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## NSW STALLION INCENTIVE SCHEME

### 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. This policy has been prepared to encourage owners of highly credentialed stallions to stand them in NSW.
- 1.2. The policy and criteria for levels of advertising subsidy have been developed in consultation with Harness Breeders NSW (HBNSW).
- 1.3. The purpose of this policy is to establish the criteria necessary for the stallion incentive scheme implementation and to set out the steps that are to be followed by stallion owners, studs, and HRNSW in applying the policy.
- 1.4. In 2016 in support of encouraging breeding to Trotting Stallions an allowance was made for Frozen Semen Trotting Stallions to receive the Stallion Incentive Scheme
- 1.5. In 2017 in support of encouraging breeding to Trotting Stallions an allowance was made for Trotting Stallions to receive the Stallion Incentive Scheme if they stand at a price between \$1,110 and \$1,999.
- 1.6. In 2017 the Stallion Incentive Scheme changed from a two year subsidy to a three year subsidy, with a full subsidy paid in the first and second breeding seasons and a 50/50 subsidy paid in the third breeding season.
- 1.7. In 2018 Stallions physically present in the Northern Hemisphere where a NSW stud holds the Australian Breeding rights and the semen is stored in and distributed from NSW were deemed eligible to apply for the Stallion Incentive Scheme.

## 2. POLICY

2.1. Prior to the start of the breeding season, Studs or stallion owners wishing to apply for subsidised advertising must apply to HRNSW in writing, giving details of the stallion/s they wish to have included in the Stallion Incentive Scheme.

2.2. The following Stallions are eligible to apply for the Stallion Incentive Scheme:

- a) Stallions that are physically present in NSW during the applicable breeding season
- b) Stallions physically present in the Northern Hemisphere where a NSW stud holds the Australian Breeding rights and the semen is stored in and distributed from NSW.

2.3. Stallions pursuant to Clause 2.2 will be eligible to apply for inclusion in the Stallion Incentive Scheme provided that:

- a) their advertised service fee is \$2,000 or greater, and;
- b) the Stallion is nominated for the NSW Breeders Challenge.

2.3 a) Trotting Stallions pursuant to Clauses 2.2 standing at a price at a price between \$1,100 and \$1,999 will be eligible to apply for inclusion in the Stallion Incentive Scheme if:

- a) they were a Group 1 or equivalent winner, and;
- b) their sire was a Group 1 or equivalent winner, and;
- c) the Stallion is nominated for the Trot NSW Series.

Trotting Stallions eligible under this condition will be entitled to a maximum subsidy of \$5,000 in the first and second season and \$2,500 on a dollar for dollar basis in the third season.

2.4. Stallions that qualified for inclusion in the Stallion Incentive Scheme in their first season standing in NSW, are eligible for inclusion in the following season. In the third season HRNSW will contribute up to fifty percent (50%) of the first and second seasons' total subsidy, provided that this amount is matched by the stud or owner of that stallion. Only advertisements that feature the designated stallion and that run and are paid for within the third breeding season will be counted towards the stud/owner total that is to be equalled by the HRNSW contribution.

2.5. HRNSW will assess stallions against the following criteria:

1. Service fee
2. 2YO earnings, race record and best time
3. 3YO earnings, race record and best time
4. All aged earnings, race record and best time
5. Performance of Sire line
6. Performance of Dam line
7. Previous stud performance

- 2.6. Stallions may be ineligible for inclusion in the scheme should the Board of HRNSW or the HBNSW assess that:
1. The stallion has previously performed poorly at stud
  2. The stallion has a poor fertility rating
  3. The standing of the stallion in NSW does not positively affect the image of the NSW breeding industry
  4. The stallion is commercially unviable for any other reason
  5. The facilities of the stud where the stallion will stand are of an unacceptable standard
- 2.7. The application of the Stallion Incentive Scheme is at the sole discretion of the Board of HRNSW. A positive assessment of a stallion does not guarantee a stud that stallion's inclusion in the Stallion Incentive Scheme.
- 2.8. Advertisements for approved Stallions must be placed in the HRNSW approved forms and advertising is to be booked through the designated HRNSW staff member.
- 2.9. HRNSW has the right, in its absolute discretion at any time without notice, to alter, vary or cancel any conditions of the Stallion Incentive Scheme. HRNSW may, at any time without notice, terminate the Stallion Incentive Scheme.