



A new competition for South African jockeys with prize money totalling R120 000 has been introduced by the country's racing industry and got underway with the running of the Steinhoff International Summer Cup at Turffontein last year.

The Topstar competition will be contested on the 34 races during the season that form the new All Stars Series of races run in Gauteng, the Western Cape and KwaZulu-Natal.

Points are being allocated to the jockeys finishing in the first five places in these races with 12 points for first, six for second, four for third, two for fourth and one for fifth. The three riders with the highest points at the end of the season will receive prizes of R70 000, R35 000 and R15 000 respectively.

The competition has been introduced to stimulate additional interest in racing and in the National Racing Championships in particular, creating talking points and heightening public awareness, interest and excitement particularly as the season reaches its peak during the winter in KwaZulu-Natal.

Like the two other competitions, with horses coming from all parts of the country and the competition very stiff, this one is also likely to go down to the wire with the winning jockey possibly only decided at the final meeting of the season.

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