

PUNTER OF THE YEAR



The Punter of the Year contest has been a part of the Be The Ball Tour since the very first season in 2009 (Nelson Bay). It is regarded as a Group 1 event and one of the 4 'Pillar Trophies' that are regarded higher than any within the BTB walls. It is also a large prizemoney comp to the victor.

The POTY has evolved over the years to a point where it is as strategic as skillful. This is because all POTY results also count towards Stable Wars totals in the small teams' event, and also towards Tray Harder Cup team and individual Club Championship points.

Often a punter – particularly towards the end of a season – is caught between a rock and a hard place as he strives for individual honours, but may be faced with making the 'team' play to help a stable avoid the dreaded waiters' vests.

THE RULES

- Your order of punting is decided by the position you are within your stable. A minimum of 8 stables are in play each season, thus meaning punters should get a turn to punt every 4 weeks or so. This depends of course if anybody within your stable hits a 'hot streak' and that delays your turn for a number of extra weeks. This is a good thing though, as this means your stable is closer to winning than wearing (the waiter's vests).
- You will receive \$20 to bet with initially (this is subject to change & you will be notified if it does).
- The maximum number of bets when it is your turn is 2.
- You may bet however you see fit, be it horse racing and/or sports.
- All bets MUST be finalised by Sunday night. (Unless otherwise arranged with the POTY Minister).
- If you should double your stake. (For example...bet \$20 and get a collect of \$40 or more) you are in the saddle again the following week.
- That next week your stake will also double. For example...your \$20 bet gets you a collect of \$50. That means the very next week you will have \$40 to bet with). Should you double that stake you will have \$60 to bet with the very next week. It will rise by \$20 each week of the streak. It will come back down in equal lots should you lose.
- All bets need to be sent through to the POTY Minister (you will be notified of who this is each season). Craig's Carnival is the default unless otherwise directed. Text message preferred.
- Please allow as much time as possible for the Minister to place your bets.
- Should you wish for fixed odds over tote odds (horses), please make this clear when placing your bet. Also if you have a preferred punting site. TAB is the default.
- Sports multi's are allowed. A sport multi counts as one bet. If it is a particularly complicated bet please include codes and or directions.
- If you miss your bet, the punting dollars will be returned to the Tour pool of funds, and your POTY & Stable Wars scores will be recorded as a loss for that week.