



NEW SERIES 4YO+ MARES

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2011/12 CANTERBURY MARE'S SPEED SERIES

The CANTERBURY STANDARDBRED BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION, in association with Cullen Breeding, and the Methven, Ashburton, Nelson and NZ Metropolitan trotting clubs has established a new race series for 4YO and older mares. Our objective is to provide new opportunities for the middle-grade mares to get a genuine mile race time for breeding purposes.

The timing of the series will allow a breeder to put a mare in foal after mid October, and still race in the series and if qualified the final.

Venue	Date	Distance	Stake**
Methven	Sunday, 11th December 2011	Mile	\$9,000
Ashburton	Monday, 26th December 2011	Mile	\$9,000
Nelson	Friday, 6th January 2012	Mile	\$9,000
NZMTC	Saturday, 4th February 2012	1950m	\$12,500
FINAL Ashburton	Saturday 11th February 2012	Mile	\$16,000

Note: The series will complement the very successful Southern Belle Speed Series run in Southland with its four heats starting on 29 December at Winton and the final at Winton on 17 March 2012.

CONDITIONS

- 4YO and older mares, up to five wins, with less than \$50,000 lifetime stakes at time of nomination for the first race.
- All races are preferential barrier draw based on the number of wins, then earnings, using track grids. Ashburton and Methven do not use a grid, they number straight out.
- The first three place-getters in each race gain automatic entry to the final. The balance of the field will be made up of: (i) the mares with highest points total accumulated by the 4th (3 points), 5th (2 points) & 6th (1 point) heat place getters, and (ii) if needed other heat starters at the discretion of the Ashburton Trotting Club as host of the final.
- Maximum starters for each race is 14, or club limit if lower.
- Winner of two heats ineligible to enter any further heats.
- Only starters in a heat are eligible for the final.
- Mares nominated for a heat that is cancelled are eligible for the final, after the preferences, at the discretion of Ashburton Trotting Club.
- Stake distribution: 1st = 55%; 2nd = 20%; 3rd = 10%; 4th = 5%, with balance of 10% shared by all remaining starters.
- A \$200 bonus will be paid to the financial member of CSBA (subscription paid before 1 December 2011) who bred the highest placed mare in each heat and the final.