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## **New racing incentives total more than \$100K**

A raft of racing incentives totalling more than \$100,000 has been developed by the industry body Thoroughbred Racing SA (TRSA).

The TRSA Board has signed off on the three major incentives – the Trainers’ Four-peat Bonus, the Owners’ Saturday Strategy and the Trainers’ Provincial Cup Challenge – to commence August 1, 2014.

They aim to encourage greater starter numbers at both metropolitan and provincial race meets held between August and February.

TRSA SA Chief Executive Jim Watters said he was confident the incentives would encourage further participation.

“The TRSA Board has adopted these incentives to improve the number and quality of horses at metropolitan race meetings during spring and summer as well as at the provincial cups,” he said.

“Careful consideration has been given to each incentive which are designed to ensure trainers have even more of a reason to race both at metropolitan and regional locations.

“We have some wonderfully talented trainers in South Australia and we hope this gives them ample opportunity to further demonstrate their capabilities on the local scene.”

A Trainers’ Four-peat Bonus of \$10,000 will be paid to any trainer who trains a winner on four consecutive Saturday metropolitan meetings between August 1, 2014 and the end of February 2015.

Prominent South Australian trainer Richard Jolly welcomed the incentives.

“Overall I see the Trainers’ Bonus as a positive,” he said.

“It would be ideal if you have had two or three winners in a row, you would start to think more carefully about what horses you put up.”

Mr Jolly, who can have up to six horses racing on a Saturday, said it would encourage a stronger and more competitive field, particularly from interstate trainers.

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TRSA's Trainers' Provincial Cup Challenge of \$10,000 will be paid to any trainer who trains the winner of any of the local provincial cups – being Balaklava, Gawler, Strathalbyn and Murray Bridge and trains a winner at each of the other local provincial cup meetings during the same racing season.

A bonus of \$10,000 will be paid to any trainer who trains the winner of the Gawler Cup as well as the feature sprint race on the day – to be known as the Local Provincial "Cup Double on a Day" Bonus.

If there is no winner at Gawler it will carry forward to the next provincial cup.

Any trainer who trains the winner of the Mt Gambier or Port Lincoln Cup, as well as the feature sprint race on the day will receive a bonus of \$5,000.

Lastly, a bonus of \$5,000 will be paid based on a points system for all horses that run in the cups within the South East, being Bordertown, Naracoorte, Penola, Millicent, Mt Gambier, Coonawarra and Summer Cups.

This is known as the South East Stayers' Bonus.

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