

Report of the  
GRADED STAKES COMMITTEE

Group & Listed Race  
Schedule for  
2011/2012 Season

following Review of  
2010/11 Season

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Graded Stakes Review for races run in the 2010-11 season has been completed by the Committee established for that purpose. The schedule of Group and Listed Races to be run in the 2011-12 season has now been confirmed.
2. The format of the Report was changed last year in an attempt to make it clearer and more easily understood.
3. In the schedule of Black Type races for 2011-12, there have been three changes made. The CJC Gold Club Metropolitan Trophy [registered as Metropolitan Trophy] has been downgraded from Gr.3 to Listed. The Waikato RC James & Annie Sarten Memorial S. [registered as James & Annie Sarten Memorial Stakes] has been upgraded from Listed to Gr.3. The ARC NZ Bloodstock Insurance Karaka 3YO Mile [registered as Karaka 3YO Mile] has been granted black-type status as a (Restricted) Listed race. Under the revised schedule, the total number of Black Type flat races is 146 compared to 144 last season.
4. The Westbury Stud Northland Breeders' Stakes [registered as Whangarei Breeders' Stakes] will in future be run as a spring 3YO race, changing its place in the calendar from July to September. To facilitate this change the race was not programmed as a black type race in the 2010-11 season, but will re-appear in September 2011.
5. The three Avondale JC Group 2 races will once again be run under the stewardship of Auckland RC in 2011-12.
6. The Committee is of the view that to maintain flexibility for future deliberations, 1st warnings will be issued at the earliest sign of any decline in the quality of a race. There are currently 45 races with 1st warnings (28 last year) and 19 races with 2nd warnings (19 last year).
7. The quality of our racing is coming under increased scrutiny by other major racing jurisdictions abroad and there is a gathering momentum to have all black-type racing worldwide subjected to one single international standard, namely the World Thoroughbred Rankings. If that comes to pass, it will be very difficult for New Zealand to defend our current 'pyramid'. In this increasingly challenging international environment, the Committee must adopt tough measures to maintain the worldwide credibility of New Zealand black-type races. Refer to 4.10 on pages 12-13 for more detail on this important issue.
8. The New Zealand Graded Stakes Committee will be known as the New Zealand Pattern Committee from 1 January 2012.

## SECTION 1

# INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 CONSTITUTION & CONVENTION

The New Zealand Graded Stakes Committee (GSC) is constituted in Rule 506 of the Rules of Racing. It is an independent committee jointly convened by New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Association Inc. (NZTBA) and New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Inc. (NZTR). The secretariat of the GSC is provided by NZTR.

### 1.2 COMPOSITION & SCHEDULE

**1.2.1** The GSC is comprised of eight voting members, viz. a Chairman who is appointed by NZTR after consultation with NZTBA, three nominees of NZTBA, three nominees of NZTR and one nominee of NZTBA to represent the thoroughbred auction companies. The personnel appointed to the Graded Stakes Committee are expected to have the expertise and experience to exercise flexibility and discretion whilst continually maintaining a review of appropriate levels of Black Type opportunity for horses of different age, sex and aptitudes, throughout the total New Zealand racing scene. Committee appointments are made in December each year and take effect for the following calendar year.

**1.2.2** The GSC meets three times per year, usually in the third week of June when primary statistical data first becomes available, at the end of the racing season to facilitate production of the Annual Report, and (by teleconference) in November to review autumn two-year-old races and prestige jumping races. Every year, usually at the June meeting, the GSC conducts a robust review of its procedures and criteria and holds a frank discussion of all matters considered relevant.

**1.2.3** A GSC member has a conflict of interest with respect to the review process when that member, or their spouse, partner or immediate family member, is an office-bearer or management employee of a New Zealand racing club or of an organisation currently sponsoring a black-type race. Any member having disclosed a conflict of interest will not be debarred from participating in any discussion during the review. If consensus amongst committee members is not apparent regarding a particular race under review and the Chairman calls for a vote, then any member having a conflict of interest relating to that race will forfeit their right to vote on that particular race and may be asked to leave the room during the voting process.

**1.2.4** The GSC for the past season comprised :

Chairman: Mr Chas Amon, Auckland

NZTR Nominees: Mr Tom Jamison, Otaki, Mr Russell Warwick, Papakura,  
Mr Jeff McCall, Christchurch

NZTBA Nominees: Mr Michael Martin, Auckland, Mr Nick Wigley, Rangiora,  
Mr Stephen Till, Cambridge

Auction House: Mr Andrew Seabrook, Papakura

### **1.3 OBJECTIVES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

The function of the GSC is to annually review the best races in New Zealand for horses of different ages, gender and aptitudes and to produce a list of races worthy of black type status in sales catalogues in line with international standards, and to rate those races as (in descending order of importance) Gr.1, Gr.2, Gr.3 and Listed. Further, it is to produce a list of Prestige Jumping Races in NZ.

It is the responsibility of the GSC to conduct that review in a manner that conforms to international standards and utilises clear and consistent criteria. It also has a duty to communicate its findings in an Annual Report to be circulated to interested parties in August each year.

The GSC must remain aware that the integrity and international credibility of our black type system is crucial to the national thoroughbred industry. The Committee makes recommendations to Clubs where it feels that the pattern of racing could be improved with the introduction of a particular type of race or races.

### **1.4 INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES**

The NZ list of black type races and their groupings is submitted through the Asian Pattern Committee (APC) of the Asian Racing Federation (ARF) to the International Grading and Race Planning Advisory Committee (IRPAC), who in turn recommends the list to be ratified by the Society of International Thoroughbred Auctioneers (SITA). The list is then published along with all other approved national lists in the annual International Cataloguing Standards and International Statistics booklet ("Blue Book"). It is important to recognize that retention of N.Z.'s inclusion in Part One of the Blue Book is crucial to the national thoroughbred industry.

### **1.5 REVIEW PROCESS**

There is no appeal process available against the decisions of the Committee in respect of any race or races. However, application may be made to a Review Panel for a review of the Committee's list as outlined under Rules 506 (9)-(12). An application for a review does not apply in respect of a warning.

## **SECTION 2**

# **HISTORY**

### **2.1 BLACK TYPE**

Black-type (or stakes) races are those that differentiate prestige races from others. The purpose of black-type races is to confer additional status (and therefore implied value) to the placegetters in those races. The first three finishers in designated black type races receive bold typeface in sales catalogue pedigrees. The appearance of black type in catalogues had its origins in North American catalogues in the 1950s. It was first adopted outside of North America by New Zealand in 1970. In the early 1970s Europe adopted the black-type system for their pattern races and other countries followed.

### **2.2 GROUP DESIGNATIONS**

Black type races are rated (in descending order of importance) with the designators Gr.1, Gr.2, Gr.3 and Listed. Group designators grew out of the European Pattern Race System in the early 1970s. It was quickly adopted in North America and then gradually adopted throughout the rest of the thoroughbred world, including New Zealand in 1984-85.

### **2.3 INTERNATIONAL UNIFORMITY**

In 1981 the International Cataloguing Standards Committee (ICSC) was formed to oversee the publication (Blue Book) of all lists of black type races worldwide and promote uniformity of standards. In 2007 ICSC transferred responsibility for this role to IRPAC.

### **2.4 NEW ZEALAND DEVELOPMENTS**

New Zealand's black type races were determined initially by the senior pedigree compiler at the then sole auction house. From about the mid-1970s the task was done by a committee of representatives of NZTBA, the auction house and New Zealand Racing Conference (NZRC), predecessor of NZTR. The committee was overseen by NZRC. In 1995 a complete review of the process was undertaken, resulting in the current structure of the GSC being implemented.

### **2.5 REGISTERED RACENAMES**

In 2001 Registered Racenames were introduced to enable a race to be identified over a period of years, regardless of the changes that may be made to its raceday name. The Registered Racenames provide the historical link to the current racename and sponsor.

## SECTION 3

# OPERATING PROCEDURES

### 3.1 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

The GSC compares New Zealand's list of black type races to those of other countries in Part 1 of the Blue Book in order to ensure the international credibility of the black type in our sales catalogues.

#### **3.1.1 Number of black-type races**

As a target, the GSC restricts the number of black type races in New Zealand to approximately 5% of the estimated number of flat races run during the season. This is in line with most other racing jurisdictions and is considered appropriate for New Zealand.

#### **3.1.2 Pyramid model**

With regard to the allocation of group designators to New Zealand's black type races, the GSC endeavours to establish and maintain the widely accepted "pyramid" model used by most countries in Part 1 of the Blue Book. The ideal pyramid has approximately 12% Gr.1, 15% Gr.2, 23% Gr.3 and 50% Listed.

#### **3.1.3 Category opportunities**

The GSC oversees the full range of horse categories (age, gender, distance aptitude) so that all horses might have adequate opportunities to compete for black type status.

### 3.2 CRITERIA

#### **3.2.1 Quality.**

The paramount criterion applied by the GSC is established quality of the field over time.

#### **3.2.2 Race conditions.**

In the overall pattern, weight-for-age is given higher priority than set weights, which is given higher priority than set weights and penalties, which is, in turn, given higher priority than handicap conditions.

All black type races for 2YOs and 3YOs are to be run at set weights or set weights and penalties.

In line with international trends, it is unlikely that further handicap races will be elevated to Gr.1 status.

Races for which entry is restricted to horses sold at a particular sale or sales are not eligible for group status. Furthermore, to be granted (R) Listed status, such a race must achieve a standard of quality equivalent to a group race.

#### **3.2.3 Prize money.**

Black type races must be run for a stake that meets or exceeds minimum levels that are subject to annual review by NZTR.

#### **3.2.4 The pattern.**

The GSC considers each race's timing and place within the pattern of racing.

### **3.2.5 Continuity.**

Continuity on the list and with a particular grading is considered desirable, so long as that continuity is credible and does not compromise the integrity of the system.

### **3.2.6 Miscellaneous.**

Other criteria may be considered if deemed to be relevant, e.g. historical importance, regional factors, impact of adverse weather, opportunities for various aptitude categories, etc.

## **3.3 ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGIES**

### **3.3.1 Australia and New Zealand Race Classifications (ANZ Ratings).**

The GSC has adopted the end of season ANZ Ratings as its primary statistical assessment tool. This rating averages the first four finishers in a race, as rated for their full season's performances. A race's ANZ Rating is evaluated by the GSC in conjunction with that race's historical ratings for up to the five most recent renewals. If required, consideration is also given to the ratings of the highest rated four runners and the first eight placegetters.

### **3.3.2 New Zealand handicap ratings.**

The GSC also has at its disposal the NZ race day handicap ratings for the starters in all races reviewed. The GSC will consult these if the ANZ Ratings do not provide clarity in a particular comparison between races.

### **3.3.3 Full field results.**

The GSC also has the official result files of all races reviewed, along with the number and quality of black type performers (covering the current and previous season) in each race.

## **3.4 UPGRADING / DOWNGRADING**

### **3.4.1 Conditions for gaining black type.**

(A) For a race to gain entry to the black type system a position must be available within the allowable number of black type races for New Zealand, (approximately 5% of races run). The race must have achieved in its recent renewals a level of quality higher than that of the lower rating races already on the list catering for a similar category of horse.

(B) It must also have been run under the same terms and conditions, distance and timing for two consecutive previous renewals. (This may be deviated from in the most exceptional circumstances).

It is not necessary for a host club to make a submission for entry to the black type system. The GSC maintains a "watch list" of all unrestricted races run for a stake of (currently) \$40,000 or more and reviews that list every year.

### **3.4.2 Conditions for maintaining status.**

Other than continuing to meet the field quality criterion, some other conditions must also be maintained. A race may be subject to re-assessment by the GSC if there are changes proposed in terms of one or more of –



- (a) the distance (100m or more for races below 1600m and 200m or more for races of 1600m or above)
- (b) the date (more than 2 months)
- (c) the stake
- (d) the venue
- (e) the host club
- (f) the race conditions

Each change or combination thereof is considered on a case-by-case basis and must be notified by the host club to the GSC at the earliest opportunity.

If a scheduled black type race is not programmed by its host club, or, if having programmed it, the host club declines to run the race prior to the calling of nominations, then NZTR may at its discretion re-allocate the race to another club willing to run the race under the same terms and conditions within the current pattern. If a black type race has had nominations called for, then the club must run the race, regardless of the number of acceptors.

### **3.4.3 Conditions for downgrading a race (Warning Process)**

(A) When a race is being considered for downgrading, a written warning will be given to the host club and the race will not be downgraded until it has been run with a second warning.

(B) Where a club has already had a first warning in respect of a race, the warning may be maintained, lifted or progressed to a second warning.

(C) Because a club is entitled to have two further renewals of a race at the status quo after the issue of a first warning, the GSC intends to issue first warnings at the earliest sign of decline in the quality of a race.

(D) Where a second warning has been issued, this may be maintained, removed completely, reverted to a first warning or the race may be downgraded.

(E) Black type races scheduled for the early part of the season and carrying a second warning that have already been advertised in Thoroughbred Racing Monthly (TRM) prior to the June meeting of the GSC, will carry disclaimers in TRM noting that the club and NZTR each reserves the right to alter the conditions of the race including the stake and/or the black type status of the advertised race if it is downgraded by the GSC.

(F) Black type races run for a stake below the minimum prescribed level will be automatically downgraded for that running irrespective of any warning level attached to the race.

(G) The required warning period is also not applicable where a race has undergone significant change (as detailed in 3.4.2 above). Such a change may be approved by the GSC at its discretion with or without the imposition of a (greater) warning level.

For a race to be de-listed the GSC must give consideration to the “pyramid” structure which limits black type to approximately 5% of races run.

**3.4.4 Conditions for upgrading a race.**

(A) For a race to be considered for upgrading within the black type system the GSC must be satisfied that a vacancy exists in the relevant category above.

(B) It must have achieved in its recent renewals a level of quality higher than that of the lower rating races in the category above catering for a similar category of horse.

(C) It must also have been run under the same terms and conditions, distance and timing for two consecutive previous renewals. (This may be deviated from in the most exceptional circumstances).

The GSC invites clubs to make submissions for their races to be upgraded, but a submission is not a prerequisite for upgrading and the GSC will upgrade races without submissions where appropriate.

## SECTION 4

# COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1** The Committee remains very concerned that the current New Zealand “pyramid” (ref. Operating Procedure 3.1.2) still does not match international expectations. The first step in addressing that situation is to downgrade about three Group 1 races. This step is bound to meet resistance from the Clubs affected, but it is a necessity if the Committee is to meet its obligation to ensure the international credibility of New Zealand black type in sales catalogues worldwide. Given the Operating Procedures that the Committee utilises, as prescribed by the Rules of Racing, it is unable to address this issue other than by utilising the warning system. It is noted that utilising the warning system would mean that a race would be afforded a further two renewals prior to any downgrading, hence prolonging the necessary remedial adjustments required to be made to the pyramid.
- 4.2** From time to time it becomes apparent that some stakeholders still do not understand the way in which this Committee is constituted. It is not a sub-committee of either NZTR or NZTBA. The Graded Stakes Committee is jointly appointed by, but independent of, those two bodies. The Committee submits the listing of New Zealand’s black type races to APC without requiring the approval of the two convening bodies and its decisions are final, subject to the review process outlined under 1.5 in the Introduction.
- 4.3** It is the responsibility of the club to notify the GSC where a significant change in conditions is contemplated. Changes in one or more of the distance, timing and conditions can in fact result in an entirely different race being conducted. Although the Committee is sympathetic to programming and other issues, the integrity of the system is paramount.
- 4.4** For the 2011-12 season, the Committee supports the Minimum Stakes Levels adopted by NZTR and set out below:

<i>Status</i>	<i>Minimum Stake</i>
Group 1	\$200,000
Group 2	\$85,000
Group 3	\$70,000
Listed	\$45,000 / \$50,000*

\* The higher Listed Race threshold of \$50,000 will come into force on 1 March 2012.

- 4.5** Appreciation is expressed to those involved with making submissions, the majority of whom follow the guidelines advised to clubs, which in turn assists the Committee with its deliberations.

- 4.6** When considering the six Listed 2YO races (CJC Champagne Stakes, Great Northern Champagne Stakes, Great Northern Foal Stakes, Triton Stakes, Whangarei Breeders' Stakes and Ryder Stakes) run after 1 April each season, the Committee considers subsequent 3YO form up to 31 October and then provide a supplementary report detailing the status of these six races for the current season, by 30 November each season. The Prestige Jumping Races are also considered at the November meeting.
- 4.7** The fillies & mares (3YO & older) as a group are not particularly well catered for, especially from mid-December until early March. It is noted by the Committee that other comparable racing jurisdictions seem to provide many more opportunities for the fillies and mares category and this Committee would like to see every major carnival in NZ programme at least one race for this category.
- 4.8** Last year the Committee considered a submission from Whangarei RC to alter the conditions of the Westbury Stud Northland Breeders' S. so that it would be run in future as a spring 3YO race rather than a winter 2YO race. The race has been struggling to attract a quality field in recent years and the Committee resolved to support the Club in this initiative. The race was not programmed in the 2010-11 season, but will re-appear as a Listed 3YO race in September 2011 when it will be run under a second warning.
- 4.9** The Committee supported a submission from NZTR last year to transfer to Auckland RC the three Avondale JC black type races lost when the latter club relinquished its dates for last season. It was considered vital that the three Group 2 races be run in 2010-11 for the benefit of all industry stakeholders. The Committee resolved to support the submission for the 2010-11 season only at that time, pending the outcome of Avondale JC's attempts to resume racing. Those races were run with some approved changes to timing and conditions. They will again be run by Auckland RC in the 2011-12 season.
- 4.10** The Committee now has six years' accumulated data relating to the ANZ ratings of NZ's black type races. This year, for the first time, the race ratings provided to the Committee included the four point sex allowance for fillies and mares competing in races unrestricted by sex conditions. In line with international expectations, the Committee will continue to use these ratings as our primary statistical assessment tool.

The Committee indicated last year that it intended to develop appropriate benchmark ratings for each age-group and gender at each Group (or Listed) level and that these would be the guideline to the lowest rating that races were expected to achieve over any given 5-year period.

Within the last four months or so the Committee has been made aware of a move from the APC (formerly GRPC) to have all its member countries (including New Zealand) adhere strictly to the guideline benchmarks used by European countries. These benchmarks use the World Thoroughbred Rankings (into which the ANZ Classifications are being incorporated).

This Committee is alarmed by the rash speed with which these changes are being pursued by APC.

The Committee is of the opinion that currently, NZ-trained horses may not gain the recognition they deserve from the World Rankings Supervisory Committee unless they race up to their best form outside of New Zealand.

The Committee is also concerned that the graded status of our black-type races will be governed by a relatively inflexible system developed in Europe and appropriate for European racing conditions, which can be quite different from ours; where small fields are common for group races and where handicaps have no place at the higher levels. There is anecdotal evidence that some senior European handicappers dismiss the quality of some of our best horses solely because they have performed in handicaps as well as weight-for-age contests.

If this new standard of grading our black-type races is imposed upon us immediately without our concerns being addressed, the result could be that within 3 – 4 years, New Zealand could lose a considerable number of its group races at each level.

The Committee has additional concerns concerning ease of access to the data being used for these all-important decisions. The Committee will be seeking greater access to the individual horse ratings from the ANZ Classifications Committee. At present it is simply provided with the race ratings immediately prior to its meetings.

- 4.11** The Committee resolved to change its name from New Zealand Graded Stakes Committee to New Zealand Pattern Committee (NZPC) effective from 1 January 2012 and subject to the change being endorsed by a change to the Rules of Racing. This action was taken to fall into line with international convention.

## SECTION 5

# SUMMARY

**5.1.1** As a result of the review, the number of black type races for 2011-12 compared with previous seasons is as follows:

Status	11-12	10-11	09-10	08-09	07-08	06-07
Group 1	22	22	22	22	24	24
Group 2	23	23	23	23	23	23
Group 3	33	33	33	33	29	31
Listed	68	66	68	68	70	69
Total	146	144	146	146	146	147
PJR	N/A*	12	12	12	12	11

*\* The number of Prestige Jumping Races will be confirmed at the Graded Stakes Committee meeting in November.*

**5.2** The 2011-12 list includes the following changes to the previous season:

### **Promotions/Relegations**

- Relegation** Gold Club Metropolitan Trophy [Metropolitan Trophy], from Gr.3 to Listed.
- The ANZ Classifications' race rating for this race has been at or near the bottom of all open-age Gr.3 races for each of the last 4 years and its average rating over that period is clearly the lowest in this category. This last season's running (November 2010) attracted only 2 horses who won other black-type races during the last 2 seasons, viz. Showcause and Zabene. Its race rating actually ranks well below many Listed races in this category.
- Promotion** James & Annie Sarten Memorial S. [James & Annie Sarten Memorial Stakes] from Listed to Gr.3.
- The Committee felt that its high ANZ Classifications' race rating of last season, along with its average rating for the past few seasons, set it apart from the other Listed 3YO races and put it on a par with the Group 3 races in this category.
- New Race** Karaka 3YO Mile [Karaka 3YO Mile] as (Restricted) Listed.
- It was felt that the race had met the stated criteria expected of such a race and that there was space available for one more race in New Zealand's black-type system without compromising our stated target of approximately 5% of all flat races run. The Club should note that the Committee expects a race with such restricted entry conditions must maintain the quality criteria expected of a Gr.3 event and that

it is not eligible for elevation to Group status regardless of quality.

**5.3** The number of Black Type races for each season is expected to equate to approximately 5% of flat races run, as prescribed in Operating Procedure 3.1.1. There were 2,934 flat races run in the 2010-11 season and 144 black-type races scheduled which represents 4.91%.

#### **5.4 Summary of warnings**

Status	2nd Warnings Maintained	2nd Warnings Issued	Reverted to 1st Warnings	1st Warnings Maintained	1st Warnings Issued	1st Warnings Removed
Group 1	1	1	0	0	4	1
Group 2	2	2	0	2	4	0
Group 3	1	1	0	7	3	0
Listed	11	0	3	15	7	0
Total	15	4	3	24	18	1

#### **5.5 2<sup>nd</sup> Warnings Maintained**

G1	Darci Brahma International S.	<i>International S.</i>	Waikato RC
G2	Waikato Times Gold Cup	<i>Waikato Cup</i>	Waikato RC
G2	NZ Bloodstock Concorde H.	<i>Concorde H.</i>	Avondale JC
G3	Shinko King at Paxton Park Cuddle S.	<i>Cuddle S.</i>	Wellington RC
LR	Dixon & Dunlop New Zealand St Leger	<i>New Zealand St Leger</i>	Wellington RC
LR	Liquorland Gore Guineas	<i>Gore Guineas</i>	Gore RC
LR	Western Pacific Insurance Ltd Dunedin Guineas	<i>Dunedin Guineas</i>	Otago RC
LR	ILT Ascot Park Hotel Southland Guineas	<i>Southland Guineas</i>	Southland RC
LR	NZ Bloodstock Insurance S.	<i>ORC Breeders S.</i>	Otago RC
LR	Stockguard Feilding Gold Cup	<i>Feilding Cup</i>	Feilding JC
LR	Dunedin Casino Gold Cup	<i>Dunedin Cup</i>	Otago RC
LR	Rangitikei Gold Cup	<i>Marton H. 1600</i>	Rangitikei RC
LR	Westbury Stud Northland Breeders S.	<i>Whangarei Breeders S.</i>	Whangarei RC
LR	Christchurch Casino Spring Classic	<i>CJC Spring Classic</i>	Canterbury Racing
LR	Amcor Kiwi-LRK Trays Kiwifruit Cup	<i>Owens Trophy</i>	Racing Tauranga

## 5.6 2<sup>nd</sup> Warnings Issued

G1	Levin Classic	<i>Levin Turf Classic</i>	Levin RC
G2	Westbury Stud Wakefield Challenge S.	<i>Wakefield Challenge S.</i>	Wellington RC
G2	DHL Counties Cup	<i>Counties Cup</i>	Counties RC
G3	Christchurch Casino Easter Cup	<i>CJC George Adams (Tattersall) H.</i>	Canterbury Racing

## 5.7 Reverted to 1<sup>st</sup> Warnings from 2<sup>nd</sup> warning

LR	Timpson Family Trust Sprint	<i>Westminster H.</i>	Waikato RC
LR	Valachi Downs South Island Thoroughbred Breeders S.	<i>South Island Thoroughbred Breeders S.</i>	Canterbury Racing
LR	Novotel Auckland Ellerslie Great Northern Foal S.	<i>Great Northern Foal S.</i>	Auckland RC

## 5.8 1<sup>st</sup> Warnings Maintained

G2	Supadeal Furniture Avondale Guineas	<i>Avondale Guineas</i>	Auckland RC
G2	J Swap Contractors Matamata Breeders S.	<i>Matamata Breeders S.</i>	Racing Matamata
G3	Ezibuy Eulogy S.	<i>Eulogy S.</i>	Manawatu RC
G3	Waikato Stud 2YO Classic	<i>Taranaki 2YO Classic</i>	Taranaki TRI
G3	Coca-Cola Canterbury Gold Cup	<i>Canterbury Gold Cup</i>	Canterbury Racing
G3	Hooker Pacific Taranaki Cup	<i>Taranaki S.</i>	Taranaki TRI
G3	Rich Hill Stud Thompson H.	<i>Thompson H.</i>	Wellington RC
G3	White Robe Lodge S.	<i>White Robe Lodge H.</i>	Otago RC
G3	Stella Artois Tauranga S.	<i>Thames Valley S.</i>	Racing Tauranga
LR	Berkley Stud Welcome S.	<i>CJC Welcome S.</i>	Canterbury Racing
LR	Brancott Estate Ryder S.	<i>Ryder S.</i>	Levin RC
LR	HS Dyke Wanganui Guineas	<i>Wanganui Guineas</i>	Wanganui JC
LR	Ray Coupland S.	<i>John Grigg S.</i>	Ashburton RC
LR	Counties Bowl	<i>Counties Bowl</i>	Counties RC
LR	Wanganui Cup	<i>Wanganui Cup</i>	Wanganui JC
LR	NZ Bloodstock Airfreight S.	<i>Inglewood S.</i>	Canterbury Racing
LR	Life Members Wellesley S.	<i>Wellesley S.</i>	Wellington RC
LR	NZ Bloodstock Warstep S.	<i>Warstep S.</i>	Canterbury Racing



LR	Ballantynes Timaru S.	<i>Timaru S.</i>	Canterbury Racing
LR	Fire & Mechanical Contracting Ltd Eclipse S.	<i>James Hazlett S.</i>	Otago RC
LR	Hibiscus Painters Taumarunui Gold Cup	<i>Taumarunui Cup</i>	Taumarunui RC
LR	Ingham-Sears Mercedes-Benz Tauranga Classic	<i>Tauranga Classic</i>	Racing Tauranga
LR	Geon Bonecrusher S.	<i>Great Northern Guineas Trial</i>	Auckland RC
LR	Soliloquy Lodge S.	<i>Soliloquy S.</i>	Auckland RC

### 5.9 1<sup>st</sup> Warnings Issued

G1	Blandford Lodge Railway S.	<i>Railway H.</i>	Auckland RC
G1	Nicolas Feuillatte New Zealand S.	<i>Second Century S.</i>	Auckland RC
G1	Stella Artois Auckland Cup	<i>Auckland Cup</i>	Auckland RC
G1	Land Pride Easter H.	<i>Easter H.</i>	Auckland RC
G2	Rich Hill Mile	<i>ARC George Adams (Tattersall) H.</i>	Auckland RC
G2	Windsor Park Stud Japan Trophy	<i>Japan/NZ International Trophy</i>	Racing Tauranga
G2	NZ Bloodstock Wellington Guineas	<i>Wellington Guineas</i>	Wellington RC
G2	Classic Hits Championship S.	<i>Championship S.</i>	Auckland RC
G3	Hotel Coachman Manawatu Cup	<i>Manawatu Cup</i>	Manawatu RC
G3	Merial/Ancare Metric Mile	<i>Marton Metric Mile</i>	Marton JC
G3	Tumu ITM Hawke's Bay Gold Cup	<i>Hawke's Bay Cup</i>	Hawke's Bay RI
LR	Westbury Stud Karaka Classic	<i>Jim &amp; John Evans Metric Mile</i>	Counties RC
LR	Couplands Bakeries Timaru Cup	<i>Timaru Cup</i>	South Canterbury JC
LR	Carrier's Arms Hotel Riverton Cup	<i>Riverton Cup</i>	Riverton RC
LR	Sothys Great Easter S.	<i>Great Easter H.</i>	Canterbury Racing
LR	Castletown S.	<i>Triton S.</i>	Foxton RC
LR	AG Challenge S.	<i>Jackson S.</i>	Wanganui JC
LR	NZ Bloodstock Canterbury Belle S.	<i>Canterbury Belle S.</i>	Canterbury Racing

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G1	Dean Hawthorne Bloodstock Captain Cook S.	<i>Captain Cook S.</i>	Wellington RC
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## SECTION 6

# AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND CLASSIFICATIONS RACE RATINGS

(tied ratings not noted)

### 6.1 Two-Year-Olds (In descending order)

1. Manawatu Sires' Produce S., G1
2. Diamond S., G1
3. Eclipse S., G3
4. Karaka Millions, (R) L
5. Taranaki Classic, G3
6. Matamata Breeders' S., G2
7. Matamata Slipper, L
8. Wellesley S., L
9. Wakefield Challenge S., G2
10. Great Northern Champagne S., L
11. Star Way S., L
12. Murdoch Newell S., L
13. Welcome S., L
14. Ryder S., L
15. Castletown S., L
16. Great Northern S., L
17. Champagne S., L

### 6.2 Three-Year-Olds (In descending order)

1. NZ Two Thousand Guineas, G1
2. Waikato Guineas, G3
3. Levin Turf Classic, G1
4. Wellington S., G3
5. New Zealand Derby, G1
6. Hawke's Bay Guineas, G2
7. James & Annie Sarten Memorial S., L
8. NZ One Thousand Guineas, G1
9. Great Northern Guineas, G2
10. Royal S., G2
11. New Zealand Oaks, G1
12. Avondale Guineas, G2
13. Wanganui Guineas, L
14. Sir Tristram Classic, G2
15. Mr Tiz Trophy, L
16. Eight Carat Classic, G2
17. Lowland S., G3
18. Cambridge Breeders' S., G3
19. Eulogy S., G3
20. John Grigg S., L
21. Great Northern Guineas Prelude, L
22. Manawatu Classic, G3
23. Bonecrusher S., L
24. Desert Gold S., G3
25. Sunline Vase, L
26. Gold Trail S., G3
27. Soliloquy S., L
28. Canterbury S., L
29. Warstep S., L
30. Wellington Guineas, G2
31. Championship S., G2
32. Dunedin Guineas, L
33. Southland Guineas, L
34. Trudy Thomson Memorial S., L
35. Gore Guineas, L
36. Inglewood S., L
37. Otago Breeders' S., L
38. Canterbury Belle S., L
39. Northland Breeders' S., L (not run)

### 6.3 Three Years & Older (In descending order)

1. Ormond Memorial Gold Cup, G1
2. Waikato Sprint, G1
3. Horlicks P., G1
4. Otaki-Maori WFA S., G1
5. Galaxy S., G1
6. Hawke's Bay Challenge S., G1
7. International S., G1
8. Telegraph H., G1
9. Captain Cook S., G1
10. Thorndon Mile, G1
11. Churchill S., G2
12. Awapuni Gold Cup, G2
13. Railway H., G1
14. Taranaki Cup, G3
15. Second Century S., G1
16. Arawa P., L
17. Easter H., G1

18. Thompson H., G3
19. Levin S., L
20. Stewards' H., G3
21. Manawatu Breeders' S., L
22. Lady Norrie S., G2
23. Manawatu Challenge S., G3
24. Westminster H., L
25. Travis S., G2
26. Trentham S., G3
27. Foxbridge P., G3
28. King's P., G3
29. Waikato Gold Cup, G2
30. Thames Valley S., G3
31. City of Auckland Cup, G2
32. Kelt Memorial H., G3
33. NZ Thoroughbred Breeders' S., G1
34. Flying H., L
35. Auckland Cup, G1
36. Evergreen Classic, G3
37. Newmarket H., L
38. Anniversary H., L
39. Westbury Classic, L
40. Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders' S., G2
41. Concorde H., G2
42. Matamata Cup, L
43. Lightning H., L
44. Great Northern Challenge S., G3
45. Alison S., G3
46. Rotorua Challenge P., L
47. White Robe Lodge H., G3
48. TRAC S., L
49. Wellington Cup, G2
50. Avondale Gold Cup, G2
51. FC Johnstone H., L
52. New Zealand Cup, G3
53. Pegasus S., L
54. Anzac H., L
55. Counties Bowl, L
56. Marton Cup, L
57. Rangitikei Gold Cup, L
58. Wanganui Cup, L
59. Counties Cup, G2
60. Cuddle S., G3
61. Canterbury Gold Cup, G3
62. Manawatu Cup, G3
63. Rotorua Cup, G3
64. ARC George Adams (Tattersall) H., G2
65. Japan-New Zealand Trophy, G2
66. Rotorua S., L
67. Wairarapa Breeders' S., L
68. Metropolitan Trophy, G3
69. Wanganui Challenge S., L
70. CJC George Adams (Tattersall) H., G3
71. Jim & John Evans H., L
72. Tauranga Classic, L
73. Feilding Gold Cup, L
74. Hawke's Bay Gold Cup, G3
75. Timaru Cup, L
76. James Hazlett H., L
77. Opunake Cup, L
78. Winter Cup, G3
79. Timaru S., L
80. Spring Classic H., L
81. Canterbury Breeders' S., L
82. South Island Breeders' S., L
83. Dunedin Gold Cup, L
84. Great Easter H., L
85. New Zealand St Leger, L
86. Marton Metric Mile, G3
87. Owens Trophy, L
88. Riverton Cup, L
89. Taumarunui Cup, L