



ARE YOU THE TERRITORY'S BEST PUNTER?

The 2026 Territory Punter of the Year competition, proudly supported by TAB, will be held in conjunction with the Great Northern Darwin Cup Carnival on TAB Metric Mile Day Saturday 25th July, 2026.

The competition will be an on course only event with \$13,000 up for grabs in prizemoney. Full prizemoney details are outlined below.

Syndicates can be made up of between 2 - 10 people. Syndicate members must be over the age of 18-years-of-age at the time of competition.

In order to secure your spot in the 2026 Territory Punter of the Year competition you will need to complete your registration details on page 3.

**STRICTLY LIMITED TO 30 SYNDICATES
ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED IN ORDER OF REGISTRATION**

PRIZEMONEY

The Syndicate with the largest bankroll after the last competition race on Saturday, 25 July 2026 will be declared the winner. Standings will rank all bankrolls based on dollar value from largest to smallest, with first place being the largest bankroll and last place being the smallest bankroll (or first to a balance of \$0).

Prizes are as follows:

FIRST PLACE

\$5,000 + Syndicate Bankroll

SECOND PLACE

\$3,000 + Syndicate Bankroll

THIRD PLACE

\$2,500 + Syndicate Bankroll

FOURTH PLACE

\$1,500 + Syndicate Bankroll

FIFTH PLACE

\$1,000 + Syndicate Bankroll

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TERRITORY
**PUNTER OF
THE YEAR '26**

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

2026 DARWIN CUP
CARNIVAL

HOSPITALITY PACKAGE

\$80 PER PERSON INCLUDES:

A delicious buffet luncheon, two complimentary drink tokens, racebook, pen, stubby holder and reserved seating on Level 2 of the The Grandstand.

DRESS CODE: Entrants are reminded that this is a feature event and dress codes apply.

2026 SCHEDULE

- 11:00am: Gate 2 & Level 2 opens
- 11:30am: Syndicate Captains to collect official team Punter's Pass
- 12:00pm: Territory Punter of the Year welcome & briefing
- 12:15pm: Punter of the Year Competition counter opens to start accepting bets. A reminder that a Quaddie must be placed to the value of \$200 on the Melbourne Metropolitan meeting (Caulfield) prior to Darwin Race 1.
- 12:30pm: Buffet Lunch served
- 12:45pm: Metric Mile \$5k Challenge entries close
- 1:12pm: Race 1
- 1:37pm: Race 2
- 2:23pm: Race 3
- 2:40pm: Quaddie: Leg 1 (Caulfield)
- 3:03pm: Race 4
- 3:20pm: Quaddie: Leg 2 (Caulfield)
- 3:42pm: Race 5
- 3:55pm: Quaddie: Leg 3 (Caulfield)
- 4:22pm: Race 6
- 4:25pm: Quaddie: Leg 4 (Caulfield)
- 4:55pm: Race 7 (Metric Mile)
- 5:30pm: Presentation of the 2026 TERRITORY PUNTER OF THE YEAR Champion
- 6:30pm: Bar and Tote Close



\$5000
METRIC MILE
CHALLENGE

\$13,000
CASH POOL PRIZE

TAB

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PUNTER OF THE YEAR '26



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PLEASE NOTE: ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED IN ORDER OF REGISTRATION.

One registration form is required per syndicate of a maximum of TEN people per \$1,000 entry fee. Punters may have multiple entries. If you wish to have an additional entry please photocopy your form and complete one form for every additional \$1,000 i.e three attempts, three forms!

SYNDICATE NAME:

Number of Syndicate members:

Names of Syndicate members:

OFFICE USE ONLY

SYNDICATE NUMBER:

SYNDICATE NAME:

ENTRY FEE PAID: Y/N

HOSPITALITY PAID: Y/N

DATE PAID:

SYDNICATE CAPTAIN INFORMATION

Syndicate captains must check-in with competition officials between 11:30am-12:00pm on Level 2 of The Grandstand on the day of competition, where they will be issued with an official competition Syndicate Punters Pass.

Full Name Date Of Birth

Full Address

Postcode City / Country

Phone

E-Mail

Prizemoney will be exclusively paid to the Syndicate Captain by either Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) into the nominated bank account below or cash by Friday, 31 July 2026. It is the responsibility of the Syndicate Captain to distribute monies thereafter.

ACC NAME

BSB ACC NUMBER

PAYMENT

To enter the competition, each Syndicate must pre-pay a \$1,000 entry fee that will used as betting bank on the day of competition. In addition to this, each syndicate must pay \$80 per syndicate member for hospitality. This includes a delicious buffet luncheon, 2 complimentary drink tokens, racebook, pen, stubby holder and reserved seating on Level 2 of The Grandstand.

Entry Fee

Syndicates must disclose if a team member/s hold a bookmakers license in any jurisdiction:

Hospitality (No. of Syndicate Members x \$80)

Total Amount Payable (Entry Fee + Hospitality)

I declare that all Syndicate members are over the age of 18 & information supplied in true and accurate (Please tick).

Please return this form to the DTC Office or email punteroftheyear@darwinturfclub.org.au by Tuesday, 21 July 2026. Payment can be made in person or over the phone.

Signature Date



COMPETITION OVERVIEW

1. The Territory Punter of the Year is a TOTE Competition that spans ONE (1) day on TAB Metric Mile Day - Saturday, 25 July 2026. Competition races are ALL live races from Fannie Bay on Saturday, 25 July 2026.
2. The competition will be held on Level 2 of The Grandstand, Darwin Turf Club.
3. Registration opens Monday, 1 June 2026 at approximately 12:30am (ACST). Entries will be accepted up until 5pm (ACST) on Tuesday, 21 July 2026, unless booked out sooner.
4. An entry fee of \$1,000 must be paid by each Syndicate, plus \$80 per team member for hospitality. Entrants must prepay their hospitality at the time of entry
5. Syndicates can be made up of between 2 – 10 people. Syndicates can't be made up of more than 10 people.
6. On the day of competition, each Syndicate will receive a \$1,250 TAB voucher (\$1000 entry fee + \$250 bonus voucher) that will be kept behind TAB counter during competition on Saturday, 25 July 2026. The \$1,250 must be wagered during the competition.
7. Syndicates must wager at least \$100 per race in eligible races.
8. **Complusory Quadrella Bet: Each Syndicate must wager \$200 on the Quadrella at the Victorian Metropolitan** meeting on Saturday, 25 July 2026. This bet must be placed before Darwin race 1. If the Melbourne meeting is abandoned, competition officials reserve the right to change venue to Sydney Metropolitan.
9. The Syndicate with the largest balance after the last competition race on Saturday, 25 July 2026 will be declared the winner.
10. Syndicates members must be over the age of 18 years-of-age at the time of competition.
11. Entries will be accepted in order of registration. When maximum numbers have been received, the Darwin Turf Club reserves the right to cease accepting further registrations.
12. Darwin Turf Club reserves the right to allow late entries to the competition in the event of a cancellation.
13. There will be a designated Competition Official. Their decision is final.
14. Accepted payment methods are Mastercard, Visa and/or cash
15. By entering this competition, you agree to the terms and conditions outlined in the document.
16. To the fullest extent permitted by law, TAB shall not be liable for any direct or indirect loss or damage suffered by any entrant arising out of, or related to, the entrant's participation in this competition.
17. The Darwin Turf Club is the promoter of this competition and are the point of contact for any enquiries.

RULES

1. Syndicates must allocate a Syndicate Captain for their syndicate.
2. On the day of competition, the Syndicate captain will be issued with an official Syndicate Punters Pass. This must be presented to TAB staff when submitting competition bets. No competition wagers can be placed without this Punters Pass.
3. On the day of competition, each Syndicate will receive a \$1,250 TAB voucher that will be kept behind TAB counter during competition.
4. TAB voucher can only be used with the presentation of an official Syndicate Punters Pass to an allocated TAB wagering staff member.
5. Any member of the Syndicate can place bets with a TAB wagering staff member as long as the official Syndicate Punters Pass is presented.
6. Permitted wagers are Win, Place, Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, First Four and Quadrella
7. No All-Up, Daily Double, Treble or Multi wagers are permitted
8. Each Syndicate must wager \$200 on the Quadrella at the nominated Victorian Metropolitan race meeting on Saturday, 25 July 2026. This bet must be placed before race 1 in Darwin.
9. Syndicates must wager at least \$100 per race in eligible races.
10. If a Syndicate's balance is less than \$100, then they must wager their remaining balance on the next race.



11. Syndicates must wager, at minimum, the entire \$1,250 of their initial bankroll during the contest
12. Maximum bets – Syndicates may wager up to the remaining balance on their voucher, including the winnings from their bankroll, whenever they wish.
13. Competition Officials reserve the right to substitute races from another racetrack or cancel the tournament and issue refunds to all participants (e.g. in the unlikely event of the cancellation of a race card).
14. Should an entry in this contest fail to meet the requirements, that entry may be disqualified from the contest, making the entry ineligible to win prizes.
15. It is the team's responsibility to meet the wagering requirements. Competition officials will make the decision on disqualification in the event of a rule violation and all decisions are final. The remaining Syndicate bankroll remains the property of the Syndicate.

PLACING WAGERS

1. All wagers must be on TOTE only. No fixed-odds betting counts towards the competition.
2. Syndicates must wager at least \$100 per race in eligible races.
3. If a Syndicate's balance is less than \$100, then they must wager their remaining balance on the next race.
4. Syndicates must wager, at minimum, \$1,250 of their bankroll during the competition
5. Permitted wagers are Win, Place, Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, First Four and Quadrella (note: Quadrella bet must be placed on designated Victorian metro meeting).
6. No All-Up, Daily Double, Treble or Multi wagers are permitted
7. Syndicate members must place all wagers personally – no person shall directly, nor indirectly, act as intermediary, transmitter or agent in placing wagers for the Syndicate unless authorised by contest officials.
8. Official competition Syndicate Punters Pass must be presented to TAB staff when submitting wager. No competition wagers can be placed without this card.
9. All competition wagers must be placed through designated TAB wagering staff
10. TAB staff to show Syndicate member tickets before placing them on display – It is a condition of entry that the onus to check tickets remains with the contestant. Neither Darwin Turf Club nor the TAB has any liability to acknowledge tickets that contestants claim are incorrect.
11. It's the Syndicate member's responsibility to ensure their bets are placed on time. No claims for incorrect or lost tickets will be considered as part of the competition.
12. No competition wagers will be accepted through self-serve terminals.
13. Wagers can only be placed on the next competition race. No wagers will be accepted for any race other than the next competition race. This rule is designed to maintain an accurate leaderboard.
14. Wagers for each race must be placed after the prior race has the correct weight. This rule is designed to maintain an accurate leaderboard.
15. If a Syndicate needs to advance wager for any reason, the Syndicate captain must contact the competition official. The official will decide if an advance wager will affect the integrity of the leaderboard. All decisions are final and penalties for violating this rule will be at the sole discretion of competition officials.
16. If a Syndicate wagers on a non-eligible race for the purposes of the competition, the team may be disqualified and any winnings will not count for the contest standings.

SCRATCHINGS AND NON-STARTERS

1. If a horse is scratched after a wager is placed, it is the Syndicate's responsibility to change their selection prior to the start of the race in order to meet competition parameters.
2. If a horse is a late scratching or is declared a 'non-starter', and post-time prevents the selection of another horse or bet cancellation, the team will not be disqualified for failure to bet the minimum amount and any live tickets bet will remain in play.



3. In the event of a late scratching or 'non-starter', the \$100 minimum bet is rolled over into the next competition race, in addition to the minimum wager requirement of \$100 per competition race. This means a minimum bet of \$200 applies to the race following late scratching or 'non-starter'.
4. If the late scratching or 'non-starter' occurs in the final competition race, Competition Officials nominate a substitute race from another racetrack in which the same amount must be wagered.

CASHING OUT

1. Syndicates are not permitted to cash out their voucher balance until after the correct weight of the final competition race on Saturday, 25 July 2026 becomes official.
2. Voucher balances will be paid out to the Syndicate captain after the correct weight of the final competition race on Saturday, 25 July 2026.
3. Note prize money will not be paid out until verification of the competition winner will take place in the week following the competition, prior to Friday, 31 July 2026.
4. Prizemoney will be exclusively paid to the Syndicate Captain by either Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) into the nominated bank account below or cash by Friday, 31 July 2026. It is the responsibility of the Syndicate Captain to distribute monies thereafter.

COMPETITION STANDINGS

1. Competition standings will be based on each Syndicate's bankroll on their TAB bankroll voucher at the time.
2. Standings will rank all bankrolls based on dollar value from largest to smallest, with first place being the largest bankroll and last place being the smallest bankroll (or first to a balance of \$0).
3. The Syndicate with the largest balance after the last competition race on Saturday, 25 July 2026 will be declared the winner.
4. In the event of fewer than 5 teams finishing with a balance of \$1 or more, the outstanding prize pool/s will be equally distributed amongst the remaining winning teams.

TIES

1. If two Syndicates tie on the same dollar value in the final standings, then the cash prize for that tied placing and the subsequent placing will be combined and split evenly among the tied Syndicates. For example, if two Syndicates tie for third place in the final standings, then the cash prize for third place and the cash prize for fourth place will be combined together and split evenly among the Syndicates tied for third place.

COMPETITION PRESENTATION

1. A presentation will be held after the correct weight has been declared after the final competition race, at which point the winning Syndicate will be named, and the final standings revealed.
2. Verification followed by official notification of the competition winner will take place in the week following Saturday, 25 July 2026.
3. Official notification of competition standings will be issued via email to Syndicate captains.
4. Once official notification is given, prizemoney will be paid exclusively to the Syndicate captain by either Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) into the bank account nominated above, or cash, by Friday, 31 July 2026. It is the responsibility of the Syndicate captain to distribute the monies thereafter. Neither Darwin Turf Club nor TAB accepts any responsibility for prizemoney distribution following the payout to the Syndicate captain.
5. The decision on the winner is final and no correspondence will be entered into between the TAB, Darwin Turf Club and the entrants.



ELIGIBILITY/DISCLOSURE

1. As per the rules of racing, the following are ineligible to participate in this competition: Employees and contractors of Thoroughbred Racing NT (TRNT) and licensed jockeys.
2. If an entrant holds a bookmakers license in any jurisdiction, then all involvements and licenses must be fully disclosed to the Competition Official prior to the start of the competition. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
3. Contestants consent for their names, pictures and video images to be used by the Darwin Turf Club for promotion and advertising means.

PLACING WAGERS

1. Competition Counter will open at 12:00pm (ACST) on day of competition and bets will be accepted thereafter
2. The Quaddie **MUST** be placed prior to Darwin race 1
3. All wagers must be on TOTE only. No fixed-odds betting counts towards the competition.
4. Syndicates **MUST** wager at least \$100 per race. Syndicates may bet up to their remaining balance at any time.
5. Permitted wagers are **Win, Place, Each-Way, Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, First Four and Quadrella**
6. No All-Up, Daily Double, Treble or Multi wagers are permitted
7. If a Syndicate's balance is less than \$100, then they must wager their remaining balance on the next race.
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