The IHRA Breeding Committee has completed a five-year strategic breeding programme for Irish Trotteur Francais mares and their future progeny. The following initiatives will be come into effect immediately and the IHRA are greatly appreciative of the financial contributions made by Le Trot in this respective. The schemes below will be reviewed in early 2024.

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| **Breeder's Premium** | | |
| **Season** | **Rate** | **Result** |
| **2020** | 5% | 1st -5th |
| **2021-2024** | 7.50% | 1st -5th |

1. **Breeder’s Premium:**

This is a premium for breeders based on the prizemoney won by Irish bred Trotteur Francais (TF) foals in all Irish races from 1st place to 5th place. The breeder will be paid on a monthly basis.

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| **Live Foal Bonus** | |
| **Season** | **Amount (€)** |
| **2020** | 100 |
| **2021** | 150 |
| **2022** | 200 |
| **2023** | 250 |
| **2024** | 300 |

1. **Live Foal Bonus:**

This entitlement allows all breeders of Irish TF foals to claim the live foal bonus, thirty days after the foal has been born. The table below shows the value of this bonus for the next 4 years.

1. **Racing Mare to Broodmare Scheme:**

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| **Racing Mare to Broodmare Scheme** | | |
| **Season** | **Year last Raced** | **Amount (€)** |
| **2020** | 2019 | **100** |
| **2021** | 2020 | **150** |
| **2022** | 2021 | **200** |
| **2023** | 2022 | **250** |
| **2024** | 2023 | **300** |

This scheme is aimed at keeping the Irish TF mares who have raced under IHRA rules to continue their life as a broodmare. Any mare who fits these criteria and is bred, will be entitled to the following subsidies over the next five years. This will be paid thirty days after the foal is born. All Premium mares as categorised by Le Trot will have the letters PR after their name on all race-cards to highlight this for all prospective breeders.

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| **3 Year Old Trotters Championship** | | |
| **Season** | **Championship Purse** | **Final's Weekend Purse** |
| **2020** | 100,000 | 50,000 |
| **2021** | 110,000 | 55,000 |
| **2022** | 110,000 | 55,000 |
| **2023** | 110,000 | 55,000 |
| **2024** | 120,000 | 60,000 |

1. **Irish Bred TF Championships:**

All Irish bred TF progeny will be entitled to stake into the following championships. The finals of the following will be held each season in a revamped weekend, dedicated to the Irish Bred TF. Each three-year-old championship will require a total of 30 horses staked into the series and some future yearling sales may be required in order to fill the gap, where trotting offspring have been reduced.

In each of the three-year-old championships, there will be 10 heats (6 in Portmarnock, 2 in Annaghmore and 2 in Cork) with the final being held in late September/October. All the races will be over 1.5 miles, the heats of which will be ran as PFFA based on their grades and the finals as FFA’s.

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| **Additional Trotter Championships** | | | |
| **Season** | **4 Year Old** | **5 Year Old** | **Open Grade** |
| **2020** | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| **2021** | 10,000 | n/a | n/a |
| **2022** | 10,000 | 10,000 | n/a |
| **2023** | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| **2024** | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |

The Gold final will consist of the top 8 graded horses with monies won deciding the race for those on the same handicap mark. The same criteria will be used for the silver and consolation divisions. Should there not be enough horses to fill the silver and consolation finals with 8 horses in each, they will be divided equally if there is an even number and in the event that there is an odd number, the silver will take the bigger amount. The championship will start in June 2020 but from 2021 onwards, it will start in May. The championship dates will be announced shortly by the race-course committee. The table below shows the nomination dates and fees for the next 4years and any such nominated horses will automatically be eligible for sustaining fee on due date unless it is withdrawn from series prior to date. With respect to the 4YO + races, these will be run as colts & geldings and fillies divisions.

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| **2021 Championship** | **2022 Championship** | **2023 Championship** | **2024 Championship** |
| Nomination Date & Fee | Nomination Date & Fee | Nomination Date/Fee | Nomination Date/Fee |
| 01/06/2020: €300 | 01/07/2020: €300 | 01/07/2021: €300 | 01/07/2022: €250 |
| 01/09/2020: €200 | 01/03/2021: €175 | 01/03/2022: €175 | 01/03/2023: €200 |
| 01/12/2020: €200 | 01/07/2021: €175 | 01/07/2022: €175 | 01/07/2023: €200 |
| 01/02/2020: €200 | 01/10/2021: €175 | 01/10/2022: €175 | 01/10/2023: €200 |
|  | 01/03/2022: €175 | 01/03/2022: €175 | 01/03/2024: €200 |

1. **UET Trotter Stakes Races.**

All TF foals born will automatically be nominated for the UET stakes races for 3,4&5 YO’s unless the breeder wishes not to nominate them.

1. **IHRA Sale:**

The IHRA intends to hold a sale in Portmarnock on Saturday 10th October 2020 and will continue each year going forward on the same weekend as Irish TF Finals Weekend.