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## **Scandinavian Challenge boasts prize money boost**

The Scandinavian Challenge returns with an exciting ten-race programme scheduled to take place between June and August 2018, featuring the SEK three million (approx. €316,000) 101<sup>st</sup> Swedish Derby for which entries close on Monday, 13 March.

The addition of a new race restricted to Scandinavian-bred horses, The Bro Park Trial, together with an increase of 75% in the value of the Swedish Oaks now worth SEK 1.4 million (approx. €147,500), and with significant boosts to both the Voter and Altamira, it brings total prize money for the series to SEK 9.4 million (approx. €990,000).

Nine races will take place on the all-weather surface at Jagersro Racecourse in Malmo over three individual racedays between mid-June and mid-August with the newest addition, The Bro Park Trial, staged at its namesake, Europe's newest racecourse, Bro Park, in June.

In addition to the traditional mile and a half Derby and Oaks contests, feature races in the series include The Voter, over an extended mile (1730m) in June, and The Hurricane, over one mile and six furlongs (2650m) on Swedish Oaks Day in August.

Despite prize money increases entry fees for races in the series remain at just 1,000 Swedish Krona (approx. €105.00).

Dennis Madsen, Svensk Galopp's Head of Racing said, "The increase in prize money for some of the feature races should make them even more appealing to UK and Irish owners and trainers this year.

"The Swedish Derby is designed to be a competitive race attracting decent handicappers with a rating of 90-100, providing an exciting opportunity for owners to add a 'Derby' to their portfolio. The overall prize money increase we hope will make the series even more attractive to owners and trainers in the UK."

"We were delighted with the level of entries for the inaugural running of the series and we are hoping to attract a similar level when entries close on 13 March. There are no supplementary entry stages for the Derby or any of the races in the series, so the value of any horse with a series entry could be enhanced by significantly more than the cost to enter."

A total of 147 remain in the 100<sup>th</sup> Swedish Derby, which will be run at Jagersro on Sunday, 16 July, including Ova Ruled, a three-year-old Native Ruler (GB) filly in training with Staffordshire-based Jennie Candlish whose owners include Manchester United President, Martin Edwards.

Local trainer Lennart JR Reuterskioid who sent out Duke Of Burdon to win the 2016 running of Sweden's most prestigious race is responsible for no fewer than 12 of the 147 forfeits.

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**Notes to Editors**

**About the Swedish Derby**

First run in 1918, open to three-year-olds only and run over a distance of 2400m on Jagersro Racecourse's all-weather surface. Prize money in 2018 is 3 million Swedish Krona (£252,000).

**Most successful trainer:** Wido Neuroth is the most successful trainer in the history of the race with 11 winners, the most recent coming in 2012 with Bomar, sired by Epsom Derby winner, Sir Percy.

**Most successful jockey:** Fredrik Johansson who rode Bomar to victory in 2012 is the most successful jockey in the history of the race with eight winners.

**About Jagersro Racecourse**

Jagersro Racecourse is the only combined trotting and thoroughbred racecourse in Sweden. The track was founded in 1907 and is situated in the south of Sweden located 5 kilometres east of Malmö. The track is made up of an all-weather dirt surface and is 1500m round. It is a left-handed course with the finishing straight 400m long.

**The Scandinavian Challenge Races**

Feature races:

	<b>Total prize fund</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Raceday</b>
<b>The Voter</b>	1,200,000 SEK	1730m	mid-June
<b>The Swedish Derby</b>	3,000,000 SEK	2400m	mid-July
<b>The Hurricane</b>	1,000,000 SEK	2650m	mid-August
<b>The Swedish Oaks</b>	1,400,000 SEK	2400m	mid-August

Supporting races:

<b>The Derby Trial</b>	300,000 SEK	2400m	mid-June
<b>The Bro Park Trial</b>	800,000 SEK	2100m	mid-June
<b>The Sofiero</b>	500,000 SEK	1730m	mid-July
<b>The Derby Day Sprint</b>	500,000 SEK	1200m	mid-July

<b>Derby Consolation</b>	300,000 SEK	2400m	mid-July
<b>The Altamira</b>	400,000 SEK	1730m	mid-August

**101st Swedish Derby**  
**The Voter – The Swedish Oaks – The Hurricane**  
**The Altamira – The Sofiero**  
**Bro Park Trial – The Derby Trial – The Derby Consolation – The Derby Day Sprint**

For 3-year-olds only.

Weight in all races: Colts and geldings 59kg (9st 4lb); fillies 57kg½ (9st 1lb).

**To close on MARCH 13**

1st forfeit	March 13, 2017	SEK 1,000 (€105)
2nd forfeit	May 22, 2017	SEK 3,000 (€313)
3rd forfeit	August 21, 2017	SEK 4,000 (€418)
4th forfeit	October 30, 2017	SEK 5,000 (€522)
5th forfeit	January 15, 2018	SEK 5,000 (€522)
6th forfeit	April 9, 2018	SEK 5,000 (€522)
7th forfeit	May 14, 2018	SEK 6,000 (€627)

All horses remaining after the last forfeit stage on 14th of May are eligible to be declared for the following races:

	<b>Total prize fund</b>	<b>Declaration fee</b>
The Swedish Derby	SEK 3,000,000 (€316,000)	SEK 16,000 (€1,670)
The Voter	SEK 200,000 (€20,800)	SEK 8,000 (€835)
The Hurricane	SEK 1,000,000 (€105,000)	SEK 8,000 (€835)
The Bro Park Trial (Scandinavian bred)	SEK 800,000 (€83,500)	SEK 4,000 (€417)
The Sofiero	SEK 500,000 (€52,200)	SEK 3,000 (€313)
The Derby Day Sprint	SEK 500,000 (€52,200)	SEK 3,000 (€313)
The Derby Consolation	SEK 300,000 (€31,300)	SEK 2,000 (€208)
The Derby Trial	SEK 300,000 (€31,300)	SEK 2,000 (€208)

Prize fund distribution in all races: 50-22-13-7-5-3 % (Includes a sixth prize)

***The Altamira and The Swedish Oaks***

These races are restricted to fillies. Weight 59kg. Fillies which have paid the 4th forfeit are eligible to be declared for either of these races.

	<b>Total prize fund</b>	<b>Declaration fee</b>
The Swedish Oaks	SEK 1,400,000 (€147,500)	SEK 7,000 (€731)
The Altamira	SEK 400,000 (€41,800)	SEK 3,000 (€313)

	<b>Distances</b>	<b>Maximum runners</b>	<b>Date of running</b>
The Voter	1730 meter	12	June
The Derby Trial	2400 meter	15	June
The Bro Park Trial (Scandinavian bred)	2100 meter	15	June
The Derby Consolation	2400 meter	15	Derby Day – July
The Sofiero	1730 meter	12	Derby Day – July
The Derby Day Sprint	1200 meter	15	Derby Day – July
The 101st Swedish Derby	2400 meter	15	Derby Day – July
The Hurricane	2650 meter	15	Oaks Day – August
The Altamira	1730 meter	12	Oaks Day – August

The Swedish Oaks

2400 meter

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Oaks Day – August

The Voter and The Derby Trial are scheduled to be run on the same day in June. The Hurricane, Swedish Oaks and The Altamira are scheduled to be run on the same day in August. All dates are preliminary and may be changed. The runners will be reduced by elimination of a) those which, in the opinion of the Scandinavian Handicapper, have the lowest rating (10 of 15 runners/8 of 12 runners) and b) through points based on their placings in the last five races (5 of 15 runners/4 of 12 runners). There will be no declaration fee if a horse is eliminated due to the maximum number of runners.

A 6% Swedish V.A.T. charge will be added to all entry and declaration fees.

Horses can be entered by email – [sport@svenskgalopp.se](mailto:sport@svenskgalopp.se)

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