

A member of the SAHPA has challenged the rule within the Sires Classic Rules and Regulations 2011 about whether birds have to have a “qualifying race on the line of flight”.

In the Minutes of the 2011 SAHPA AGM it states

RBL 21 That there are no qualifications for birds on all SAHPA racing.

The Sub Committee discussed the issue and then the SAHPA Management Committee reviewed the discussion at the meeting on Wednesday 20th July.

As the Special Races Committee is a sub entity of the SAHPA and this SAHPA Race By-Law rule 21 is contradicting the Sires Classic Rule it is believed that legally the SAHPA rule would over ride the Sires Classic rule in a court of law.

Therefore it has been decided to NOT enforce the qualification rule this year.

We apologize to those members who have done the right thing and qualified their birds on the line of flight and hopefully they will be rewarded.

The Secretary of the Sires Classic Race has advised that in 2012 he will be getting every member who wishes to submit a prepayment form or bid at the auction to sign a declaration that they will abide by the qualification rule.

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