

# TAB REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2023

The TAB Regional Championships in 2023 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. The State Final will consist of the first three placed horses in the Regional Finals with the fourth placed horses based on \$TS constituting the emergency starters.

## **TABCORP REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS CONDITIONS**

### **Eligibility**

For four year old and older Australian Bred pacers with a National Rating Points up to 70.

No Driver or Mares Concessions apply.

Horses must be trained, based on a processed Stable Return, by a HRNSW licensed trainer from 1 February 2023 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 from 1 March 2023.

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 from 1 March 2023.

### **Field Selection**

First preference in race field selection is provided to horses with National Rating Points between 60 and 70 based on \$TS (dollars won from 1 January 2023).

Second preference in race field selection is provided to horses with National Rating Points of 59 and below based on \$TS (dollars won from 1 January 2023).

### **Field Size**

Twelve (12) horses will be drawn in each Heat where nominations provide.

### **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 draw to the outside and take the positions of scratched horses should they gain a start.

### **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 State TAB Championship Final' on Saturday 27 May 2023.

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 **\$16,000**.

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

Each Regional Final and the State Final will be conducted for **\$100,000**.

A State Consolation of **\$25,000** will be conducted from nominations received with field selection based on finishing positions in the Regional Finals and \$TS on Saturday 27th May 2023 at Tabcorp Park Menangle.

All prizemoney will be distributed in accordance with HRNSW Policy.

#### **Schedule for Heats, Consolations and Final will be as follows:**

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

- Heats - Wednesday 3 May - Distance 2260
- Final & Consolation - Wednesday 17 May – Distance 2260

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

- Heats - Friday 5 May – Distance 2270
- Final & Consolation – Friday 19 May – Distance 2270

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

- Heats - Friday 5 May - Distance 2030
- Final & Consolation - Friday 19 May - Distance 2030

##### ***Metropolitan – Tabcorp Park Menangle***

- Heats - Tuesday 9 May - Distance 2300
- Final & Consolation - Saturday 20 May - Distance 2300

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

- Final & Consolation – Saturday 27 May 2023 – Distance 2400

#### **Regions**

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

#### **Important**

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.

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