

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 January and finishing on 31 December.

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 Foal Born payment.

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) 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 earns a credit of \$2,000 for any eligible 2YO and 3YO win.
- 3.3.2 Credits can only be used by the breeder towards a service fee or veterinary costs, or for the purchase of yearlings from the Tasracing Harness Yearling Sale.

- 3.3.3** 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 and any veterinary costs only (excludes agistment 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.
- 3.3.4** Tasbred Breeders Coupons will expire within 24 months of being issued.
- 3.3.5** In the event of a breeder attempting to get a mare in foal but being unsuccessful, the breeder can advise Tasracing of such, and the credits will be carried forward once only for another 12 months.
- 3.3.6** Tasbred Breeders Coupon credits are not transferrable.
- 3.3.7** Tasbred Breeders Coupons will be recorded annually from 1 September to 31 August. Breeders will be notified at the conclusion of this period the total value of Coupons accumulated.

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. FOAL BORN PAYMENT

At the conclusion of each month a report of all lodged foal notifications will be run. On confirmation of Tasbred eligibility a payment of \$2,000 will be paid to the registered breeder.

6. 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*)

7. NO ACCEPTANCE FEES

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

8. 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.

9. 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 20.01.2020, Effective 1.9.2019)*

2YO's – First Maiden win

Owner - Cash	Breeder – Cash	Breeder - Coupon	Total
\$6,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$10,000

3YO's – First Maiden win

Owner - Cash	Breeder – Cash	Breeder - Coupon	Total
\$6,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$10,000

4YO – First Maiden win

Owner	Breeder	Total
\$4,875	\$1,625	\$6,500

5YO & Older – First Maiden win

Owner	Breeder	Total
\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500

Tasbred Breeders Coupon

NB: Tasbred Breeders Coupons can only be used towards Service fee's and Veterinary costs. These credits must be used within 24 months of being issued. These amounts are not carried forward unless requested and approved by Tasracing.

Foal Born Payment

A \$2,000 payment will be made to the registered breeder on lodgement of the foal notification and determined Tasbred eligibility.