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**OBJECTIVE:**

The objective of this policy is to define the conditions for each component of the Tasbred Series.

**SCOPE:**

The Tasbred Series is the only free racing and breeding incentive program in Australasia. With over \$675,000 distributed annually it provides outstanding value for breeders.

The series has three components – the Tasbred Bonus, the Tasbred Sires Stakes and the Tasbred Breeders Coupon.

**1. TASBRED BONUS**

Tasbred Bonus payouts total approximately \$280,000 annually. A Tasbred Bonus of \$2,000 (\$1500 to the owner and \$500 to the registered breeder) will be paid for a Tasbred eligible horse's first two wins in the 2YO season and each of the first two wins in the 2YO season and each of the first two wins in the 3YO season. If a horse does not win as a 2YO or 3YO, a \$2,000 bonus will be paid for the first win as a 4YO or older.

Tasbred Bonus payments apply only to races conducted in Tasmania, including King Island. Tasbred Bonus payments do not apply to heats of the Australasian Breeders Crown.

**2. TASBRED SIRES STAKES**

The Tasbred Sires Stakes is a \$276,000 race series comprising heats and finals for 2YO, 3YO and 4YO's. Each age group is divided into two sections – female pacers and male pacers. Heats are of \$8,000 and finals of \$30,000. All races are mobile starts.

Each age group is named after an outstanding Tasmanian horse. The female sections are Evicus (2YO), Bandbox (3YO) and Granny Smith (4YO). The male sections are Dandy Patch (2YO), Globe Derby (3YO) and Raider (4YO).

**3. TASBRED BREEDERS COUPON**

The Tasbred breeders Coupon is worth approximately \$120,000 annually to Tasmanian Breeders.

Tasbred horses racing as 2YO's in season 2008/09 were the first crop to be eligible for credits towards the Tasbred Breeders Coupon. Horses earned another 10% of stake money for their breeder. It was credited to the breeders Tasbred Breeders Coupon. The scheme extended to Tasbred 2YO and 3YO's in 2009/10 and Tasbred 2YO, 3YO and 4YO's in 2010/11. Credits towards the Tasbred Breeders Coupon relate to any 2YO, 3YO or 4YO race in Tasmania or any 2YO, 3YO or 4YO race in Tasmania or any 2YO, 3YO or 4YO Group Race in Australia.

A unique aspect of the Tasbred Breeders Coupon is that breeders earn credits every time their Tasbred horse competes in any 2YO, 3YO or 4YO race in Tasmania or any 2YO, 3YO or 4YO Group Race in Australia race. The 10% credit relates to any stake money won. Credits towards the Tasbred Breeders Coupon will be paid over and above the advertised stake money and are additional to any other bonuses or stake money that may be earned.

For example, a Tasbred horse that wins a \$5,000 2YO race in 2011/2012 will earn a credit of \$333 (10% of \$3,334 first prize money in a 10 horse field) towards the breeders Tasbred Breeders Coupon. The second horse will earn a credit of \$74, third \$49, fourth \$24 and fifth \$12.

In the \$30,000 Evicus Final or Dandy Patch Final, the winner of each will earn a credit of \$1,822 (10% of \$18,225 first prize money in a 10 horse field) towards the breeders Tasbred Breeders Coupon. The second horse will earn a credit of \$405, third \$270, fourth \$135, fifth \$67 and \$60 for all unplaced horses.

Credits from the Tasbred Breeders Coupon can only be used by the breeder for service fees or at the Tasmanian Premier Harness Yearling Sale in the following season. When used for service fees, the credits apply to mare(s) owned or part owned by the breeder and are applicable to the service fee only (excludes agistment fees, vet fees etc.). When used at the Tasmanian Premier Harness Yearling Sale, the credits apply to the purchase of yearlings that are not owned or part owned by the breeder.

#### **4. ELIGIBILITY**

A foal born after 1 September 2007 shall be deemed Tasbred if:

- 4.1 The mare is served, naturally or artificially, by a stallion registered and standing in Tasmania; or
- 4.2 The mare is lawfully inseminated in Tasmania by semen from any registered stallion provided that the resultant foal is born in Tasmania

Clauses 3 and 4 cover other occurrences that may lead to Tasbred eligibility:

- 4.3 If an owner decides a mare should leave Tasmania to be served or foal, and the owner wants the resultant foal to be deemed Tasbred eligible, the owner must apply to Tasracing and outline the reasons why. The application must be made, in writing, at least two months prior to the mare being served to ensure sufficient time to consider the application. If the result of the 42 day test verifies the mare is in foal, the mare or the surrogate mare must return to Tasmania within 30 days for the resultant foal to be considered for Tasbred eligibility.
- 4.4 Any exception circumstance deemed reasonable by Tasracing may be considered for Tasbred eligibility.

From 1 September 2009, Tasracing will pay all foal registration fees provided that the foal notification is lodged with Racing Services Tasmania within one month of foaling.

#### **5. ACCEPTANCE FEES**

No acceptance fees are applicable to any component of the Tasbred Series.

## 6. SIRES STAKES CONDITIONS

Racing Services Tasmania General Conditions for Races Conducted as Heats and Final/Consolation, published in The Victorian & Tasmanian License Holders Directory 2011/2012, are applicable to each Tasbred Sires Stakes race series.

Additional conditions are:

- 6.1 Heats will be programmed for each sex of the 2YO, 3YO and 4YO series.
- 6.2 Heats will be programmed no more than two weeks before each respective final.
- 6.3 If the number of acceptors for any series is not more than the safety limit, the heat will be deleted and the acceptors given preference in a re-advertised final.
- 6.4 If heats are deleted and there are six or more acceptors, a prelude will be conducted for the advertised stake money of the heats. The draw will be PBD/2C (2YO's), PBD/3C (3YO's) or PBD/C (4YO's).
- 6.5 The amount and distribution of stakes for each series shall be determined by Tasracing and announced before 1 November in the season the series is conducted.
- 6.6 Tasracing reserves the right to amend the conditions for the conduct of any series as may be deemed necessary.
- 6.7 Any disputes regarding the conditions or interpretation of the conditions of any series shall be determined by Tasracing and the decision shall not be subject to appeal

## 7. DEFINITION OF BREEDER

Under the Rules of Harness Racing the breeder is:

- (a) In the case of a foal which is the result of any embryo transfer, the registered owner or lessee of the donor mare at the time the embryo is flushed from such donor mare and impregnated into a recipient mare.
- (b) In all other cases, the registered owner or lessee of the dam at the time of last date of service.

Any Tasbred Series related payment or credit will be paid to the official "breeder". The rights to Tasbred Series payments or credits are not transferable.