

RFD (Royal Flying Doctor) Series 2011

SDC Draft proposal for conducting three additional races on the North Line in season 2011 to cater for the advised support for more north line racing.

Time Line:-

January 2011 : Information meeting to float proposed format & race points.

: Call for volunteers and additional help.

February 2011 : Consolidate ideas, confirm race points and format of the series, obtain SAHPA COM blessing.

: Make presentation to AGM and ask for final feedback from members by the end of February 2011.

March 2011 : Submit completed proposal to SAHPA COM for approval to proceed.

May/June 2011 : Confirm participation and progress of the series.

The SDC COM sees these races as an opportunity to test some ideas and formats without disrupting the workings of races already existing. These ideas are:-

- 1) **Prepayment of race nominations** - prepayment will ensure the races are run profitably and should there be a lack of sustainable flyer support then simply, there will be no races conducted.
- 2) **3 Tiered Points system** - which will offer more flyers a sense of achievement and thus heighten personal satisfaction in their chosen sport (based on the current aggregate points system – see example attached).
- 3) **3 Tiered Prize List** : (as in 2 above) which will offer distribution of prize monies generated at their own designated grouping thus heightened personal satisfaction and achievement in their chosen sport – see example attached.

The additional north races would **not** carry SAHPA aggregate points. The SDC propose an RFD aggregate points system based on the three RFD races, and would be run alongside the SAHPA and SDC aggregate points for 2011.

Following feedback from flyers in January, the SDC may change the dates of the first two suggested race dates.

1st race was June 18th Hawker - change to 16th July

2nd race was August 27th Lyndhurst - change to 13th August (to suit SRC Alice Springs)

3rd race was 17th September Pt Augusta - no change

It is anticipated that the first 2 races would be limit races (10 bird limit) with the final race being an open event (30 bird limit) and run as a Classic race – the RFD Cup.

Any profit from the prepayments would be shared 50/50 between the RFD as donation and flyers as prizemoney (see example attached).

Planning for these races would be based on the unit available together with associated costs (driver, convoyer, cleaner, Advertiser advert etc.). A minimum number of flyers would be required to be prepaid at a set nomination amount and prepaid by 1st May 2011. Late nominations at an increased rate may be accepted to 1st June 2011.

Should the flyers not support this initiative then the races would not be held.

Communication of the above details regarding weather conditions for the race, release times etc., would be conveyed to the members via the SAHPA web site, SMS messages. The Saturday “Advertiser” would be used for RFD series information and advertising. SDC would provide its own weather/release officer.

Proposed Funding Model (based on the SAHPA race unit and the SAHPA toss unit) ie,

- Cost for 10BS Marree ~ \$1600.00 - for SAHPA toss unit
- Cost for Lyndhurst Open - \$2800.00 - for SAHPA race unit
 - includes fees for loaders, convoyer, driver and cleaners.

Income is proposed to be generated from prepaid nominations of \$100 per flyer. This would allow 10 birds max in each of the 10BS and 30 birds max in the RFD Cup race on the SAHPA bye weekend.

Race 1 - toss unit – 80 flyer nominations @ \$20.00 each – income \$1,600.00

Race 2 - race unit - 80 flyer nominations @ \$20.00 each – income \$1,600.00

Race 3 - race unit - 80 flyer nominations @ \$60.00 each – income \$4,800.00

Anticipated income per above - \$8,000.00

Anticipated costs per above – \$7,200.00

Anticipated profit - \$ 800.00 - would be distributed 50/50 to the Royal Flying Doctor Service and fliers as prizemoney.

Should the RFD series be able to use the toss unit for all races, additional profit would be available for distribution. (see prizemoney distribution below)

Royal Flying Doctor Service donation - to be half of all profits from the series. This funding would be known by 1st June 2011, and if insufficient flyers had nominated, the whole exercise would be cancelled before any formal commitments had been made to the RFD service.

It is proposed that a cash trophy be made available for the winner of the RFD Cup (SRC donation).

Prizemoney Distribution.

It is proposed to provide as broad a spread of prizes as follows:

- Use the SAHPA aggregate points system to divide the competition into roughly three equal groups – group 1 those who gain >29 points, group 2 those who gain 1-29 points, group 3 those who gain zero points. This way we have flyers competing against their peer group.
- Assuming we get sufficient total flyer nominations to run the competition, the proposal is to use the prizemoney generated in each group to be distributed to each group. The greater the group participation, the greater the group prizemoney distribution.
- From the example above - \$800.00 profit
 - \$400.00 to the RFD
 - \$400.00 to flyers
 - Divide \$400.00 by the number of flyers in each group:
(~ group 1 - 35%, ~ group 2 - 40%, ~ group 3 - 25%)
 - Divide the available group prize money 1st 50%, 2nd 30%, 3rd 20%
 - Result is
 - Group 1 \$70, \$42, \$28
 - Group 2 \$80, \$48, \$32
 - Group 3 \$50, \$30, \$20
- Prizemoney would be paid on the series aggregate (three races) per group.

RFD Aggregate Points

It is proposed to run an aggregate points table for RFD series based on the three RFD races as noted above.