals. The fastest third placed horses (individual time) from the Heats will qualify for the Final if 6 Heats are not conducted. Two emergencies will be drawn for the Finals which will be the next two third placed horses on individual times. Prizemoney for the Heats will be **\$14,500**.

Each Region will conduct a Consolation from nominations received. Field selection will be based on finishing positions in the Heats and on individual times recorded for those horses with the same finishing position for each Consolation. Prizemoney for the Consolations will be **\$14,500**.

The first two placed horses in each Regional Final will progress to 'The TAB State Championship Final' with the third placed horses in order of LT\$ to be drawn in order as the emergencies.

Each Regional Final will be conducted for **\$75,000**

The TAB State Championship Final will be conducted for **\$150,000**.

For the avoidance of doubt, horses that have qualified for The TAB State Championship Final are not required to have a National Rating of 70 or below at the time of that race.

All prizemoney will be distributed in accordance with HRNSW Policy.

### **FAST PASS RACES**

The winner of each Fast Pass Race will be given direct entry into The TAB State Championship Final on Saturday 2 May 2026.

All races will be conducted at a distance of as close to 2200M on the respective tracks.

Fast Pass Races will be conducted for **\$25,000**

### **Race Schedule:**

### ***Riverina – Riverina Paceway Wagga Wagga***

- Heats –Tuesday 4 November 2025 – Distance 2270m
- Final & Consolation – Friday 14 November 2025 – Distance 2270m

### ***Hunter – Newcastle International Paceway***

- Heats - Friday 21 November 2025 - Distance 2030m
- Final & Consolation - Friday 5 December 2025 - Distance 2030m

### ***Western – Gold Crown Paceway Bathurst***

- Heats - Wednesday 21 January 2026 - Distance 2260m
- Final & Consolation – Friday 30 January 2026 – Distance 2260m

### ***Metropolitan – Penrith Paceway***

- Heats – Thursday 12 March 2026 - Distance 2125m
- Final & Consolation – Friday 21 March 2026 - Distance 2125m

### ***State Final – Tabcorp Park Menangle***

- Final– Saturday 2 May 2026 – Distance 2400m

### **Fast Pass Races**

Friday 2 January 2026 – **Goulburn**

Wednesday 7 January 2026 – **Parkes**

Friday 23 January 2026 – **Tamworth**

Friday 13 February 2026 – **Albury**

HRNSW reserves the right to change any date without notice.

### **Regions**

The boundaries for the Regions are in accordance with HRNSW published definitions.

### **Important Notice**

HRNSW at its sole discretion may deem a horse eligible or ineligible to compete in the TAB Regional Championships if HRNSW is of the belief that the intent and spirit of the Conditions have been met, circumvented or compromised.