

1 OBJECTIVE:

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

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.

Where the horse is owned by a syndicate or group of persons, 'Owner' shall mean the syndicate manager or manager.

2.4 Season:

A period of 12 months starting on 1 January and finishing on 31 December in any given year.

2.5 Australian Bred

Under the Australian Trotting Stud Book, 'Australian Bred' means a foal that is registered in Australia and the progeny of a mare registered in the Australian Trotting Stud Book domiciled in Australia at the time of service by a stallion registered in the Australian Trotting Stud Book at the time of service.

2.6 Tasbred:

A foal shall be deemed 'Tasbred' if:

- 2.6.1 The mare is served, naturally or artificially, by a stallion registered and standing in Tasmania; or
- 2.6.2 The mare is lawfully inseminated in Tasmania by semen from any registered stallion and the resultant foal is born in Tasmania; or
- 2.6.3 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.
- 2.6.4 If a mare is purchased in foal:

- i. the mare must arrive in Tasmania as soon as practical, and the resultant foal must be born in Tasmania.
 - ii. the owner must be a resident of Tasmania at the time the mare was purchased and at time of foaling.
 - iii. If the mare is owned by more than one person or a syndicate the managing owner must be a resident of Tasmania at the time the mare was purchased and at time of foaling.
- 2.6.5 Any exceptional circumstance deemed reasonable by Tasracing may be considered for Tasbred eligibility.
- 2.6.6 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.
- 3.1.3 A win for an eligible horse at a meeting conducted on King Island will attract 50% of the Tasbred Bonus. Should the horse win a race, on return to the Tasmanian mainland, the balance of the bonus payable at the time of the first win will then be paid.

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 Tasracing Handicapping Policy document and are applicable to each Tasbred Sires Stakes race series.
- 3.2.6 All nominations are guaranteed a start in the series.
- 3.2.7 Further race conditions may be placed on the series which will be available at <https://tasracing.com.au/industry/harness-race-programs> before 1 August in the season the series is conducted.
- 3.2.8 The venues, amount and distribution of stakes for each series shall be determined by Tasracing and announced before 1 August in the season the series is conducted.

3.2.9 Tasracing reserves the right to amend the conditions for the conduct of any series as may be deemed necessary.

3.2.10 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 or owner at time of foaling (as per clause 2.6.4) earns a credit of \$2,000 for any eligible win (TBC).

3.3.2 Credits can only be used towards a service fee, 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 or owner at time of foaling (as per clause 2.6.4) 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 or owner at time of foaling (as per clause 2.6.4).

3.3.4 Tasbred Breeders Coupons will expire within 24 months of the date 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 within one month of foaling.

5. FOAL BORN PAYMENT

A \$2,000 payment will be paid to the registered breeder of a resultant foal born in Tasmania on confirmation of Tasbred eligibility.

If the foal is the result from a mare purchased in foal (clause 2.6.4) payment will be made to the Owner as defined in clause 2.3.

Foals notified interstate will need to provide a copy of their completed foal notification form to Tasracing to ensure Tasbred eligibility is confirmed.

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 the Tasracing Harness Breeders Support program.

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

2YO & Older – First Tasmanian win

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

Tasbred Breeders Coupon

NB: Tasbred Breeders Coupons can only be used towards a Service fee 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 or owner at time of foaling, on lodgement of the foal notification and determined Tasbred eligibility as per Clause 5.