

2020 RACING QUEENSLAND COUNTRY CUPS CHALLENGE & COUNTRY STAMPEDE

THE COUNTRY CUPS CHALLENGE 1600M (\$105,000) AND COUNTRY STAMPEDE 1110M (\$50,000) WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE BRISBANE RC AT DOOMBEN ON SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2020.

THE COUNTRY CUPS CHALLENGE WILL CONSIST OF 16 QUALIFIER RACES THROUGHOUT QUEENSLAND, WHILST THE COUNTRY STAMPEDE WILL ALSO CONDUCT QUALIFIER RACES ON THE SAME DAYS AS THE COUNTRY CUP QUALIFIERS.

COUNTRY CUPS CHALLENGE FINAL

5TH DECEMBER 2020 – GEORGE MOORE STAKES DAY AT DOOMBEN

REST OMWL2Y Hcp 1600M

STAKE BREAKDOWN:

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 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, THE BONUS WILL BE DIVIDED.

QUALITY Hcp: MAXIMUM HANDICAP WEIGHT 62KG, MINIMUM HANDICAP WEIGHT 54KG

APPRENTICES CANNOT CLAIM

STARTING LIMIT TO BE CONFIRMED.

COUNTRY STAMPEDE FINAL

5TH DECEMBER 2020 – GEORGE MOORE STAKES DAY AT DOOMBEN

REST OMWL2Y Hcp 1110M

STAKE BREAKDOWN:

OF \$50,000 – 1ST \$27,500, 2ND \$9,000, 3RD \$4,500, 4TH \$2,500, 5TH \$1,500, 6TH TO 10TH \$1,000

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HEATS | DATES & VENUE

Listed below are details of both Series:

DATE	CLUB	REGION	COUNTRY CUPS CHALLENGE	COUNTRY STAMPEDE
26/09/20	Dawson JC (Taroom)	ED	Taroom Cup Open Hcp 1400m	Open Quality Hcp 1000m
26/09/20	Longreach JC	CW	Longreach Cup Quality Open Hcp 1600m	Open Hcp 1000m
26/09/20	Ewan ATC	LE	Ewan Cup Benchmark 69 Hcp 1600m	Open Quality Hcp 1000m
26/09/20	Mount Isa RC	NW	Spring Cup Open Quality Hcp 1450m	Open Hcp 1000m
09/10/20	Cloncurry & DRC	NW	Cloncurry Cup Open Hcp 1600m	Open Quality Hcp 1000m
17/10/20	Barcoo ARC	CW	Blackall Cup Open Plate 1400m	Open Quality Hcp 1050m
17/10/20	Innisfail TC	FN	Innisfail Cup Open Quality Hcp 2000m	Johnstone River Open Hcp 1200m
24/10/20	Clifton JC	ED	Clifton Cup Open Quality Hcp 1580m	Open Hcp 1000m
24/10/20	Gympie TC	SE	Gympie Cup Open Quality Hcp 1600m	Open Hcp 1030m
31/10/20	Burdekin RC	LE	Open Quality Hcp 1460m	Open Hcp 1000m
31/10/20	Yeppoon TC	CA	Yeppoon Cup Open Quality Hcp 1400m	Open Hcp 1000m
03/11/20	Central Warrego RC	DO	Charleville Cup Open Quality Hcp 1620m	Open Hcp 1000m
03/11/20	Kumbia RC	SE	Kumbia Cup Open Hcp 1400m	Open Quality Hcp 1000m
13/11/20	Emerald JC	CA	Central Highlands Cup Open Hcp 1615m	Open Quality Hcp 1100m
15/11/20	Cairns JC	FN	Cairns City Cup Open Hcp 1400m	Open Quality Hcp 950m
21/11/20	Roma TC	DO	Roma Cup Open Hcp 1640m	Open Quality Hcp 1000m
05/12/20	FINAL - Brisbane RC @ Doomben		Rest OMWL2Y Quality Hcp 1600m	Rest OMWL2Y Quality Hcp 1110m

Please refer to RQ RACE magazine for individual prizemoney 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.

Float subsidies will be paid to the Trainers of horses that remain in the field for both the Country Cups Challenge and Country Stampede 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

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 three (3) races at country* race meetings (TAB/Non-Tab) in Queensland between 26/11/2019 and 25/11/2020.
- Restricted to horses that have not won a Metropolitan race (as per RQ metropolitan win definition) in the period 3/12/2018 to 2/12/2020. For the purposes of this clause, a win in the Country Cups Challenge Final or Battle of the Bush Final during this period is not deemed to be a win in a metropolitan race.
- 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 finals if eligible with nominations closing 11am Monday 23rd November 2020.
- Acceptances due 10am Wednesday 25th November 2020.
- Barrier draw conducted through Racing Australia 9am Wednesday 2nd December 2020.
- Jockey declaration due midday Wednesday 2nd December 2020.
- Early scratchings due 9am Wednesday 2nd December 2020.
- Final scratchings due 7.30am Saturday 5th December 2020.
- 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 8 regions and will be determined in the following order if eligible:

1. Winners of individual qualifiers. If a horse wins 2 or more qualifiers, it will be deemed to have qualified in the first of those wins.
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 at the time of final acceptance.
 - 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.
- 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, Birdsville, Bowen, Bundaberg, Central Warrego, Cloncurry, Emerald, Gympie, Innisfail, Longreach, Mount Isa, Nanango, Roma, Yeppoon



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