



**Tuesday 29 May 2012**

## **Notice of Proposed Amendments – Rules of Racing**

The Integrity Committee of New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) has approved for further industry consultation the following proposed amendments to the Rules of Racing.

These proposed amendments seek to amend Rules of Racing regarding:

1. Pregnant mares (Rule 652)
2. Remounting during a race, entering a race track during the running of a race and pulling up (Rules 603, 636 & 640)
3. Renaming the 'Graded Stakes Committee' the 'New Zealand Pattern Committee' (Rules 104 & 506)
4. Decisions of the Judicial Committee (Rule 920 (3) (c))
5. Drug & alcohol testing of all those involved in safety sensitive activities in the preparation and presentation of horses (Rules 104, 208, 322, 344 (new), 656-7, 803, 812 (new) & 902)

For further details, [click here](#) to view the full article (requires Adobe Acrobat reader).

**Submissions on these proposed changes must be forwarded to Simon Cooper on or before Monday 11 June 2012.**

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## **NZTR Videos Online**

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing, in conjunction with the social media company Socialize, has released a number of short videos on the NZ Racing website – [www.nzracing.co.nz](http://www.nzracing.co.nz).

The videos can now be seen directly at the NZ Racing Homepage.

Originally produced for the NZ Racing Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/nzthoroughbredracing/](http://www.facebook.com/nzthoroughbredracing/)), these videos offer a rare behind the scenes insight into the lives of some of New Zealand racing's leading personalities including:

- James McDonald
- Lisa Allpress
- John Bary
- Trelawney Stud
- Tribute to Climbing High

## **Reminder: Massey Equine Research - Survey**

**Getting the right information to you!**

You have until Thursday 31 May to take part in this survey!

If you have not yet had chance to complete the survey, you have a few days left to tell Charlotte your views.

Charlotte Bolwell, Massey Equine Research, is currently looking to find out the best ways to tell people in the racing and breeding industry about the projects that they are doing at Massey University.

The project aims to find out what information people would like to know that could assist them with their businesses or their role in the industry. This would allow the results of research projects to be spread throughout the industry.

To find out the best way to do this, a short survey has been designed to ask your views about two areas:

- The topics of horse research information you would like to know about
- The best ways of getting that information to you

If you would like to take part in the survey, and you have not yet received an email from Charlotte, please contact her on [c.bolwell@massey.ac.nz](mailto:c.bolwell@massey.ac.nz) or 06 356 9099 ext 7792 to request a link to the online survey.

### **Westbury Stud Triple Crown Points Series – Ruakaka**

The Whangarei RC, in association with Westbury Stud, is pleased to announce a stake increase for the 3rd leg of the 2012 Westbury Stud Triple Crown Point's Series for 2YO's to \$20,000.

The points series is run at Ruakaka on three 2 year old races from May to July.

The winner of the first leg run at Ruakaka on 16 May was Sacred Falls trained by Tony Pike and Mark Donoghue at Cambridge.

The second leg is scheduled for Wednesday 20 June (Cecconi 2YO Challenge 1200m - \$8k); followed by the third leg on 14 July (Postponed 2YO Challenge 1200m - \$20k).

There is also a total of \$12,500 in Bonuses operating on the three races with points allocated according to the finishing position of horses in each race, as follows:

<b>May/June</b>		<b>July</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	10	12.5
2 <sup>nd</sup>	7	9.5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	5	7.5
4 <sup>th</sup>	3	5.5
5 <sup>th</sup>	2	4.5
All other starters 1 point		

Bonus of \$5,000 to be paid to the Trainer of the horse with the most points accumulated over the series.

Bonus of \$5,000 to be paid to the Owners of the horse with the most points accumulated over the series.

Bonus of \$2,500 to be paid to the Owners of the horse that finishes second on points over the series.

In this, the sixth year of running the Triple Crown series, the Whangarei Racing Club is extremely pleased to continue its relationship with naming rights sponsor Westbury Stud which stands eight stallions including Makfi, Redwood, Red Giant, Swiss Ace, Captain Rio, Postponed, Cecconi and Faltaat.

Russell Warwick, General Manager of Westbury Stud states, "It is great to continue the relationship that we have with the Whangarei Racing Club. We have developed a number friends and clients in the Northland region through our involvement with the Club."

## **Flair Amateur Rider's Series 2012 – Progress Points**

After three of the twelve races in the Flair Amateur Rider Series Scott MacNab has established a sizable lead, having ridden all three winners to date. The current points are:

Scott MacNab	30
Tauí Johnson	10
Scott Wenn	10
Aaron Kuru	7
Danny Frye	5
John Boyack	5
Karen Bruce	5
Rebecca Black	3
Linda Wheeler	2
Kurt Hillis	2
Corrie Auchterlonie	2
Nicola Brown	1
Michael Roustoby	1
Jacob McKay	1

## **Licence Transfer – Monday 23 July 2012 – Was Avondale JC, Now Racing Rotorua**

The racemeeting on Monday 23 July 2012 that was originally scheduled for Avondale JC is now transferred to Racing Rotorua and accordingly will be run at Arawa Park.

There will be two distance changes to accommodate the venue switch. The Maiden and Maiden 3YO races originally set down to be run over a distance of 1600m will now be run over a distance of 1560m.

All other conditions pertaining to this meeting remain unaltered.

## **Cambridge Trials - 12 June, Now Relocated to Paeroa RC**

Following consultation between Cambridge JC, Paeroa RC, the Northern Region Programming Committee & NZTR, the trials programmed for Cambridge JC on Tuesday 12 June have been relocated to Paeroa RC.

Nominations will still close with the National Racing Bureau at 12 noon, Monday 11 June 2012.

## **Trial Meeting Cancellation – Avondale JC - 19 June**

Following consultation between Avondale JC, the Northern Region Programming Committee & NZTR, the trials programmed for Avondale JC on Tuesday 19 June have been cancelled.

## **2012 Bayer Lecture Series**

### **“Understanding Horse Behaviour”**

Dr Sue McDonnell is the key-note speaker for this year's Bayer Lecture Series.

Dr McDonnell completed a post doctoral study in clinical veterinary reproduction at the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Centre in 1987 and became board certified in Applied Animal Behaviour in 1991. She is the founding head of the Equine Behaviour Program at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine, where her work includes clinical, research, and teaching activities focused on horse behaviour.

Dr McDonnell's first talk will be *“Horse Cognition 101: The science of how horses learn and why it's important to horse owners, handlers, trainers and veterinarians.”*

Horses follow the general laws of learning for all animals and humans that are well described in the scientific literature. This talk will focus on how to most effectively teach your horse to stand patiently when necessary, lift feet when asked, load for transport, happily accept veterinary treatments, come when called, or have otherwise generally good ground manners, using all-positive reinforcement techniques.

The second talk is titled *“Behaviour problems can be physical, psychological or both: why this is important for horse owners, handlers, trainers and veterinarians to appreciate.”*

When it comes to figuring out behavioural changes in horses, it can often be quite challenging to work out whether the underlying cause is physical, psychological or a combination of both, and if a combination of both, which came first. While problems are often assumed to be behavioural, in many cases the underlying cause is physical but difficult to identify.

This talk will feature a number of clinical behaviour cases presented to the New Bolton Centre for evaluation, where a team of behaviour and medical specialists were able to successfully diagnose the underlying cause. Examples will include difficulty with transport, collapsing in the cross-ties while being saddled, head tossing under saddle, panic-like episodes, aggression toward people, and self-mutilation. The method of evaluation and treatment for each case will be described in detail.

The 2012 Lecture Series will follow the same afternoon format as previous years and will be held from 1 pm to 5.30 pm on:

**Friday 29 June**

Auckland  
NZB karaka Sales Complex

**Sunday 1 July**

Matamata  
Matamata Club Inc  
Rawhiti Ave

**Tuesday 3 July**

Palmerston North  
Awapuni Racecourse

**Saturday 7 July**

Christchurch  
Riccarton Racecourse

**Registrations are to be arranged through:**

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Cost is \$50 pp which includes copy of printed proceedings and afternoon tea. Payment prior to the day is preferable, but payment can be made on the day. Numbers attending needs to be known prior to the day for catering purposes.

**Warm up winter!**

The cooler months are fast approaching so we're planning to brighten up the mid-year by throwing a Mid-Winter Christmas party at the races! The Mid-Winter Christmas parties will take place around the country throughout June and July.

Book a table and you'll be catered for in a beautifully themed room where you can sit back and enjoy the hospitality, racing action and warming festive treats – yum!

Enquire about an event before 5 June 2012 and you'll go in the draw to win six bottles of Lindauer Special Reserve\*.

Galloping events involved are at Te Rapa on 9 June, Wingatui on 10 June, Riccarton Park on 23 June, Tauranga on 23 June, Hastings on 30 June and Trentham on 14 July.

For a full list of events or to enquire, email [info@theraces.co.nz](mailto:info@theraces.co.nz) or visit <http://www.theraces.co.nz/mid-winter-christmas/>

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### Turnover Information for the Period ending 27 May 2012

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								11-12	10-11
21/5	Te Aroha (1)	41,304		438,984		107,169		116	
22/5	Gore (2)	26,891	2.8%	391,641	23.7%	80,332	32.1%	81	1.2%
23/5	Waipa (3)	25,688		603,597		136,135		99	
24/5	Hawke's Bay (4)	32,254	15.8%	546,124	3.9%	142,035	45.8%	88	26.1%
25/5	Canterbury (5)	23,336	4.2%	402,268	26.5%	105,388	11.0%	62	29.5%
26/5	Wellington (6)	203,141	1.6%	1,169,346	3.7%	186,822	25.0%	90	5.9%
26/5	Auckland (7)	117,691	4.9%	1,280,404	2.2%	264,531	12.5%	115	11.7%

- (1) Racing Te Aroha; no equivalent meeting last year.
- (2) Gore RC; 7 races this year, compared to 9 races last year, when they raced on a Wednesday in conjunction with a Whangarei RC meeting.
- (3) Waipa RC; this meeting last year was a Whangarei RC meeting, when they raced on a Wednesday in conjunction with a Gore RC meeting.
- (4) Hawke's Bay RI; 8 races this year, compared to 9 races last year.
- (5) Racing Canterbury; 8 races this year, compared to 10 races last year.
- (6) Wellington RC; 9 races this year, compared to 10 races last year.
- (7) Auckland RC; 9 races this year, compared to 10 races last year.
- (8) Turbo Quaddie; turnover for this initiative last week was \$79,364.

The NZ Racing Board turnover statistics for last week were not available at time of publication.

Note: NZRB supplied On-course Turnover total represents On-course turnover placed on NZ thoroughbred meetings from all on-course venues. 'Total' NZ Thoroughbred turnover figure includes Off-course (including Pick 6), On-course (NZRB figure as commented above) and all Fixed Odds Turnover. All Turnover figures are supplied by the NZRB.

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