

**1 OBJECTIVE:**

The objective of this policy is to outline the conditions for each component of the Tasracing Harness Breeders Support.

**2 DEFINITIONS:****2.1 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.

**2.2 Controlling Body:**

Means an organisation which by convention, recognition or law is or is deemed to be in control of harness racing in a State or Territory of Australia or in part of or the whole of a country.

**2.3 Owner:**

The person, persons, syndicate or combination thereof, registered with the Controlling Body as comprising the ownership of a horse at the time of any given race start. Where a registered lease exists, the "Owner" will mean the lessor.

**2.4 Season:**

A period of 12 months starting on 1 September and finishing on 31 August.

**2.5 Tasbred:**

A foal shall be deemed Tasbred if:

- 2.5.1** The mare is served, naturally or artificially, by a stallion registered and standing in Tasmania; or
- 2.5.2** The mare is lawfully inseminated in Tasmania by semen from any registered stallion and the resultant foal is born in Tasmania; or
- 2.4.3** If an owner decides a mare should leave Tasmania to be served or foal, the mare, or the surrogate mare, must return to Tasmania within 30 days, after the 42-day test verifying the mare is in foal, and the resultant foal must be born in Tasmania.
- 2.4.4** Any exceptional circumstance deemed reasonable by Tasracing may be considered for Tasbred eligibility.
- 2.4.5** Tasracing has absolute discretion to make determinations regarding Tasbred eligibility.

### 3 POLICY:

The policy has four components – the Tasbred Bonus, the Tasbred Sires Stakes, the Tasbred Breeders Coupon and the Tasbred Owners Breeding Incentive.

#### 3.1 TASBRED BONUS

- 3.1.1 A Tasbred Bonus, in accordance with **Schedule 1**, will be paid for a Tasbred eligible horses.
- 3.1.2 Tasbred Bonus payments apply only to races conducted in Tasmania, including King Island.

#### 3.2 TASBRED SIRES STAKES

- 3.2.1 The Tasbred Sires Stakes is a race series comprising heats and finals for 2YO, 3YO and 4YO's.
- 3.2.2 Each age group is divided into two sections – female pacers and male pacers. Heats will be programmed for each sex of the 2YO, 3YO & 4YO's.
- 3.2.3 All races are mobile starts.
- 3.2.4 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).
- 3.2.5 General Conditions for Races Conducted as Heats and Final/Consolation are published in the Office of Racing Integrity Handicapping Policy document (available at [www.racing.tas.gov.au](http://www.racing.tas.gov.au)) and are applicable to each Tasbred Sires Stakes race series.
- 3.2.6 Heats will be programmed no more than two weeks before each respective final.
- 3.2.7 If the number of acceptors for any series is not more than the safety limit, heats will not be conducted, and the acceptors given preference in the final.
- 3.2.8 If heats are not conducted 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/NR.
- 3.2.9 The venues, 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.
- 3.2.10 Tasracing reserves the right to amend the conditions for the conduct of any series as may be deemed necessary.
- 3.2.11 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.

#### 3.3 TASBRED BREEDERS COUPON (TBC)

- 3.3.1 A breeder gets a credit of 10% for any money that a Tasbred horse earns in a race.

- 3.3.2** Credits towards the Tasbred Breeders Coupon relate to any race that a Tasbred 2YO or 3YO contests in Tasmania, or any 2YO or 3YO Group Race in Australia. *(Amended 23.11.16)*
- 3.3.3** 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.
- 3.3.4** For example, a Tasbred horse that wins a \$7,000 2YO race will earn a credit of \$469 (10% of \$4,690 first prize money) towards the breeders Tasbred Breeders Coupon. The second horse will earn a credit of \$105, third \$70, fourth \$35 and fifth \$21.
- Example: In the \$50,000 Evicus Final or Dandy Patch Final, the winner of each will earn a credit of \$2,500 (10% of \$25,000 first prize money in a 12 horse field) towards the breeders Tasbred Breeders Coupon. The second horse will earn a credit of \$825, third \$550, fourth \$275, fifth \$150 and \$100 for all unplaced horses.
- 3.3.5** A maximum of \$3,000 for the racing season (1 September to 31 August) will apply to any Breeders Coupon for any individual horse. *(Amended 1.9.2017)*
- 3.3.6** Credits can only be used by the breeder for service fees in the following season, or for the purchase of yearlings from the Tasracing Harness Yearling Sale.
- 3.3.7** In the event of a breeder attempting to get a mare in foal in the following season but being unsuccessful, the breeder can advise Tasracing of such, and the credits will be carried forward once only for another 12 months.
- 3.3.8** When used for service fees, the credits apply to a 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 Tasracing Harness Yearling Sale the credits apply to the purchase of yearlings that are not owned or part owned by the breeder.
- 3.3.9** When used for service fees to Tasmanian based stallions, credits can also be used for veterinary related breeding costs up to a maximum of \$500 for each mare. Veterinary invoices must be provided to support the breeding related costs. *(effective 1.1.2016)*
- 3.3.10** Tasbred Breeders Coupon credits are not transferrable.

#### **3.4 TASBRED OWNERS BREEDING INCENTIVE (TOBI)**

- 3.4.1** A TOBI, in accordance with **Schedule 1**, is available for the owner/s of any Tasbred winner aged 4YO or older that wins a race in Tasmania during the racing season, commencing with the 2013/14 racing season.
- 3.4.2** A maximum of one TOBI applies to any individual horse in each racing season. If a horse wins more than one race during the season, the TOBI will apply to the first win.
- 3.4.3** The TOBI can be used in one of the following three (3) ways:
- (i) In the following racing season, the TOBI can be used by the owner(s), or by the holder of the TOBI, for service fees for mares owned or part owned by the owner(s); or

- (ii) In the following racing season, the TOBI can be used to purchase a yearling through the Tasracing Harness Yearling Sale. The TOBI can be used to purchase a yearling that is not owned or part owned by the owner(s) that the TOBI is credited to; or
- (iii) The owner(s) can transfer the TOBI with the mare if the mare is sold or leased.

### **3.5 ADDITIONAL SUPPORT**

**3.5.1** Any breeder with **NO** TBC or TOBI entitlement is entitled to a one off \$1,000 rebate each season against the invoice for a service fee for a mare which has not had a TBC or TOBI entitlement claimed against it for that season.

*(New 1.9.2017)*

**3.5.2** If Additional Support is claimed for the service fee for a mare then no other TBC or TOBI incentive can be subsequently claimed that season.

## **4. FOAL NOTIFICATION FEES PAID BY TASRACING**

Tasracing will pay all foal registration fees provided that the foal notification is lodged with Office of Racing Integrity within one month of foaling.

## **5. VICBRED ELIGIBILITY**

From 1 September 2015, all Tasbred foals are also eligible for the Vicbred scheme (conditions apply). Details are available at <http://www.vicbred.com.au/> *(Amended 16.12.2015)*

## **6. NO ACCEPTANCE FEES**

No fees are applicable to any component of Tasracing Harness Breeders Support.

## **7. TERMINATION AND VARIATION**

Tasracing may, in its absolute and unfettered discretion, by publication, terminate any or all of the components of the Tasracing Harness Breeders Support on or from the date specified in that notification (Effective Date) and on or from the Effective Date of that termination, no further payments will be forthcoming.

## **8. MISCELLANEOUS**

Should any event, occurrence or issue arise concerning Tasracing Harness Breeding Support, and the event is not covered by the wording in the policy, then Tasracing will respond to, deal with, or determine the matter at its sole discretion.

## SCHEDULE 1

Payments and stake money applicable to the Tasracing Harness Breeders Support, as per the conditions, are:

### **Tasbred Bonus** *(Amended 26.06.19)*

Season 2018/19

#### **2YO's & 3YO's – First win**

Owner	Breeder	Total
\$3,750	\$1,250	\$5,000

#### **4YO & Older – First Maiden win**

Owner	Breeder	Total
\$1,500	\$500	\$2,000

Season 2019/20

#### **2YO's & 3YO's – First win**

Owner	Breeder	Total
\$3,750	\$1,250	\$5,000

#### **4YO & 5YO Only – First Maiden win**

Owner	Breeder	Total
\$1,500	\$500	\$2,000

Season 2020/21 onwards

#### **2YO's & 3YO's – First win**

Owner	Breeder	Total
\$3,750	\$1,250	\$5,000

#### **4YO Only – First Maiden win**

Owner	Breeder	Total
\$1,500	\$500	\$2,000

### **Tasbred Breeders Coupon**

2YO & 3YO - 10% of season wins up to \$3,000.

### **Tasbred Owners Breeding Incentive (TOBI)**

4YO & Older – \$1,000 for the first win in a season.

**NB:** Tasbred Breeders Coupons & Owners Breeding Incentives can only be used towards Service fee's the following season. These amounts are not carried forward unless requested and approved by Tasracing.

### **Additional Support**

A one off \$1,000 rebate towards a service fee, per season, if not eligible for any other Breeding incentives