



# REINING AUSTRALIA NATIONAL GOLD BUCKLE FUTURITIES OPEN & NON-PRO



## About the Gold Buckle Futurity Program:

Reining Australia first introduced the Gold Buckle Futurity Program in 2011 for the Open Divisions only of the Reining Australia National Gold Buckle Futurity. In 2017 the program was extended to include the Non-Pro Futurity.

The principal aim has been to attract the interest of all horse breeders and owners to become engaged with the Reining Australia in promoting progeny who may be destined for a reining career and in particular the Australian National Reining Championships hosting the Gold Buckle Futurity. Owners who NOMINATE their progeny are potentially adding to their value and marketability while aiding in a more rewarding futurity with greater prize monies and trophies. Owners who NOMINATE their progeny at a young age will realise the cost benefits for those horses that progress to the Futurity.

The core difference to the conditions of ENTRY requirements meant that horses were required to first NOMINATE into the Gold Buckle Futurity Program as a precondition of ENTRY into Reining Australia National Gold Buckle Futurity.

## HORSE NOMINATION - Conditions and Fees:

**NOMINATION** of a horse into the Gold Buckle Program will be accepted by Reining Australia from the time of foaling though to time of ENTRY.

The NOMINATION process can be actioned by the Horse Owner and is open to any horse regardless of Breed or Breed Registration.

There is no requirement for the Horse Owner to be a member of Reining Australia at the time of nomination.

**CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP:** A horse NOMINATED into the Reining Australia Gold Buckle Futurity Program may change ownership and retain its NOMINATION status under the new owner, provided Reining Australia is notified in writing on the Transfer of Ownership form. A Change of Ownership form is available for down-load on the RA Website. The new owner needs only to be a member of RA once the horse is shown.

**NOMINATOR INCENTIVE:** The Nominator Incentive is a benefit of the program that pays money back to the person that NOMINATES a horse which competes in the Open Level 4 division of the Reining Australia National Gold Buckle Futurity. **A 5% is deducted from each total prize money payment and paid to the nominator of the horse even if they no longer own the horse. This payment applies to all placegetters in the Open Level 4 only.**

## **NOMINATION Fees: Due 30th November each year**

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| • Horse - Birth to Yearling  | 1 – 4 progeny | NOMINATION FEE \$220 each  |
|  | 5 – 9 progeny | NOMINATION FEE \$165 each  |
|  | 10 + progeny  | NOMINATION FEE \$110 each  |
| • Horse – two-year-old of age  |               | NONINATION FEE \$440 each  |
| • Horse – Three-year-old of age  |               | NOMINATION FEE \$660 each  |
| • Horse – Four-year-old of age   |               | NOMINATION FEE \$880 each  |
| • Horse – Four-year-old from December prior to Futurity to time of entry |               | NOMINATION FEE \$1650 each |

## **HORSE ENTRY - Conditions and Fees:**

HORSES TO BE ENTERED in the RA National Gold Buckle Futurity - Open or Non-Pro Divisions must first be NOMINATED. [See above]

**AGE OF HORSES:** A horse's birthday is calculated from the 1<sup>st</sup> August each year regardless of the time of year it is born. e.g., A foal born on 1 August 2019 and another foal born 25 May 2020 are both regarded as yearlings on 1 August 2020. This is also regardless of whether the horse is born in the Northern or Southern Hemispheres.

**HORSE LICENCE:** Horses must be licensed with RA, prior to acceptance of ENTRY into the RA Gold Buckle Futurity. (NRHA Licenses that have been issued prior to and including the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2021 will continue to be accepted by RA).

**MEMBERSHIP:** For ENTRY of a horse in the RA National Gold Buckle Futurity, Open or Non-Pro Divisions the Owner and Rider are required to be members of Reining Australia.

**SUBSTITUTION/TRANSFER OF ENTRY:** No consideration for any reason will be given to the substitutions or transfer of an ENTRY.

**REINING AUSTRALIA:** Reserve the right to interpret, modify or amend conditions to the Gold Buckle Futurity where appropriate.

### **ENTRY FEES:**

- Entry Fees for Open Division can be subject to change depending on Prize money on offer
- Entry Fee for the Non-Pro Division may vary and will be determined at the time of setting the program each year.
- A percentage of the Gold Buckle nominated money will be allocated to the Non-Pro Level 4 division

To enter the Intermediate L3 and Limited L2 Divisions within the Gold Buckle Open Futurity, riders must be entered in the Level 4 Open Futurity.

To enter the Intermediate L3 and Limited L2 Divisions within the Gold Buckle Non-Pro Futurity, riders must be entered in the Level 4 Non-Pro Futurity

FUTURITY PAYOUT: Open L4 Gold Buckle Futurity will be placed and paid to 10th place. Please note the 5% nominator incentive is deducted from payout percentages.

### **SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS:**

- NOMINATE horse into Gold Buckle Futurity Program [see fee schedule – from foaling to time of entry]
- NOMINATION accepted, invoice paid, recorded and certificate issued by Reining Australia.
- Transfer of Ownership if applicable. New owner need only be current members of RA at time of competition. (RA Gold Buckle Transfer of Ownership Form on Website)
- Owner membership of Reining Australia to be current
- Rider membership of Reining Australia to be current
- Have a current RA or NRHA Horse Completion Licence
- ENTER horse into RA National Gold Buckle Futurity - Open / Non-Pro Divisions

**RIGHT TO CANCEL:** Reining Australia reserves the right to cancel this event without notice at any time prior to the show without liability, but in such event will return all entry money to the subscribers. Interest earned on the entries is the property of Reining Australia.

Should further information be required please contact the Reining Australia Office Manager

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