

2025 COUNTRY CUPS CHALLENGE & COUNTRY STAMPEDE

The \$200,000 Country Cups Challenge (1600m) and \$105,000 Country Stampede (1110m) will be conducted by the Brisbane RC at Doomben on Saturday, December 6.

The Country Cups Challenge and the Country Stampede will both consist of 16 qualifier races throughout Queensland. Listed below are the details of both series':



DATE	CLUB	REGION	COUNTRY CUPS CHALLENGE	COUNTRY STAMPEDE
26/09/25	Ewan ATC	LE		Quality Open Hcp 1000m
27/09/25	Longreach JC	CW	Longreach Cup Quality Open Hcp 1600m	
27/09/25	Mount Isa RC	NW	Spring Cup Open Hcp 1450m	Quality Open Hcp 1000m
27/09/25	Atherton TC	FN	Atherton Cup Quality Open Hcp 2000m	
4/10/25	Tara RC	ED	Tara Cup Open Hcp 1400m	
4/10/25	Gordonvale TC	FN		Open Hcp 1100m
10/10/25	Cloncurry & DRC	NW	Cloncurry Cup Quality Open Hcp 1600m	Open Hcp 1000m
11/10/25	Emerald JC	CA	Emerald "100" Quality Open Hcp 1850m	
11/10/25	Gayndah JC	SE		Open Hcp 1000m
18/10/25	Stanthorpe JC	ED		Quality Open Hcp 1000m
18/10/25	Barcoo ARC (Blackall)	CW	Blackall Cup Open Hcp 1400m	Quality Open Hcp 1050m
18/10/25	Innisfail TC	FN		Johnstone River Quality Open Hcp 1200m
25/10/25	Gympie TC	SE	Gympie Cup Quality Open Hcp 1600m	
25/10/25	Clifton JC	ED	Clifton Cup Quality Open Hcp 1580m	
25/10/25	Gladstone TC	CA		Open Hcp 1000m
1/11/25	Barcaldine RC	CW		Open Hcp 1100m
1/11/25	Yeppoon TC	CA	Yeppoon Cup Open Hcp 1400m	
1/11/25	Burdekin RC (Home Hill)	LE	Home Hill Cup Quality Open Hcp 1460m	
4/11/25	Bundaberg RC	SE		Quality Open Hcp 1090m
4/11/25	Kumbia RC	SE	Kumbia Cup Open Hcp 1400m	
4/11/25	Central Warrego RC (Charleville)	DO	Charleville Cup Open Hcp 1625m	Quality Open Hcp 1200m
8/11/25	Chinchilla RC	ED		Open Hcp 1070m
8/11/25	Moranbah RC	LE		Open Hcp 1170m
8/11/25	Cooktown ATC	FN	Cooktown Cup Open Hcp 1760m	
15/11/25	Herbert River JC (Ingham)	LE	Hinchinbrook Cup Open Hcp 1400m	
15/11/25	Clermont RC	CA		Quality Open Hcp 1000m
15/11/25	Roma TC	DO	Roma Cup Quality Open Hcp 1640m	Open Hcp 1000m
6/12/25	FINAL - Brisbane RC @ Doomben		Rest 0MWL2Y Quality Hcp 1600m	Rest 0MWL2Y Quality Hcp 1110m

Please refer to RQ race magazine for individual prize money for qualifiers listed above. For the purposes of qualification for the Final of these series' exclusively, the prescribed races above are deemed to have Country status.

COUNTRY CUPS CHALLENGE FINAL

December 6, 2025 – George Moore Stakes Raceday at Brisbane RC – Doomben.

Rest OMWL2Y Hcp 1600m

Of \$200,000 – 1st \$116,000, 2nd \$37,000, 3rd \$18,000, 4th \$9,750, 5th \$5,500, 6th to 10th \$2,750

QTIS Bonus – A \$30,000 QTIS bonus will be paid to the winner if it is a QTIS registered horse, irrespective of the horse's age. In the case of a dead heat for first, the bonus will be divided.

Quality Hcp - Maximum handicap weight 63kg, minimum handicap weight 55kg

True weights apply – refer

Local Rule 64B

Apprentices cannot claim

Starting limit to be confirmed.

COUNTRY STAMPEDE FINAL

6th December 2025 – George Moore Stakes Race Day at Brisbane RC – Doomben.

Rest OMWL2Y Hcp 1110m

Of \$105,000 – 1st \$61,000, 2nd \$20,500, 3rd \$10,500, 4th \$5,000, 5th \$3,000, 6th to 10th \$1,000

QTIS Bonus – A \$30,000 QTIS bonus will be paid to the winner if it is a QTIS registered horse, irrespective of the horse's age. In the case of a dead heat for first, the bonus will be divided.

Quality Hcp - Maximum handicap weight 63kg, Minimum handicap weight 55kg

True weights apply – refer

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Float subsidies will be paid to the trainers of horses that have travelled to Brisbane and remain in the field for either the Country Cups Challenge or Country Stampede after final scratching time on the following basis:

- South East and Eastern Downs Regions - \$500
- Downs and Capricorn Regions - \$1,000
- Central West and Leichhardt Regions - \$2,000
- Far North and North West Regions - \$3,000

COUNTRY CUPS CHALLENGE FINAL/COUNTRY STAMPEDE FINAL – PROGRAM/ CONDITIONS

- Restricted No Metropolitan Wins in Last Two Years Quality Hcp 1600m/1110m
- Restricted to horses, if eligible, that have started in any of the 16 qualifiers.

- Restricted to horses that have started in a minimum of five races at country* race meetings (TAB/ Non-TAB) in Queensland between 24/11/2024 and 25/11/2025.
- Restricted to horses that have not won a metropolitan race (as per RQ metropolitan win definition) in the period 04/12/23 to 03/12/25. For the purposes of this clause, a win in the Country Cups Challenge Final, Country Stampede Final or Battle of the Bush Final during this period is not deemed to be a win in a metropolitan race.
- NB It is a requirement to nominate for the Final. ie Horses placed in any of the qualifiers WILL NOT BE AUTOMATICALLY NOMINATED for the Final.
- Nominations for the Final close 11am Monday, November 24, 2025.
- Acceptances due 10am Wednesday, November 26, 2025. (NB Scratchings will only be permitted after the acceptance deadline if approved by QRIC Stewards)
- Jockey declaration due midday Wednesday, December 3, 2025.
- Early scratchings due 9am Wednesday, December 3, 2025.
- Final scratchings due 7.30am Saturday, December 6, 2025.
- No nomination, acceptance, or feature race fees will be applicable in the Final.

COUNTRY CUPS CHALLENGE FINAL AND COUNTRY STAMPEDE 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 eight regions.

Qualifiers for the final from each of the eight regions will be determined in the following order if eligible:

1. Winners of Individual qualifiers. If a horse wins two or more qualifiers, it will be deemed to have qualified in the first of those wins.
2. In the event that the winner from an individual qualifier does not accept or qualifies for the final through a different qualifying race, the 2nd or 3rd placed horse in that qualifier will take its place, in that order.
3. The 2nd placegetter in individual qualifiers
4. The 3rd placegetter in individual qualifiers

5. 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.

6. The above criteria will also be applied for the composition of emergencies, once the field is complete.

7. 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.

8. 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 at the time of final acceptance of qualifier.
- If two or more horses have the same official RQ rating they will be balloted by lot.

9. 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.
- No allowance for apprentices is permitted in the qualifiers.
- If a qualifier is not conducted (for any reason), RQ may reschedule such qualifier.

RQ reserves the right to add, amend, delete any conditions relating to these Series if deemed necessary.

Country race meetings includes all non-TAB race meetings conducted in Queensland and TAB race meetings conducted by the following race clubs, and others as allocated from time to time by RQ:

Barcaldine, Barcoo, Birdsville, Bowen, Bundaberg, Burdekin, Central Warrego, Chinchilla, Cloncurry, Emerald, Ewan, Gympie, Innisfail, Longreach, Mount Isa, Nanango, Roma, Thangool, Yeppoon.