

THURSDAY 12 MARCH 2015

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

RACING SAFETY DEVELOPMENT FUND (RSDF) APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON 31 MARCH

A reminder to all clubs that application to the 2nd round of the RSDF closes on 31 March 2015.

Please go to <http://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/Funding-and-grants---Crown-Funds---Racing-Safety-Development-Fund#Who> for all information on the RSDF, including what projects fit the purpose of the fund, who may apply and what you need to apply. Clubs are encouraged to contact NZTR directly to discuss applications before submitting.

As previously noted, The Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) is introducing a new online process to facilitate applications to the RSDF. All details on this and a connection to the 'RealMe' online system are available at the above address.

CHANGES TO RULE 707 – BETTING BY RIDERS

Following consultation on proposed changes to Rule 707 with industry stakeholders, the Racing Integrity Unit, Judicial Control Authority and the Racing Board, further changes have been made to Rule 707 – Betting by Riders.

Riders are no longer permitted to bet on any race under the Rules of Racing. Previously Riders were not permitted to bet on any race run on a day on which a Rider was riding in a race.

A Rider may bet (other than on a race under the Rules of Racing) provided the Rider places the bet through his or her betting account with an Authorised Wagering Operator (as defined in the Rules) using his or her mobile phone or any other electronic communication device including a smartphone, laptop, personal computer, tablet, pager or similar device. Amateur Riders are permitted to bet on races other than any race in which he or she is riding.

These changes bring New Zealand into closer alignment with the Rules in Australia and other major racing jurisdictions.

EXEMPTION FOR WINNER OF THE COURTESY FORD MANAWATU SIRES PRODUCE STAKES - 28 MARCH 2015

The winner/s of the Courtesy Ford Manawatu Sires Produce Stakes on 28 March 2015 will be exempt from the ballot for the BMW Australia J J Atkins (Group 1 1600m \$600,000 2YO) to be held at Doomben on 6 June 2015.

AUSTRALIAN RACING CONFERENCE 2015 - BRISBANE 21 – 23 MAY

The Australian Racing Conference is the largest national symposium for the thoroughbred racing industry. It brings together racing administrators, clubs, track managers, commercial stakeholders, media and government, owners, breeders and racing enthusiasts to discuss and debate topical issues and key areas of administration relevant to the industry.

The conference will be held at the Sofitel Brisbane Central between 21 – 23 May.

The conference programme will include international speakers and leading Australian sporting authorities including Dr Bernie Mullin, CEO of The Aspire Group and Gillon McLachlan, CEO of the Australian Football League. View the full conference program [here](#)

Registration \$1,430 incl GST to include two full conference days, the Australian Racing Hall of Fame Dinner and a day in The Birdcage at the Doomben 10,000 Race Day function. Go to: +61 7 3858 5400 or email arc2015@mci-group.com

The program at a glance:

1. Thursday, 21 May 2015 – Full programme of speakers will address topical racing issues followed by the Australian Racing Hall of Fame Dinner
2. Friday, 22 May 2015 – Delegates will break into streams followed by networking drinks and then a free evening to explore Brisbane. Streams include Racing Administrators/ PRAs/ Race Clubs, National Racing Training, Racecourse Managers, Racing Ministers, Stewards/ Integrity
3. Saturday, 23 May 2015 – Day at the Brisbane Racing Club’s Group 1 Doomben 10,000 Day at Doomben Racecourse in The Birdcage situated trackside.

TURNOVER INFORMATION

Date	Club	On-Course (Tote & FOB combined)		Totalisator (Off & on-course combined)		Fixed Odds (Off & on-course)		Races		Starters	
		14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14
4-Mar	Auckland	537,928	744,304	2,171,068	2,649,296	1,054,357	859,206	10	10	101	115
5-Mar	Canterbury	29,936	-	502,058	-	263,186	-	8	-	78	-
6-Mar	Otaki-Maori	12,883	39,893	290,934	537,965	195,443	217,509	6	8	41	78
7-Mar	Auckland	353,248	431,165	2,221,446	2,532,260	1,039,908	923,894	10	10	102	108
7-Mar	Otago	2,288	38,596	39,981	1,051,749	16,805	271,819	1	9	5	100

8-Mar	Masterton	33,629	47,048	391,540	461,481	246,352	165,442	7	7	54	59
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NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/()	Variance +%/ ()%
Meetings	210	219	(9)	(4.11%)
Races	1,763	1,813	(50)	(2.76%)
Total Starts	18,337	18,862	(525)	(2.78%)
Avg Field Size	10.40	10.40	(0.00)	(0.03%)
Number of races less than 8 starters	290	297	(7)	(2.36%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	267,244,814	261,880,569	+5,364,245	+2.05%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	25,809,859	26,820,265	(1,010,407)	(3.77%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	293,054,673	288,700,835	+4,353,838	+1.51%
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	209,247,774	221,130,448	(11,882,675)	(5.37%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	83,380,095	67,570,372	+15,809,723	+23.40%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	166,225	159,239	+6,986	+4.39%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	15,982	15,306	+676	+4.41%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,059,780,996	959,951,315	+99,829,681	+10.40%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	229,531,670	164,843,864	+64,687,806	+39.24%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,289,312,666	1,124,795,179	+164,517,487	+14.63%

NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 28 Feb)	212,547,953	203,764,129	+8,783,825	+4.31%
Total Races (to 28 Feb)	1,714	1,751	(37)	(2.11%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	124,007	116,370	+7,637	+6.56%

Meeting details:

- Canterbury Racing Thursday meeting ran 8 races this season; the equivalent meeting at Motukarara last season was abandoned due to heavy rain and the state of the track.
- Otaki-Maori RC Friday meeting ran 6 races in FY15, 8 in FY14.
- Otago RC Saturday meeting was abandoned after 1 race due to concerns about the nature of the track.

Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is up 1.5% year to date.
- 9 less meetings and 50 less races have been run than to the same date last season.

- Turnover per race is up 4.4%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 525, 2.8% less.
- Average field size is 10.40 in FY15, matching FY14.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is 7 less than the season prior (290 v 297).
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 5.4%) has been offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 23.4%).
- Export turnover (\$NZ) is up 6.6% per race to 28 February.

Note: Turnovers are provided by the NZRB from various reports. On-course is totalisator turnover on the meeting and on intertrack meetings, plus FOB racing turnover on the meeting only (FOB intertrack is not provided from these reports at present). On-course self service turnover is also not currently included. Total NZRB racing turnover is NZ thoroughbred, harness, greyhound plus all imported thoroughbred, harness and greyhound turnover; combined with sports this provides the total NZRB turnover. NZ thoroughbred export turnovers are stated in \$NZ, generally up to a week or two behind other turnover numbers.

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