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**RICCARTON PARK – RICCARTON TURF
AUTUMN RACING SEASON SECOND DAY
FEATURE MEETING
TO BE HELD AT RICCARTON PARK RACECOURSE, ON SATURDAY 13 APRIL 2024**

OPN HCP–1600m

2024 SOUTH ISLAND CHALLENGE

Of \$350,000. \$175,000 (plus trophy), \$59,500, \$28,000, \$15,750, \$8,750, 6th to 14th \$7,000. For horses trained in the South Island of New Zealand (the South Island) as at Sunday 31 December 2023. 1600 metres. Max wgt 62kg. No apprentice allowances. Nom \$175. Acc \$8,750.

Special Conditions

1. Subject to clause 4 of these Special Conditions, a horse will be eligible to start in the 2024 South Island Challenge (the **Race**) if:
 - 1.1. it is trained by a Trainer (as defined in the Rules of Racing) operating a Trainer's Premises (as defined in the Rules of Racing) located in the South Island. (For these purposes, a horse trained by a Trainer who operates a primary Trainer's Premises in the North Island and a secondary Trainer's Premises (commonly known as a 'Satellite Stable') in the South Island in accordance with an approval under Rule 325 (5) of the Rules of Racing will, subject to meeting all other Special Conditions, be eligible to start providing such 'Satellite Stable' was operating as at [1 August] 2023); and
 - 1.2. it was stabled or trained at the Trainer's Premises in the South Island as at Sunday 31 December 2023, as confirmed by the lodging of a stable return with New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing. (A horse that is spelling as at 31 December 2023 will be eligible to start in the Race provided that, immediately before it commenced spelling, it had been stabled or trained by the Trainer at their South Island Trainer's Premises, as confirmed by the lodging of a stable return with New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing); and
 - 1.3. it started in at least two Races (as defined in the Rules of Racing) conducted at racecourses in the South Island after Sunday 31 December 2023; and
 - 1.4. it was not away from the Trainer's Premises in the South Island for a period of more than four weeks at any one time after Sunday 31 December 2023, other than when spelling.
2. The winners of the following races, so long as they are otherwise eligible to start in the Race, will be exempt from the ballot for the Race:
 - 2.1. Banks Peninsula Racing Club, Riccarton Park Racecourse, Saturday 10 February 2024 – Rating 75 Benchmark 1400 metres.
 - 2.2. Canterbury Jockey Club, Riccarton Park Racecourse, Saturday 23 March 2024 – Rating 65 Benchmark 1600 metres.
 - 2.3. Riverton Racing Club, Riverton Racecourse, Saturday 30 March 2024 – Rating 75 Benchmark 1600 metres.
3. The first three placegetters in the 2024 Southern Mile Final will also be exempt from the ballot for the Race provided they are eligible to start in the Race.
4. Any question or dispute as to whether a horse is eligible to start in the Race will be determined by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing in its sole discretion. New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing's determination will be final and binding.
5. The starting limit for the Race will be 14 horses.

NOMINATIONS: Tuesday 19 March 2024 at 12 noon
WEIGHTS: Wednesday 10 April 2024
WITHDRAWALS: Wednesday 10 April 2024 at 10 am
DECLARATION OF RIDERS: Wednesday 10 April 2024 at 1 pm