

2025 BATTLE OF THE BUSH SERIES



The Battle of the Bush Series will comprise 16 qualifiers commencing on April 12, culminating in a Final at Tattersall's Tiara Raceday at Eagle Farm on Saturday June 28.

The series in full comprises the following:

DATE	CLUB	REGION	RACE
12/04/25	Goondiwindi & McIntyre PRC	ED	Open Plate 1200m
03/05/25	Jandowae RC	ED	Open Handicap 1200m
10/05/25	Mount Isa RC	NW	Open Plate 1200m
10/05/25	Burrandowan PRC	SE	Open Plate 1175m
11/05/25	Longreach JC	CW	Open Plate 1200m
11/05/25	Bowen TC	LE	Open Plate 1200m
17/05/25	Central Warrego RC	DO	Open Handicap 1200m
17/05/25	Burdekin RC	LE	Open Plate 1180m
17/05/25	Emerald JC	CA	Open Handicap 1200m
24/05/25	Gladstone TC	CA	Open Plate 1194m
24/05/25	Mareeba TC	FN	Open Plate 1210m
31/05/25	Cloncurry & DRC	NW	Open Handicap 1200m
7/06/25	Gayndah JC	SE	Open Handicap 1200m
7/06/25	Barcaldine RC	CW	Open Handicap 1200m
14/06/25	Injune RC	DO	Open Plate 1200m
14/06/25	Atherton TC	FN	Open Handicap 1200m
28/06/25	Final - Tattersalls RC @ Eagle Farm		Rest 0MWL2Y Quality Hcp 1200m

FINAL - RACE DETAIL

28 June 2025 - Tattersall's Tiara Raceday at Eagle Farm

Battle of the Bush Final -
Rest 0MWL2Y 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 19/6/23 to 18/6/25. 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. Horses placed in any of the qualifiers WILL NOT BE AUTOMATICALLY NOMINATED for the final.
- Nominations for the final close 11am Monday 16 June 2025
- Acceptances due 10am Wednesday 18 June 2025. Note: Scratchings will only be permitted after the acceptance deadline if approved by QRIC stewards
- Jockey declaration due 12:00 midday Wednesday 25 June 2025
- Early scratchings due 9.00am Wednesday 25 June 2025.
- Final scratchings due 7.30am Saturday 28 June 2025.
- 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. 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.
 5. 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.
 6. 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.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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 6 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, Barcoo, 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.