

**MAGNESS BENROW FILLIES SERIES**  
**(Sires Stakes No. 30 – Fillies Division)**  
**PROGRAMME CONDITIONS**

Heat 1	NZMTC	14 February	Heat 2	ATC	15 February
Heat 3	Auckland	15 March	Heat 4	ForburyPk HRC	28 <sup>th</sup> March
Heat 5	NZMTC	5 April			
Final	ATC	3 May	Silver	ATC	3 May

**RACE NAME:**

Magness Benrow Sires Stakes Fillies Heat/Championship/Silver

**AGE:** For two year old pacing fillies

**ELIGIBILITY:**

**Sires Stakes S 30 C, E or F**

Only for those fillies that were nominated for N.Z. Sires Stakes Series No 30 and have been sustained to levels C or E or F – or where the appropriate late entry has been made.

**DISTANCE:**

From 1 mile to 2000 metres, to be determined by the club.

**FIELD SELECTION:**

All races will be selected by representatives of the N.Z. Sires Stakes Board from the eligible fillies.

Even though a filly is eligible for this series it will be necessary to nominate for each race to the appropriate club in the normal manner.

No filly is eligible to compete in a further heat after winning a heat.

Heat winners will gain automatic selection for the Championship.

**Heat Selection**

Selection for the heats will be based on the preference system as listed below:-

<b>1st Preference</b>	<b>Official Group Race Winners</b>
<b>2nd Preference</b>	<b>Official Race Winners - Totalisator -</b> <i>(Gross minimum stake \$4,500 and over)</i>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Preference</b>	<b>Official Race Winners – Totalisator</b>
<b>4th Preference</b>	<b>Official Group Race - Placegetters</b>
<b>5th Preference</b>	<b>Official Race Placegetters – Totalisator</b> <i>(Gross minimum stake \$4,500 and over)</i>
<b>6th Preference</b>	<b>Official Race Placegetters - Totalisator</b>
<b>7th Preference</b>	<b>Official Race Winners – Non Totalisator</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Preference</b>	<b>Official Race Placegetters – Non Totalisator</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Preference</b>	<b>Official Qualifiers – (Barrier &amp; Qualifying)</b>
<b>10th Preference</b>	<b>Official Trial Winners then</b> <b>Official Trial Placegetters</b>

Where two horses are on the same preference the selection committee will take into account the overall performance of that horse.

(Definition of placegetters - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3rds & 4ths)

(Definition Trial (Barrier and Qualifying))

### **Championship/Silver Selection**

For both the Championship and Silver a nomination must be made to the host club – ATC – as per the programme conditions for the meeting. Nominations will be deemed nominations for both races.

(A) To be eligible for selection for the Championship/Silver a filly must have –

- competed in a heat within this fillies division.
- or be placed on the ballot and was an automatic scratching for a heat
- or where a filly has nominated and not withdrawn from a heat but did not gain selection

Any filly gaining selection to a heat and subsequently scratches will be deemed ineligible unless it can comply as per Clause A above in another of the series heats.

Fillies selected as ballots for the Championship are eligible for the Silver but in the event of gaining a start in the Championship will be declared ineligible for the Silver.

### **Championship:**

Firstly the field for the Championship will be selected with fillies who have won a heat being automatically selected with the balance of the field being selected from the Championship/Silver nominations as per the Preference Ranking List below.

### **Silver:**

The field for the Silver will be selected from the balance of fillies after the Championship field has been selected, as per the Preference Ranking List below with a preference given to fillies that contested a heat.

Should the Board require further fillies then it may select fillies that nominated and accepted and either became an automatic scratching or did not gain selection to a heat as per Clause (A).

It is an express condition of the Series that a filly must start in the Championship if selected and cannot choose the Silver as a preference.

## **Championship/Silver Preference Ranking List**

Heat Winners  
Heat Seconds  
Heat Thirds  
Heat Fourths  
Heat Fifths  
Heat Sixths  
Heat Sevenths  
Heat Eighths  
Heat Ninths  
Heat Tenths  
Heat Elevenths  
Heat Twelfths  
Heat Thirteenth  
Nominated and accepted – didn't gain start – See Clause D

Where two or more horses are on an equal preference as above the following will apply.

**A)** Where two or more horses are on equal series place ranking as above, preference will be given to fillies that have had more than one series start over fillies that have only had one series start.

**B)** Where fillies have had more than one series start and are on equal series preference then the filly that has the highest second series placing will be given preference.

**C)** Where fillies cannot be separated on series preference as above then the selection committee will take into consideration the overall performance of the filly with the cut off for overall performance to be at midnight on the date of the last heat.

**D)** Provided a filly nominated and accepted and was either on the ballot and did not gain a start and was an automatic scratching or was not selected for a heat will still be eligible for selection. Selection will be based on number of wins, form and stake earnings, in the case of equal preference with the cut off being at midnight on the date of the last heat.

**E)** The Board will make available a ranking list for the Final/Consolation within one week of the last heat.

**NUMBER OF STARTERS/BARRIER POSITION:**

All races will be despatched from the mobile gate with a maximum of 13 starters or a lesser number if the safety limit require it. Emergencies may be selected and barrier positions will be consistent with other races on the club's programme. Front line numbers will be as per the safety limit unless otherwise stated by the club.

**STAKES:**

**The estimated stakes for the heats will be - \$18,000**

**The estimated stake for the Championship will be - \$170,000**

**The estimated stake for the Silver will be - \$17,000**

All starters will receive a share of the stake in each particular race. To be divided as follows (after deduction of the Nominators Award applicable to the Final) except as otherwise prescribed herein.

1st	55%
2nd	15%
3rd	8%
4th	4%
5th	3%
Other starters	15%

The 15% payable to other starters is to be divided amongst all other starters provided that each horse is not allocated an amount which exceeds 2.5% of the stake after deduction of the Nominators Award. Where in any case there are less than 9 starters the Board shall maintain a pro rata distribution of any residue stake to the first five placegetters. Where following that single calculation any surplus money remains it shall be paid to the winner.

**Championship:**

The estimate stake of the Championship will be \$170,000

**Heats:**

The estimated stake for the heats will be \$18,000.

At the Board's discretion, when a race is carded as a totalisator race, the stake may be reduce by 10% for every acceptor less than eight.

In the case of the race heat being carded as a non totalisator race the Board may reduce the stake by the club contribution for the race.

In the case of a non totalisator race and there is a scratching the Board may retain the amount allocated to the scratched horse.

## **Silver**

The estimated stake for the Silver will be 10% of the Championship stake – 8 or more acceptors but where the number of acceptors for the “Silver” is seven or less the Board reserves the right to reduce the stake of the Silver by 10% for every acceptor less than eight.

When the consolation is to be run as a non totalisator event, only the percentages based on the number of starters at acceptance time will be paid to those starters and in the event of a scratching after final acceptance time the pro rata system will not be applied further and this money retained by the Board.

### **NOMINATORS AWARDS:**

An amount of 4% shall be divided 2.50% , 1 % , 0.50% of the stake of the Championship will be paid to the original foal nominator of the first, second and third placed eligible fillies of the Championship. A further 4% and divided 2.50%, 1% and 0.50% and paid to the nominator of the sire of the first, second and third placed fillies provided that stallion was nominated and fully paid up for the Series. This amount will be allocated from the total stake of the Championship.

Where there is no foal nominator or an ineligible sire the Nominators Award shall be paid to the next eligible placed filly.

### **NON WINNERS INCENTIVE SCHEME:**

An additional amount of \$1,000 and \$500 will be paid to the first two non winning fillies to officially finish in each of the heats. (Definition of Non Winner – a filly that has not won an official race with a stake of \$2,000 or more – this relates to statistic for Lifetime wins and not statistics for Handicapped wins.

Incentive payments will be paid out by the Board to the person who is deemed the Owner 1 on the HRNZ system on behalf of all the registered owners.

### **LATE ENTRY:**

Notwithstanding the aforesaid conditions as to prepayments the Board may accept a late entry subject to the following conditions:-

(a) Where the sire of the horse was in all respects correctly nominated for Series No 30 a late entry fee shall be made being 10% plus GST of the estimated stake of the Final as advertised in the programme conditions.

(b) Where the sire of the horse was not properly entered an additional payment shall accompany the fees as stated on Clause (a) hereof such additional payment being the sum of 25% plus GST of the advertised service fee for the stallion at the time of conception as prescribed in the Foal Conditions.

(c) The Late Entry must be lodged with the Secretary of the N.Z. Sires Stakes Board prior to the closing of nominations by the club conducting the race. Where the filly is not selected for that event or was on the emergency list and became a compulsory scratching and in all cases and in all respects has complied with the Rules of NZ Harness Racing and providing it did not contest the Two Year Old Section, the late entry will be refunded less the nomination and sustaining payments applicable to all other entrants.

If for any other reason a nominator has paid a late entry fee and the horse is unable to start the nominator may apply to the Board for a refund and the Board in its sole discretion will decide whether or not a refund is to be made.

(d) Where any late entry fee has been refunded (less the amount of nomination and sustaining payments applicable to all other entrants) for races within the two year old section a further late payment less the fees already retained by the Board will be required if the nominator desires to contest the three year old section.

(e) If a filly has paid a late entry for the two year old division a further 10% plus GST of the relevant final will be required if they wish to contest the 3 year old division.

#### **TROPHIES:**

The N.Z. Sires Stakes Board will present the filly winning a heat and the Silver with a dress rug.

The N.Z. Sires Stakes Board will present the filly winning the Championship with a trophy and dress rug.