



**SOUTHERN CROSS RACING SERIES
&
BREEDING INCENTIVE SCHEME
2017-18**



1. SOUTHERN CROSS – PACERS RACING SERIES 2017-18 SEASON

DATE	2 YEAR OLDS	PRIZEMONEY
20 July 2018	Heats 2YO (Colts & Geldings)	\$8,000
	Heats 2YO (Fillies)	\$8,000
28 July 2018	Final 2YO (Colts & Geldings)	\$50,000
	Consolation 2YO (Colts & Geldings)	\$8,000
	Final 2YO (Fillies)	\$50,000
	Consolation 2YO (Fillies)	\$8,000

DATE	3 YEAR OLDS	PRIZEMONEY
21 July 2018	Heats 3YO (Colts & Geldings)	\$8,000
	Heats 3YO (Fillies)	\$8,000
28 July 2018	Final 3YO (Colts & Geldings)	\$50,000
	Consolation 3YO (Colts & Geldings)	\$8,000
	Final 3YO (Fillies)	\$50,000
	Consolation 3YO (Fillies)	\$8,000

**Dates are subject to change*

2. SOUTHERN CROSS TROTTERS RACES

Two series will be run for trotters, with a series for 2YO Trotters and a series for 3YO Trotters. These races will not be restricted to Southern Cross eligible horses and will be open to both sexes. The reward for a Southern Cross eligible horse is that any prizemoney won by such horse in these races will be doubled. Heats of \$3,500 will be held culminating in a \$10,000 Final for each age group.

*Should there be insufficient nominations for the 3yo series, series may be extended to include 4yo's.

The Parker Classic for 2YO's and The South Australian Trotters Derby for 3YO's will also carry double prizemoney for Southern Cross eligible horses.

The dates and conditions of these Series is to be advised.

All Southern Cross Races will be advertised and published in the On The Pace magazine and on the HRSA website.

3. FIELD SELECTION FOR RACING SERIES

Heats

All eligible horses nominated for the Southern Cross Heats will be guaranteed a start in a Heat. Harness Racing SA Ltd will determine the number of heats and the number of horses to compete in each Heat.

Finals

To be eligible for the Final, horses must have competed in a Heat. Qualification for Finals will be determined based on horses finishing positions in the heats. In the case of the final qualifying position(s) in the Final being determined between two or more horses with the same qualifying position in a heat, the horse(s) with the fastest individual time in the heat will qualify for the Final. If only one Heat is run in any series, then all runners that compete in the Heat are automatically eligible for the Final, including any emergencies. Should there be a scratching prior to the fields being drawn, the next eligible horse will be drawn into the Final.

Consolations

A consolation may be held in each age group and sex. Each consolation will consist of horses which competed in the Heats but failed to qualify for the Final. Qualification for Consolations will be determined based on horses finishing positions in the heats (excluding horses which have qualified for the Final). In the case of the final qualifying position(s) in the Consolation being determined between two or more horses with the same qualifying position in a heat, the horse(s) with the fastest individual time in the heat will qualify for the Consolation. Should there be less than eight acceptors for any Consolation, the race may not proceed or alternatively may be combined with the opposing age category. In this scenario, barrier draw will revert to preferential barrier draw by sex.

4. BARRIER DRAW

Barrier draws for the Heats, Finals and Consolations will be decided by the computer random barrier draw system.

5. HANDICAPPING AND SCRATCHING PENALTIES

Australian Handicapping Regulations apply to both series of races. Normal scratching penalties apply to both series of races. Rule 195A shall apply to both series of races.

6. PRIZEMONEY DISTRIBUTION

Prizemoney will be distributed as follows:

Heats	
1 st = 57%	4 th = 4.5%
2 nd = 14.5%	5 th = 3%
3 rd = 9%;	Unplaced Runners (6 th to 11 th) = 2% each runner.

Consolations	
1 st = 50%	4 th = 6%
2 nd = 12%	5 th = 5%
3 rd = 9%;	Unplaced Runners (6 th to 11 th) = 3% each runner

Grand Finals	
1 st = 50%	4 th = 5%
2 nd = 14%	5 th = 4%
3 rd = 9%	Unplaced Runners (6 th to 11 th) = 3% each runner.

**The driver's fee will be deducted from stakemoney as a "first charge". An Acceptance Fee of 1.0% applies to all runners in races of \$30,000 or more.*

7. BONUSES

(1) WIN BONUSES

A Southern Cross win bonus of \$4,000 will be paid to an eligible 2YO for its first win in South Australia.

A Southern Cross win bonus of \$4,000 will be paid to an eligible 3YO for its first win in South Australia.

A Southern Cross win bonus of \$4,000 will be paid to an eligible 4YO for its first win in South Australia, provided that a Southern Cross bonus had not been won as a 2YO or 3YO.

A Southern Cross win bonus of \$2,000 will be paid to an eligible 5YO or older for its first win in South Australia, provided that a Southern Cross bonus had not been won as a 2YO, 3YO or 4YO.

As an incentive to breed or purchase a South Australian sired horse, an additional bonus of \$1,000 will be paid if the horse is sired by a stallion registered and resident in South Australia at the time of its conception.

(2) DISTRIBUTION OF BONUSES

Win bonuses will be distributed as follows: Owner – 80%, Nominator – 10%, Trainer 5%, Driver 5%.

Payments will be forwarded through Harness Racing SA Ltd's stakes payments system.

**Take note the Nominator is the person(s) who owned the horse at the time it was first made eligible for the Southern Cross Series.*

(3) LEASE CONDITIONS

Parties to leases should notate any special arrangements relating to Southern Cross bonuses in the conditions of a lease. Harness Racing SA Ltd's lease contains an appropriate reference.

8. ELIGIBILITY FOR SOUTHERN CROSS RACES IN THE 2017-18 RACING SEASON

Two and three year olds which meet the eligibility criteria as advertised by Harness Racing SA Ltd for the relevant foaling year or horses deemed as eligible by Harness Racing SA Ltd provided the relevant fees are paid in accordance with the payment schedule are eligible to nominate for Southern Cross races in the 2017-18 season.

9. ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

Foals born in the 2017-18 season will be eligible to nominate for the Southern Cross Racing Series as a two and three-year-old and be eligible for Southern Cross bonuses provided one of the following two clauses is satisfied and the relevant fees are paid in accordance with the Schedule of Fees prescribed by Harness Racing SA Ltd (Clause 10):

1. SA BRED

- a.) The foal was born and freeze-branded in SA and the original foal notification is either lodged with Harness Racing SA Ltd or with another Controlling Body and a copy lodged with HRSA, in the foal's weanling year.

OR

- b.) The foal is by a stallion that was registered and resident at stud in South Australia at the time the foal was conceived and the original foal notification is either lodged with Harness Racing SA Ltd or with another Controlling Body and a copy lodged with HRSA, in the foal's weanling year.

2. SA OWNED

- a.) The foal was born in a State other than South Australia and is a minimum of 75% owned by a resident(s)* of South Australia and the original foal notification is either lodged with Harness Racing SA Ltd or with another Controlling Body and a copy lodged with HRSA, in the foal's weanling year.

OR

- b.) A foal or yearling is purchased or leased (at least a 75% share) by a resident(s)* of South Australia and the relevant fees are paid before 30th April in its yearling year, or a late Yearling Fee can be paid between May 1st and August 31st.

ANY HORSE WHICH IS MADE ELIGIBLE FOR THE SOUTHERN CROSS SERIES VIA ANY METHOD IN CLAUSE 2 (SA OWNED) MUST RETAIN A MINIMUM OF 75% OWNERSHIP BY A RESIDENT(S) OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA AT ALL TIMES, TO REMAIN ELIGIBLE FOR ANY SOUTHERN CROSS SERIES OR WIN BONUS *

**Resident(s) of South Australia is defined as a person whose name appears on the South Australian Electoral Roll. A person may be required to provide proof of eligibility.*

10. ELIGIBILITY FEES

Rule	Details	Cost
Sub Rule 1 & 2(a)	Foal Notification	\$275.00
Sub Rule 2 (b)	Foal/Yearling Eligibility Fee (by April 30 th) PACER	\$660.00
Sub Rule 2 (b)	Late Yearling Eligibility Fee (May 1 st to June 30 th) PACER	\$2,450.00
Sub Rule 2 (b)	Late Yearling Eligibility Fee (July 1 st to August 31 st) PACER	\$4,900.00
Sub Rule 2 (b)	Foal/Yearling Eligibility Fee TROTTER	\$275.00
Sub Rule 2 (b)	Late 2YO Eligibility Fee (Sep 1 st to Dec 31 st) TROTTER [\$660 Eligibility Fee plus \$275 Sustaining Fee]	\$935.00

**Note: Fees will be adjusted accordingly should a horse's gait change from a trotter to a pacer. Adjustment Fee will depend upon time of original entry in Southern Cross Scheme.*

11. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS – 2017-18 SEASON

There are now two payment options for owners of Southern Cross eligible horses for 2017-18:

2YO or 3YO Sustaining payments:	Must be met each year to remain eligible in the Southern Cross Racing Series.; i.e. If 2YO Acceptance not paid, then 3YO Acceptance cannot be paid.
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Or

2017-19 Series' Fee:	A "ONE-OFF" fee that can be paid for an eligible 2YO. By selecting this option, a further 3YO payment for the 2018-19 Series is not required.
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**Payment of the 'Sustaining Payments' or the 'Series' Fee' allows horses to remain eligible to win a bonus as a 4 year old or older as per 7(1).*

Age	Date Due	Cost
2YO Acceptance	1 September 2017	\$275.00
3YO Acceptance	1 September 2017	\$275.00
or 2017-19 Series' Fee	1 September 2017	\$500.00 (for 2YO's only)

Owners of an eligible 2 or 3 year old will be invoiced automatically by HRSA, if they haven't already advised HRSA of their intention to withdraw or pay the series fee (for 2yo's) or age Acceptance.

Owners that wish to withdraw a horse and not pay the 2 or 3 year old fee should advise HRSA in writing or by returning the reminder form with "intention not to pay" section completed by no later than 1st September 2017.

**All fees and payments are inclusive of GST.*

The responsibility of payment for Southern Cross fees before the due date is with the owner of the horse or the owner's agent.

12. PARTICIPATION IN VICBRED PROGRAM

Under an agreement between Harness Racing SA & Harness Racing Victoria, a Southern Cross horse can also be eligible for the Vicbred Program, provided the owner pays the relevant Vicbred fees in accordance with the Victorian Schedule of Fees. Please check the Vicbred Conditions to confirm whether your horse is eligible (the majority of Southern Cross horses are).

**Any queries on the Vicbred Program should be directed to HRV on (03) 8378 0200.*

13. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Harness Racing SA Ltd reserves the right to make any alteration or amendment to these conditions that it deems necessary for the proper conduct of the Southern Cross Racing Series from time to time.

Harness Racing SA Ltd reserves the right to accept any horse as eligible for the series notwithstanding any non-compliance with any condition hereof in respect of that horse, so long as in the opinion of Harness Racing SA Ltd there exist reasonable grounds to excuse the non-compliance.

The decision of Harness Racing SA Ltd will be final in respect of any dispute or matter relating to these conditions.