

2018 COUNTRY CUPS CHALLENGE

THE SERIES IN FULL COMPRISES OF THE FOLLOWING QUALIFIERS:

| DATE | CLUB | REGION | RACE | DATE | CLUB | REGION | RACE |
|------------|-----------------|--------|-----------------------------------|------------|--|--------|----------------------------------|
| 22/9/2018 | Longreach JC | CW | Longreach Cup Open Hcp 1600m | 20/10/2018 | Innisfail TC | FN | Innisfail Cup Open Hcp 2000m |
| 29/9/2018 | Ewan ATC | LE | Ewan Cup Class 6 Hcp 1600m | 20/10/2018 | Stanthorpe JC | ED | Stanthorpe Cup Open Hcp 1400m |
| 6/10/2018 | Mount Isa RC | NW | Spring Cup Open Hcp 1450m | 27/10/2018 | Gympie TC | SE | Gympie Cup Open Hcp 1600m |
| 6/10/2018 | Tara RC | ED | Tara Cup Open Hcp 1400m | 3/11/2018 | Yeppoon TC | CA | Yeppoon Newmarket Open Hcp 1400m |
| 13/10/2018 | Bowen TC | LE | Bowen Battlers Cup Open Hcp 1470m | 6/11/2018 | Cairns JC | FN | Cairns City Cup Open Hcp 1400m |
| 13/10/2018 | Cloncurry & DRC | NW | Cloncurry Cup Open Hcp 1400m | 6/11/2018 | Central Warrego RC | DO | Charleville Cup Open Hcp 1620m |
| 13/10/2018 | Emerald JC | CA | Emerald 100 Open Hcp 1850m | 6/11/2018 | Kumbia RC | SE | Kumbia Cup Open Hcp 1400m |
| 20/10/2018 | Barcoo ARC | CW | Blackall Cup Open Plate 1400m | 17/11/2018 | Roma TC | DO | Roma Cup Open Hcp 1640m |
| | | | | 1/12/2018 | \$70,000 FINAL - Brisbane RC @ Doomben | | Rest OMWL2Y Quality Hcp 1600m |

Please refer to RQ race magazine for individual prizemoney for qualifiers listed above. For the purposes of qualification for the final of this Series exclusively, the prescribed races above are deemed to have Non-Tab status.

FINAL - RACE DETAIL

1st December 2018 - George Moore Stakes Day at Doomben

Rest OMWL2Y Quality Hcp 1600m

Of \$70,000 -

1st \$42,700, 2nd \$14,350, 3rd \$7,350, 4th \$3,500, 5th \$2,100

Maximum Handicap Weight 62kg, Minimum Handicap Weight 54kg

Apprentices Cannot Claim

Starting limit to be confirmed.

Float subsidies will be paid to the Trainers of horses that remain in the field after final scratching time on the following basis:

- South East and Eastern Downs Regions - \$500
- Downs and Capricorn Regions - \$750
- Central West and Leichhardt Regions - \$1,500
- Far North and North West Regions - \$2,000

FINAL - PROGRAM/CONDITIONS

- Restricted No Metropolitan Wins in Last Two Years Quality Hcp 1600m.
- Restricted to horses, if eligible, that have started in any of the 16 qualifiers.
- Restricted to horses that have started in a minimum of Three (3) Non-Tab races in Queensland between 22/11/2017 and 21/11/2018.
- Restricted to horses that have not won a Metropolitan race in the period 29/11/2016 to 28/11/2018.
- All placegetters (1st, 2nd, 3rd) in each of the 16 qualifier races are deemed to be automatically nominated for the Final, if eligible.
- Unplaced horses from the 16 qualifiers may nominate for the final if eligible with nominations closing 11am Monday 19th November 2018.
- Acceptances due 10am Wednesday 21st November 2018.
- Barrier draw conducted through Racing Australia 9am Wednesday 28th November 2018.
- Jockey declaration due midday Wednesday 28th November 2018.
- Early scratchings due 9am Wednesday 28th November 2018.
- Final scratchings due 7.30am Saturday 1st December 2018.

FINAL - BALLOTING CONDITIONS

Final field and emergencies to be determined at acceptance time using the below criteria:

Composition of the field will be determined at acceptance time by the highest placegetter (1st, 2nd, 3rd) in each of the qualifiers in each of the 8 regions and will be determined in the following order if eligible:

1. Winners of individual qualifiers.
2. The 2nd placegetter in individual qualifiers.
3. The 3rd placegetter in individual qualifiers.
4. The 2nd placegetter in the other qualifier within the same region, on the condition that horse has not already secured a position in final.
5. The 3rd placegetter in the other qualifier within the same region, on the condition that horse has not already secured a position in final.
6. Should a ballot be required to determine horses within the same category (i.e. 1st placegetters, 2nd placegetters, then 3rd placegetters), preference will be determined on the following basis:
 - The horse with the highest official RQ rating.
 - If two or more horses have the same official RQ rating they will be balloted by lot.
7. If there are not 2 qualifier placegetters from each region declared as acceptors for the final, the highest placegetters from other regions that have not already secured a place in the Final will be eligible to be included. Preference will be determined on the following basis:
 - The horse with the highest official RQ rating.
 - If two or more horses have the same official RQ rating they will be balloted by lot.
8. The composition of emergencies for the final shall be determined by the highest placegetters from all of the 16 qualifiers that are not included in the field for the final. Preference will be determined on the following basis:
 - The highest qualifier placegetters (1st placegetters, 2nd placegetters, then 3rd placegetters) that have not already secured a place in the Final.
 - The horse with the highest official RQ rating.
 - If two or more horses have the same official RQ rating they will be balloted by lot.

9. If all placegetters from the qualifiers are exhausted and the final field (plus emergencies) is still not complete, then unplaced horses from the qualifiers that have nominated for the final, will complete the composition of the field for the final. Preference will be determined on the following basis:
 - The horse with the highest official RQ rating.
 - If two or more horses have the same official RQ rating they will be balloted by lot.

10. Should there be any dead-heats in the qualifiers preference will be determined on the following basis:
 - The horse with the highest official RQ rating.
 - If two or more horses have the same official RQ rating they will be balloted by lot.

11. Should a qualifier be abandoned or be officially deemed a no-race and is unable to be rescheduled, the aforementioned criteria shall apply.

QUALIFIERS - CONDITIONS

- Qualifiers are open to all horses.
- Qualifiers will not be divided.