

2024 RACING QUEENSLAND BATTLE OF THE BUSH SERIES



The Battle of the Bush Series will comprise 16 qualifiers commencing on April 13, culminating in a Final at Tattersall's Tiara Raceday at Eagle Farm on Saturday June 29.

The series in full comprises the following:

DATE	CLUB	REGION	RACE
13/04/24	Goondiwindi & McIntyre PRC	ED	Open Plate (sw) 1200m
13/04/24	Thangool RC	CA	Open Plate (sw) 1200m
20/04/24	Bundaberg RC	SE	Open Hcp 1212m
25/4/24	Cunnamulla & DDRC	DO	Open Plate (sw) 1200m
3/05/24	Mt Garnet ATC	FN	Open Plate (sw) 1200m
4/05/24	Jandowae RC	ED	Open Hcp 1200m
11/05/24	Burrandowan PRC	SE	Open Plate (sw) 1175m
11/05/24	Mount Isa RC	NW	Open Plate (sw) 1100m
12/05/24	Longreach JC	CW	Open Plate (sw) 1200m
12/05/24	Towers JC	LE	Open Plate (sw) 1200m
18/05/24	Central Warrego RC (Charleville)	DO	Open Hcp 1200m
18/05/24	Emerald JC	CA	Open Hcp 1200m
25/05/24	Mareeba TC	FN	Open Hcp 1210m
1/06/24	Bowen TC	LE	Open Hcp 1200m
1/06/24	Cloncurry & DRC	NW	Open Hcp 1200m
8/06/24	Barcaldine RC	CW	Open Hcp 1200m
29/06/24	Final - Tattersalls RC @ Eagle Farm		Rest OMWL2Y Quality Hcp 1200m

FINAL RACE DETAIL

29 June 2024 – Tattersall's Tiara Raceday at Eagle Farm

Battle of the Bush Final –
Rest OMWL2Y Handicap – 1200m

Of \$200,000 – 1st \$116,000,
2nd \$37,000, 3rd \$18,000,
4th \$9,750, 5th \$5,500,
6th to 10th \$2,750

QTIS Bonus – A \$30,000 QTIS
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 for first,
the bonus will be divided equally.

Quality Handicap –
Maximum Handicap Weight 63kg,
Minimum Handicap Weight 55kg

Apprentices Cannot Claim

True weights apply,
refer Local Rule 64B

Starting limit – to be confirmed

Refer to the **RACE** Magazine and RQ website for individual prizemoney for the qualifiers listed above.

Float subsidies will be paid to the Trainers of horses that have travelled to Brisbane and remain in the field 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 - \$2,500

FINAL – PROGRAM/ CONDITIONS

- Restricted to horses that started in any of the 16 qualifier races.
- Restricted to horses that have not won a metropolitan race (as per RQ metropolitan win definition) in the period 20/6/22 to 19/6/24. For the purposes of this clause, a win in a Battle of the Bush final, Country Cups Challenge final or Country Stampede final during this period is not deemed to be a win in a metropolitan race.
- NB It is a requirement to nominate for the final. ie Horses placed in any of the qualifiers WILL NOT BE AUTOMATICALLY NOMINATED for the final.
- Nominations for the final close 11am Monday 17 June 2024
- Acceptances due 10am Wednesday 19 June 2024. Note: Scratchings will only be permitted after the acceptance deadline if approved by QRIC stewards
- Jockey declaration due 12:00 midday Wednesday 26 June 2024
- Early scratchings due 9:00am Wednesday 26 June 2024.
- Final scratchings due 7:30am Saturday 29 June 2024.
- No Nomination, Acceptance or Feature Race Fees will be applicable to the final

FINAL – BALLOTING CONDITIONS

- 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. (see condition below regarding dead-heats)
- Qualifiers for the final from each of the eight (8) regions will be determined in the following order:
 1. Winners of individual qualifiers (automatically ballot exempt). 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, 2nd or 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, then 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 of qualifier.
 - 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

- To be eligible to compete in a qualifier, a horse must have started in a minimum of 5 races at the following race meetings in Queensland in the 12 months immediately preceding the acceptance date for that qualifier specifically.
 - i. Any non-Tab race meeting in Queensland
 - ii. TAB race meetings conducted by the following race clubs, and others as allocated from time to time by RQ:
Barcaldine, Birdsville, Bowen, Bundaberg, Burdekin, Central Warrego, Chinchilla, Cloncurry, Emerald, Ewan, Gympie, Innisfail, Longreach, Mount Isa, Nanango, Roma, Thangool, Yeppoon
- Qualifiers will not be divided
- No Allowances for Apprentices are permitted in the qualifiers.
- If a qualifier is not conducted (for any reason), RQ has the right to reschedule such qualifier to another race club.



RQ reserves the right to add, amend, delete any conditions relating to this Series if deemed necessary.