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**2026**

**ENTAIN/NZB INSURANCE**

**Pearl Series**

**INFORMATION GUIDE**

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The logo for Entain, featuring the word "Entain" in a bold, purple, sans-serif font.The logo for NZB Insurance, featuring a small brown horse silhouette above the text "NZB Insurance" in a serif font.

The New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Association thanks Entain and New Zealand Bloodstock Insurance as the key sponsors for the "Pearl" series.

New Zealand Bloodstock Insurance is making a special offer to all owners of fillies nominated in the Series.

- A very competitive rate on all mortality insurance policies.
- The policies will include at no additional cost, "Colic Clause Extension", to the value of \$10,000, (conditions apply).

New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (Inc.) recognises the significant financial and operational support provided to the NZB Insurance Pearl Series by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing.

*Proudly supporting fillies and mares  
racing in New Zealand*

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Not Straight Laced winning an Entain/NZB Insurance Pearl Series race at Riccarton Park Synthetic.  
Photo: Race Images

# ENTAIN-NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES BONUS STRUCTURE

The Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2026 is a Bonus scheme for fillies and mares offering bonuses on up to 100 races per season over four seasons where each race will carry a bonus of \$26,000 plus a trainer and a nominator bonus of \$1,000. The scheme has been designed to benefit all owners, trainers and breeders of thoroughbred fillies racing in New Zealand. Bonuses are available throughout all regions of the country.

The series is administered by the New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (NZTBA).

Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2026 is open to fillies which are of the 2024 crop.

Eligibility for the scheme is restricted to fillies nominated for the scheme as yearlings.

Bonuses are provided on up to 100 2YO, 3YO, 4YO and 5YO races for 2026 series comprising:

- specified open sex 2YO races
- Mid-week fillies' and mares' races throughout this Series.

These races will be open to Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series-nominated and non Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series-nominated fillies and mares. Only fillies and mares nominated for the NZB Insurance Pearl Series are eligible for bonuses.

2YO races will be open to Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series-nominated and non-Pearl Series-nominated fillies, colts and geldings. Only fillies nominated to the NZB Insurance Pearl Series are eligible for bonuses.

# ENTAIN-NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES BONUSES

## **Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series races**

*A single level of bonus for 2YOs, 3YOs, 4YOs and 5YOs*

### **Winners**

Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series bonuses will be paid to the connections of the eligible winning filly or mare on the following basis:

- \$20,000 (plus applicable GST) to the owner of the filly or mare
- \$1,000 (plus applicable GST) to the trainer of the filly or mare
- \$1,000 (plus applicable GST) to the nominator of the filly or mare

### **2nd Placegetters**

Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series bonus will be paid to the connections of the eligible 2nd placed filly or mare on the following basis:

- \$4,000 (plus applicable GST) to the owner of the filly or mare

### **3rd Placegetters**

Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series bonus will be paid to the connections of the eligible 3rd placed filly or mare on the following basis:

- \$2,000 (plus applicable GST) to the owner of the filly

# ENTAIN-NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES ELIGIBILITY & FEES

For a filly to be eligible to participate in the Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2025, the yearling filly needs to be nominated with New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (NZTBA) either:

## **Before 31 March 2026**

- The early bird nomination is to be accompanied by a nomination fee of \$1,150.00 (including GST); or

## **From 1 April 2026 to 31 July 2026**

- The nomination is to be accompanied by a nomination fee of \$1,725.00 (including GST)

Nominations and payment can be completed on-line at  
<https://pearlseries.nzthoroughbred.co.nz/>



Amazonia winning an Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series race at Arawa Park. Photo: Race Images

# ENTAIN-NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES T&CS AND FAQs

## **Which fillies are eligible for the Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series?**

The Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series is limited to fillies which:

- Are of the 2024 Foal Crop (Yearlings of 2025); and
- Are eligible for registration under the New Zealand Rules of Racing; and
- Are nominated for participation in the Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2026 on or before the deadlines specified in the “Eligibility & Fees” section on page 5.

## **2.How much will it cost to nominate a filly to the Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series?**

The early bird nomination fee for the Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2026, paid prior to 31 March 2026 is:  
\$1,150.00 (including GST\* per filly;

OR

The nomination fee for the Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2026 between 1 April 2026 and 31 July 2026 is:  
\$1,725.00\* per filly;  
\* including GST

## **3.No late nominations will be accepted.**

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## **4. What categories of bonuses are there and how much are the bonuses?**

The Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2026 has a single level of bonus:

Total of \$28,000 (plus applicable GST) comprising:

Winner:

\$20,000 (plus applicable GST) owner bonus,

\$1,000 (plus applicable GST) trainer bonus;

\$1,000 (plus applicable GST) nominator bonus

2nd placegetter: \$4,000 (plus applicable GST) owner bonus

3rd placegetter: \$2,000 (plus applicable GST) owner bonus

**5. Owners or nominators who are acting on behalf of a group which receives Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2026 bonus money are responsible for any allocation of such bonus money between the connections of the filly/mare. Neither the NZTBA, nor its payment agent, have any liability in this regard.**

**6. The nominator's bonus will be paid to the person recorded as the nominator on the Entry Form or as determined by the NZTBA.**

**7. In the instance of a racing club and NZTR deciding to split a race due to a high number of nominations, the NZTBA reserves the right to request NZTR to place NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2026 eligible fillies in the same race.**

# ENTAIN-NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES T&CS AND FAQs

## **8. What happens to the bonus if there is a dead-heat?**

- a. Bonuses are paid to the Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2026 nominated filly/ mare that has placed first in the Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2026 bonus race, subject to the satisfactory outcome of any swab or inquiry procedure.
- b. However, if there is a dead-heat for first place in a race between two Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2026 nominated fillies/mares in an Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2026 race, the relevant bonus money will be divided between the two Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2026 nominated dead-heat first place fillies and/or mares.
- c. If there are more than two Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2026 nominated fillies and mares that have dead-heated for first, the bonus will be divided evenly between the numbers of Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2026 nominated fillies and/or mares that have dead-heated.
- d. If an Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2026 nominated filly/mare dead-heats with a non-Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2026 nominated filly or mare, all bonus money will be paid out to the connections of the Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2026 nominated filly or mare. A filly which is not nominated to the Pearl Series 2026 is only eligible to the original race prize money and is not eligible to any Pearl bonus.

# ENTAIN-NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES T&CS AND FAQs

## 9. What happens if the Pearl Bonus Race is divided?

a. If an Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2026 race is divided into 2 races by NZTR after nominations have closed, only one bonus will be available in respect of both races. If both races are won by an NZB Insurance Pearl Series nominated filly/mare, one half of the bonus will be paid to the connections of each winner.

## 10. How many races will be in the Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2026?

a. All reasonable endeavors will be made to programme the full schedule of Pearl races comprising up to 15 open sex 2YO races (in their 2YO season), up to 255 mid-week fillies and mares races (during their 3YO, 4YO and 5YO years). The NZTBA will not be liable to anyone in the event that all scheduled races are unable to be run for any reason whatsoever.



Costae winning an Entain/NZB Insurance Pearl Series race at Awapuni Synthetic Photo: Race Images

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### **11. What is in the ‘small print’?**

a. Any person who signs an Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2026 form must comply with all NZTR rules and regulations. Each person who signs a Pearl Series 2026 form represents and warrants to the NZTBA that each filly named on that form falls within the eligibility category specified on that form. Any false information provided on the form will be used against the nominator if required.

b. The NZTBA is entitled to use each Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2026 form and the information contained in it for any purpose, and to provide any form or disclose any of the information contained in it to any person.

c. Once signed, the form is a binding agreement between the NZTBA and the nominator. Upon receipt of the entry form and payment of the Pearl registration entry fee, there is no refund applicable if the filly retires, is injured, dies or is euthanised.

d. The NZTBA, in its sole and absolute discretion, may waive or modify a requirement of one or more of these conditions in a particular instance or instances and may require as a condition of doing so that additional requirements be met.

e. These conditions may be amended by the NZTBA, without notice at any time, including, but not limited to, reducing the number and size of the Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl bonus and altering the definitions of the eligibility categories. The NZTBA shall not be liable in any way if these terms and conditions are amended.

f. The NZTBA takes no responsibility for determining and has no obligation to inquire into or advise as to, the eligibility of a filly to be nominated. The NZTBA is not liable to any person in any way if it incorrectly states that a filly is not eligible.

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g. The NZTBA reserves the right to reject any nomination for the Entain-NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2026 scheme.

h. NZTR's role in relation to the Pearl Series is limited to the payment of bonuses in respect of eligible fillies in accordance with these terms and conditions and is not liable to anyone, in any way, for the administration of the Pearl Series by NZTBA nor for any decisions made, or actions taken, by NZTBA in administering the Pearl Series

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i. Neither the NZTBA nor NZTR is liable in the event that a horse, for any reason whatsoever, ceases to be able to race during the term of the scheme.

j. The provisions of these Conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of New Zealand and each party hereby submits to the jurisdiction of the New Zealand Courts.

### **12. Where a Pearl Series race is run as an open sex race, the following shall apply to bonus payments:**

1. For bonus calculation purposes only, any male horse finishing ahead of an eligible filly or mare shall be disregarded.
2. Non-nominated fillies or mares remain part of the order of finish and are not disregarded.
3. Eligible fillies or mares shall receive the bonus corresponding to the placing they would have achieved if male horses had not finished ahead of them.
4. This adjustment applies solely to Pearl Series bonus payments and does not affect official race placings, prizemoney, or any other entitlements.



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