Report of the

NEW ZEALAND PATTERN COMMITTEE

Group & Listed Race

Schedule for

2018/19 Season

following Review of

2017/18 Season

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The Pattern review for races run in the 2017-18 season has been completed by the NZ Pattern Committee. The schedule of Group and Listed Races to be run in the 2018-19 season has been finalised subject to prizemoney confirmation.
2. Three changes have been made to the schedule of Pattern races for the 2018-19 season.

The Hawkes Bay RI, Lowland Stakes has been upgraded from G3 to G2 following a series of strong editions that rate above the G2 benchmark.

The Auckland RC, Soliloquy Stakes has been promoted from Listed to G3, with three very strong editions following a change of dates.

The Auckland RC, Shaw’s Wire Ropes 3yo 1400m on 26 December has been upgraded from unlisted to Listed as it has attracted very strong fields and become an important lead-up race for 3 year old summer targets.

There are no downgrades.

1. Under the revised schedule, the total number of Pattern flat races rises by 1 to 150. Given a decline in races run in recent seasons, this is a relatively high 5.8%. Every country has unique aspects to its racing structure. The NZPC acknowledges that NZ has very few non-tote races and a large number of trials relative to some peers. That said, we see no scope for the percentage to rise further given that it is at the upper end of global norms.

The rating of each race clearly justifies its status, but this sets a very high bar to any potential promotions, with the NZPC needing to be satisfied that any upgraded race will both comfortably hold its new status and fit well in the overall context of the Pattern.

The NZPC also highlights that no Listed races are currently on a 2nd warning, meaning there are unlikely to be any gaps for promotion in the year ahead. This is not ideal and the NZPC will next year review the bottom grouping of Listed races relative to the top grouping of unlisted races to ensure that the integrity of the Pattern is preserved. Any changes resulting from this in the years thereafter would only occur following significant consultation.

1. The NZPC views the ideal shape of the Pattern as being a pyramid. While still being some distance from this ideal, the shape continues to gradually improve with there being 21 G1, 26 G2, 44 G3 and 60 Listed races in 2017/18.
2. This was the sixth year that the NZPC has operated under the APC (Asian Pattern Committee) Ground Rules, which were approved by NZTR in consultation with the NZPC and the industry. Any race failing to attain the minimum race rating required in the latest running is likely to be issued with a first warning, and in most cases a second warning will be issued if the minimum rating has not been achieved in the past two editions.

Changes to the Ground Rules in 2017 now mean that if G1 and G2 races fail to meet their tolerance threshold in three consecutive editions, the merits of the race are considered and voted upon by the APC. Any downgrade must be approved by a simple majority of countries (previous a majority of two). G3 and Listed races are automatically downgraded unless a material change in conditions is proposed. Voluntary downgrades by a country may still occur. Any upgrade to G1 must be voted on by APC member countries. Previously an upgrade required a majority of two countries but in September 2018 this was changed to a simple majority. Special factors may be considered and the NZPC has chosen to recognise these at times. These include the ratings of the top 4 starters as opposed to finishers; the number of G1 winners in the preceding 18 months; unusual track conditions; and the effect on the shape of the Pattern.

1. The race rating is determined by the peak World Best Racehorse Ranking (WBRR) in the season for the average of the first four finishers in the race. Note that the WBRR has no relationship with the points-based domestic NZ handicap rating and the two measures should not be confused.
2. In recent seasons, G1 races have been allowed a 5 point tolerance relative to their threshold level, while G2 and lower have had a 3 point tolerance. Potential changes to these tolerance thresholds have been signalled for some time but recently finalised outcomes by the APC differ to earlier proposals and the NZPC’s expectations in two key respects: i) The threshold for G2 and lower races has remained at 3 points rather than moving to 2 points; ii) The threshold for G1 races has moved to 3 points as expected but has been applied retrospectively to the 2016/17 season as well as the 2017/18 season just completed. This conflicts with the NZPC’s warning system and has led to the uncomfortable outcome of moving the G1 Telegraph Handicap straight to second warning. The lower tolerances may create some future pressure on the lower end of NZ G1 races.
3. The NZPC retains a degree of concern with the WBRR ratings assigned to some NZ 2yo and 3yo races. As a starting point, these ratings tend to be at the bottom end of global norms unless the horses perform well overseas in the same season. Further, many NZ horses are exported following their 3yo season and at times achieve markedly higher ratings as older horses. This issue is beginning to be recognised but requires further attention. The NZPC is a strong supporter of the APC Ground Rules but it is a difficult task to apply them across different jurisdictions. Critical review and evaluation can only lead to improvement and increased confidence in their accuracy across the region.
4. The WBRR Race Ratings used to evaluate race quality are appended as Section 6 of this Report.
5. There are currently 14 races with 1st warnings (14 last year) and 4 races with a 2nd warning (1 last year).

**SECTION 1**

**INTRODUCTION**

* 1. **CONSTITUTION & CONVENTION**

The New Zealand Pattern Committee (NZPC) 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 NZPC is provided by NZTR.

**1.2 COMPOSITION & SCHEDULE**

**1.2.1** The NZPC 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 Pattern 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 NZPC meets twice per year, usually in the third week of August when primary statistical data becomes available and (by teleconference) in early November to review the prestige jumping races. Each year the NZPC conducts a robust review of its procedures and criteria and holds a frank discussion of all matters considered relevant.

**1.2.3** A NZPC 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 NZPC for the past season comprised :

Chairman: Mr Matthew Goodson, Auckland

NZTR Nominees: Mr Bruce Sherwin, Cambridge

Mr Neville McAlister, Wellington

Mr Jeff McCall, Christchurch

NZTBA Nominees: Ms Michelle Saba, Karaka

Mr Andrew Stewart, Cambridge

Mr Mark Freeman, Wellington

Auction House: Mr Danny Rolston, Cambridge

**1.3 OBJECTIVES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

The function of the NZPC 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) G1, G2, G3 and Listed. Further, it is to produce a list of Prestige Jumping Races in NZ.

It is the responsibility of the NZPC 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 September each year.

The NZPC must remain aware that the integrity and international credibility of our black type system is crucial to the national thoroughbred industry. The NZPC 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 Pattern races and their groupings are required to conform to the APC Ground Rules drawn up by the Asian Pattern Committee. The list is then submitted through 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”). Retention of New Zealand’s inclusion in Part One of the Blue Book is considered 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) of the NZ Rules of Racing. An application for a review does not apply in respect of a warning.

**SECTION 2**

**HISTORY**

**2.1 BLACK TYPE**

Pattern (or stakes or black type) races are those that differentiate prestige races from others. The purpose of Pattern races is to confer additional status (and therefore implied value) to the placegetters in those races. The first three finishers in designated Pattern 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 designations Group 1, Group 2, Group 3 and Listed. Group designations 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 the International Grading and Race Pattern Committee (IRPAC). In 2012, the Asian Pattern Committee (APC) was granted an overseeing governance role over all the domestic graded stakes jurisdictions in the Asian Racing Federation (ARF) region, including New Zealand.

**2.4 NEW ZEALAND DEVELOPMENTS**

Originally, New Zealand’s black type races were determined 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 the New Zealand Racing Conference (NZRC), the predecessor of NZTR. The Committee was overseen by the NZRC. In 1995, a complete review of the process was undertaken, resulting in the current structure of the NZPC being implemented. In 2012, the Committee was renamed from New Zealand Graded Stakes Committee to New Zealand Pattern Committee.

**2.5 REGISTERED RACE-NAMES**

In 2001, Registered Race-names were introduced to enable a race to be identified over a period of years, regardless of the changes that may be made to its race-day name. The Registered Race-names provide the historical link to the current race-name and sponsor. The APC also prescribes that all Group races must have a permanent element within the race-name.

### SECTION 3

**OPERATING PROCEDURES**

**3.1 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS**

The NZPC compares New Zealand’s list of Pattern 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 Pattern races**

As a target, the NZPC aims for the number of Pattern races in New Zealand to be 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 Pattern races, the NZPC 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 more Group 2 races than Group 1 races, and the total number of Group 3 races ideally exceeds the combined total of Group 1 and Group 2 races.

**3.1.3 Category opportunities**

The NZPC 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 NZPC 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 G1 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 Prizemoney**

Black type races must be run for a stake that meets or exceeds minimum levels that are subject to annual review by NZTR. This may not apply for the first year in which a race is promoted or if NZTR determines that the stake of a race which is upgraded should not be changed.

**3.2.4 The Pattern**

The NZPC considers each race’s timing and place within the pattern of racing.

**3.2.5 Continuity**

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

**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 World Best Racehorse Rankings (WBRR)**

The NZPC has adopted the end of season World Best Racehorse Rankings (WBRR) as its primary statistical assessment tool. This rating averages the first four finishers in a race, as rated for their peak performance during the season, after taking into account the additional 4lb allowance if fillies or mares fill any of those placings. The NZPC may also choose to consider the average rating of the four highest rated starters in the race if it considers that circumstances deem that to be appropriate.

A race’s Rating for the season is evaluated by the NZPC in conjunction with that race’s Pattern Race Rating (PRR). This is an average of the three most recent renewals’ Race Ratings.

**3.3.2 New Zealand handicap ratings**

The NZPC also has at its disposal the NZ race day handicap ratings for the starters in all races reviewed. Given their different basis of determination and use, the NZPC did not consult these in the season under review.

**3.3.3 Full field results**

The NZPC 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**

**The following guidelines should be read in conjunction with the APC Ground Rules which are available at:** https://loveracing.nz/OnHorseFiles/ANNEX%20D%20-%20Revised%20APC%20Ground%20Rules%20(September%2010%202018).pdf

**3.4.1 Conditions for gaining black type**

(A) For a race to gain entry to the Pattern, a position must be available within the desirable number of Pattern races for New Zealand. 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 NZPC maintains a “watch list” of all unrestricted races, along with selected age group races 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 NZPC 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 weeks (previously 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 NZPC at the earliest opportunity. The NZPC reminds clubs of the importance of this requirement if they wish to retain their race’s black type status.

To assist clubs with this requirement, the NZPC has requested that NZTR put in place a clear process for clubs to follow, including a timetable that fits with programming requirements.

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. Except in exceptional circumstances, 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 NZPC will generally 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) Under the APC Ground Rules, as revised in 2017, races that are Group 3 and lower are automatically downgraded if they are more than 3lb below their required parameter in each of the last three seasons, unless a material change in conditions is proposed, in which case, the relevant Racing Authority (that is the NZPC) may choose to give it one final year in which it must achieve its Annual Race Rating. Voluntary downgrades by a country may still occur. The NZPC ensures that the warning system is consistent with these requirements.

(f) Changes to the Ground Rules in 2017 now mean that if G1 and G2 races fail to meet their tolerance threshold in three consecutive editions, the merits of the race are considered and voted upon by the APC. Previously, any downgrade had to be approved by a majority of two or more countries, but this was changed at the meeting in September 2018 and now it only requires a majority of one country. Any upgrade to G1 must be approved by a single majority. This also required a majority of two countries prior to September 2018. Special factors may be considered and the NZPC has chosen to recognise these at times. These include the ratings of the top 4 starters as opposed to finishers; the number of G1 winners in the preceding 18 months; unusual track conditions; and the effect on the shape of the Pattern.

(g) The APC has recently promulgated changes to the threshold tolerances that will apply retrospectively from the 2016/17 season onwards. These will see G1 races required to be within 3lb (formerly 5lb) of their threshold, while G2 and lower are unchanged at the same 3lb threshold despite earlier expectations of a move to 2lb.

(h) Stayers’ moratorium. Following global concern at the downgrading of staying races and the subsequent impact on the breed, the APC has followed global peers and proposed a downgrade moratorium on distance races for 3-year-olds at 2400m plus and older horses at 2600m plus. The NZPC expects this to be formalised during the 2018/19 season and has proceeded on this basis.

(i) Pattern 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 August meeting of the NZPC, 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 NZPC.

(j) Pattern 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. This may not apply for the first year in which a race is promoted or if NZTR determines that the stake of a race which is upgraded should not be changed.

(k) 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 NZPC at its discretion with or without the imposition of a (greater) warning level.

**3.4.4 Conditions for upgrading a race**

(a) For a race to be considered for upgrading, the NZPC 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; and

(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);

(d) Under the APC Ground Rules, races shall be eligible for promotion if the race under consideration achieves both a Pattern Race Rating (average of last 3 years) and an Annual Race Rating for the last year equal to or above the required parameter. Note that being eligible for promotion does not require the NZPC to make such a promotion given the other factors above. This is particularly the case where a race serves as an established lead-in to another race with a higher Pattern rating.

(e) For a race to be upgraded to G1, it must be approved by a majority of the APC members, not including the proposing country. (Previously, an upgrading required a majority of two)

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

**3.4.5 Rules governing Group 1 and Group 2 races**

1. Decisions relating to Group 1 and 2 races are ultimately taken by the Asian Pattern Committee (APC).
2. A race may be eligible for promotion to Group 1 or 2 if the race under consideration achieves both a Pattern Race Rating (average of last 3 years) and an Annual Race Rating for the last year equal to or above the required parameter.
3. The upgrading/downgrading of a race to/from Group 1 must be approved by a majority of the APC members, not including the proposing country. (Previously, an upgrading required a majority of two)
4. The downgrading of a race from Group 2 must be approved by a by a majority of the APC members, not including the proposing country. (Previously, an upgrading required a majority of two)
5. If the Annual Race Rating of a Group 1 race is more than 3lb (previously 5lb) below its parameter for each of the previous three years, the APC will consider the merits of the race, and vote on whether the race will be permitted to retain its Grade, or whether it will be downgraded.
6. If the Annual Race Rating of a Group 2 race is more than 3lb below its parameter for each of the previous three years, the APC will consider the merits of the race, and vote on whether the race will be permitted to retain its Grade, or whether it will be downgraded. Previously, the changes to G2 races were automatic rather than subject to a vote.

**3.4.6 Other factors**

In assessing upgrades, admissions, downgrades or deletions of races to or from the schedule of Pattern races, the following factors may also be taken into account by the NZPC:

1. The ratings of the four highest rated horses to start (as well as the first four to finish).
2. The number of starters to have won a Group 1 race in the prior 18 months. Note that this criterion was previously over the two previous seasons. The NZPC has voted to change this from 2017/18 onwards to be consistent with the APC Ground Rules.
3. The iconic or historical significance of some races of national importance including, but not necessarily restricted to, the national three-year-old Classics.
4. The effect on the overall pattern of racing and the shape of the “pyramid” (ref. 3.1.2, above).

**SECTION 4**

**COMMENTS& RECOMMENDATIONS**

**4.1** Historically, the NZPC has felt that the New Zealand “pyramid” has been somewhat top-heavy and has not met international expectations. This year has seen the upgrade of one race from unlisted to Listed, one from Listed to G3 and one from G3 to G2. There were no downgrades. This provides a pyramid of 21 G1 races; 26 G2; 44 G3 and 60 Listed. While still not entirely satisfactory, it is gradually moving towards an acceptable shape.

**4.2** It is the responsibility of a Club to notify the NZPC where a significant change in conditions is contemplated. Changes in one or more of the distance, timing and conditions can result in an entirely different race being conducted. Although the NZPC is sympathetic to programming and other issues, the integrity of the system is paramount.

**4.3** For the 2018-19 season, the Committee supports the Minimum Stakes Levels adopted by NZTR and set out below:

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| ***Status*** | ***Minimum Stake*** |
| Group 1 | $200,000 |
| Group 2 | $100,000 |
| Group 3 | $70,000 |
| Listed | $50,000 |

**4.4** Appreciation is expressed to those involved with making submissions, the majority of whom follow the guidelines advised to clubs. Those submissions assist the Committee with its deliberations, particularly where they contain new information and context about the race performance.

**4.5** The NZPC is fully aware of concerns regarding the Pattern Race Ratings and downgrades of NZ’s staying handicaps which have great historical significance, public appeal and linkages to the type of horse bred by the NZ breeding industry. That said, it is critical for the international credibility of the NZ Pattern that our races conform to international norms as governed by the APC on behalf of IRPAC. In recent years, NZ’s traditional staying handicaps have struggled to meet these norms and have been under considerable downgrade pressure.

The NZPC supports the decision of the APC to follow an approach that is broadly consistent with the introduction of a downgrade moratorium in Europe until 2022 for all races of 2701m+.

The APC’s approach is to introduce a downgrade moratorium for all races of 2600m+, while for 3-year-olds, this applies to all races of 2400m+. Critically, it was agreed that such races should also demonstrate that a clear strategy is in place to improve their ratings (eg prizemoney and programming). We expect this approach to be formalised into the APC Rules during the 2018/19 season.

The APC is unanimous in its view that a globally consistent approach is required and that IRPAC is the appropriate body to oversee this.

**4.5** One new race was introduced into the schedule of black type races for 2018-19 due to extremely high ratings in its recent editions. A number of other unlisted races met the theoretical requirements for promotion but the NZPC wishes to see that they establish a consistently high rating over time and that they meet a gap in the Pattern. While the total number of flat races programmed each year continues to fall, the ratio of black type races has risen to be above the ideal target of 5%. Consequently, any new events introduced to the Pattern will need to be offset by deletion of the weakest Listed races. With no Listed races being on second warning in the 2018/19 season, this will likely be a process that evolves at a very slow pace. This is potentially unsatisfactory and the NZPC will next year review the bottom grouping of Listed races relative to the top grouping of unlisted races to ensure that the integrity of the Pattern is preserved. Any changes resulting from this in the years thereafter would only occur following significant consultation.

* 1. Fillies & mares (3YO & older) as a group are not particularly well catered for, especially through the summer period. In total, they have only 13 black-type opportunities excluding races limited to 3yo fillies only. They have only two black type opportunities beyond a mile, both in the autumn. They also have only two black type opportunities at less than 1600m between late November and mid-May. It is noted by the Committee that other comparable racing jurisdictions seem to provide many more black type opportunities for the fillies and mares category and the NZPC would like to see every major carnival in NZ programme at least one race for this category in the hope that some could grow into black type races.
  2. In line with international expectations, the NZPC will continue to use horse ratings provided by the World Best Racehorse Rankings as our primary statistical assessment tool. This meets requirements by the APC, set out in their Ground Rules, which are available at: https://loveracing.nz/OnHorseFiles/ANNEX%20D%20-%20Revised%20APC%20Ground%20Rules%20(September%2010%202018).pdf
  3. The NZPC retains a degree of concern with the WBRR ratings assigned to some NZ 2yo and 3yo races. As a starting point, these ratings tend to be at the bottom end of global norms unless the horses perform well overseas in the same season. Further, many NZ horses are exported following their 3yo season and at times achieve markedly higher ratings as older horses. This issue is beginning to be recognised but requires further attention. The NZPC is a strong supporter of the APC Ground Rules but it is a difficult task to apply them across different jurisdictions. Critical review and evaluation can only lead to improvement and increased confidence in their accuracy across the region.

**SECTION 5**

**SUMMARY**

* + 1. As a result of the review, the number of black type races for 2018-19 compared with previous seasons is as follows:

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| **Status** | **2018-19** | **2017-18** | **2016-17** | **2015-16** | **2014-15** | **2013-14** | **2012-13** |
| Group 1 | 21 | 21 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 |
| Group 2 | 26 | 25 | 25 | 22 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| Group 3 | 44 | 44 | 38 | 40 | 39 | 36 | 33 |
| Listed | 60 | 60 | 63 | 63 | 65 | 65 | 68 |
| Total | **150** | **149** | **148** | **147** | **147** | **145** | **146** |
| PJR | tbc | 13 | 13 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 12 |

* *The number of Prestige Jumping Races will be confirmed at the NZPC meeting in late October.*
  + 1. The 2018-19 list includes the following changes to the previous season:

**Upgrades**

**Hawkes Bay RI, Lowland Stakes 3yo, f, 2100m, G3 to G2** – conducted 16 days prior the NZ Oaks, this race has consistently earned ratings well above the G2 benchmark for fillies of 105. The last three years have seen ratings of 106.0, 110.5 and 109, driving a Pattern Race Rating (PRR) up to 108.5. This PRR is actually above that of all other G2 and G3 races for 3yo fillies.

**Auckland RC, Soliloquy Stakes, 3yo, f, 1400m, L to G3**– now conducted in late-October following a date change three years ago, this race has become a key stepping stone for northern 3yo fillies. It has earned consistently high ratings of 101, 102.5 and 107 compared to the G3 benchmark for fillies of 100.

**Auckland RC, Shaw’s Wire Ropes, 3yo, SW&P, 1400m, unlisted to Listed –** conducted on 26 December, this race delivered exceptional ratings as it has served both as a return to racing for horses that contested the 1000 and 2000 Guineas and a stepping-stone for horses that did not. The last three editions rated 112.25, 106.75 and 108, delivering a PRR of 109, which is only slightly below the G2 benchmark for 3-year-olds of 110. However, given this race is a stepping-stone rather than an end target in itself, the NZPC felt that it is was well placed as a Listed race.

**Downgrades**

None.

**Warnings Removed or Lessened**

**Wellington RC, Wellington Guineas (G2)** – 1st warning removed as a strong edition at 110.75 exceeded both the 107 threshold and 110 benchmark.

**Auckland RC, Championship Stakes (Gr 2)** – 1st warning removed following a satisfactory edition rating 108.5 despite a rain-affected track. This race was on 2nd warning two years ago but has delivered two acceptable editions.

**Auckland RC, Royal Stakes (Gr 2)** – 1st warning removed as a strong edition at 108 comfortably exceeded the 105 benchmark. This pleasingly reversed a weak trend in the previous three seasons.

**Wellington RC, Yealands Family Wines New Zealand St Leger (L)** – 1st warning removed after it again exceeded the required 98 benchmark. After weakness in prior years, the last two editions have rated 103.75 and 98.75.

**Otago RC, White Robe Lodge WFA (Gr 3)** – this race was provisionally downgraded to Listed status last season but a change to WFA conditions saw it given one further opportunity at the G3 level. Reverted to 1st warning as the 102.5 rating saw the race just meet its required tolerance threshold of 102. However, the PRR of 101.17 remains below the threshold and this race clearly requires further improvement to ensure its long term place in the Pattern. The NZPC did note the historical and regional significance of the race (only Group race south of Christchurch).

**Auckland RC, Avondale Cup (Gr 2) –** 1st warning removed due to a solid edition at the revised 1 January date which rated 109 versus the 110 benchmark.

**Auckland RC, ARC Rich Mile (Gr 2)** – 1st warning removed following a rating of 108.75 versus the 110 benchmark. The PRR of 107.17 does remain very close to the tolerance threshold of 107. The handicap conditions of the race see it continue to have strong field depth which is often not reflected in the ratings of the first 4 finishers.

**Racing Tauranga, Japan/NZ International Trophy (Gr 2)** – 1st warning removed following a solid edition which rated at the required benchmark level of 110 and featured good field depth. This followed two unusually weak years which were hampered by rain-affected tracks.

**Manawatu RC, Awapuni Gold Cup (Gr 2)** – 1st warning removed after a strong year which rated a very satisfactory 111.5.

**Canterbury JC, New Zealand Cup (Gr 3)** – 1st warning removed as the race returned to form after an unusually weak prior edition.

**Taranaki Racing, Taranaki Stakes (Gr 3)** – 1st warning removed after a solid edition that rated 105.5 versus the required 105 benchmark. The race was also notable for its excellent depth with highly rated horses such as Wait A Sec and Authentic Paddy finishing outside the top four.

**Matamata RC, Matamata Cup (L)** – 1st warning removed. This race was not run in 2016/17 and was unusually weak back in 2015/16. This season saw a strong rating of 103 versus the required 100 benchmark.

**Canterbury JC, George Adams (L***)* – 1st warning removed. The rating of this 1600m race in early April has been volatile but this year saw a satisfactory event that rated 98.75 against the threshold of 97 and benchmark of 100.

**Counties RC, Auckland TB Breeders Stakes (Gr 2)** – 1st warning removed. The rating of this race has been volatile but this season saw a particularly strong edition that rated 109 versus the benchmark of 105.

**Manawatu RC, Manawatu Breeders Stakes (Gr 3)** – 1st warning removed. After a weak event in 2016/17, this race just surpassed the 97 threshold in 2017/18, rating 98. The depth of the field was somewhat mixed and the PRR of 98.17 reflects that this race will need to improve in the years ahead for its status to be safe.

**Warnings Imposed or Strengthened**

**Canterbury JC, C J C Welcome Stakes (L)** – 1st warning imposed. The strength of this race has been satisfactory in recent years but 2017/18 saw a five horse field that lacked depth and rated just 91.5, with much of this due to the winner, Al Hasa. The benchmark is 95.

**Canterbury JC, NZ 2000 Guineas (Gr 1)** – 1st warning imposed as the rating of 111.75 narrowly failed to meet the new 112 tolerance threshold.The Pattern Race Rating (3 year average) is of some concern at 110.83, with the race consistently rating at or below the 112 threshold. The Committee did note that the four highest rated horses in the race exceeded the threshold and that previous top 4 finishers have a history of significantly higher ratings in subsequent seasons overseas. The Committee discussed how the rating might be improved and agreed that transport logistics in returning from the race might be one area to be examined by the club.

**Wellington RC, Levin Classic (Gr 1)** – 1st warning imposed as the latest rating of 111.75 narrowly fails the new tolerance threshold of 112. The Committee agreed that the clash with the Karaka Million 3yo race is a major issue which will likely hinder the medium-term future of this race if it remains in its current slot. It was suggested and agreed that a potential date swap with the Wellington Guineas be carefully considered and that if it fits well with the potential flow of horses through the Pattern that the Committee would be favourably disposed to approving such a change. The Committee felt that an autumn Gr 1 mile race would make an attractive target for sprinter-milers who currently have little opportunity in NZ if they are not targeting the NZ Derby. Further, running the 1400m Wellington Guineas prior to the Karaka Million might make it an attractive lead-in and further bolster that race.

**Canterbury JC, NZ 1000 Guineas (Gr 1)** – 1st warning imposed following a weak edition at 106.25 versus the tolerance threshold of 107, although the average of the top four rated starters did rate a far higher 111.25. Three of the last four years have rated below 107, pointing to some potential for future concern.

**Hawkes Bay RI, Hawke’s Bay Guineas (Gr 2)** – 2nd warning imposed. Notwithstanding the attractive stake, this race has not consistently attracted strong fields in recent seasons. This year’s race was particularly weak at just 105 versus the 107 threshold and 110 benchmark. While the race did attract 13 starters, a consideration of field depth did not yield any improvement.

**Levin RC, Wellington Stakes (Gr 3***)* – 2nd warning imposed. The race rating of 101 was below the tolerance level of 102 for the second year in a row. Field depth was limited and its role as a Gr 3 race in the 3-year-old pattern is not clear.

**Wanganui RC, Wanganui Guineas (L)** – 1st warning imposed. A weak race this year that was contested by six horses on a heavy track in mid-September. The rating of 96 was unusually weak and fell below the 97 tolerance level. It would be expected that a return to former ratings would see the warning removed.

**Waikato RC, Waikato Sprint (Gr 1)** – 1st warning imposed following an unusually weak edition at 111.5, which failed to meet the new 112 tolerance threshold. This year was affected by unusual wet track conditions and the race has consistently rated above 113 in previous years. An expected return to former ratings would see the warning removed.

**Waikato RC, International Stakes (Gr 1)** – 1st warning imposed. While acknowledging the unusual wet track conditions, the 108.5 rating of the race this year was significantly lower than previous years and did not reach the required minimum threshold of 110. An expected return to former ratings would see the warning removed.

**Wellington RC, Thorndon Mile (Gr 1)** – 1st warning imposed as the race rating of 110.75 failed to meet the required 112 tolerance threshold. While the field had solid depth, an assessment of the top four starters only showed a slight improvement to 111.5. The race did slightly exceed the new 112 threshold in the prior two seasons.

**Wellington RC, Telegraph Handicap (Gr 1)** – 2nd warning imposed. The Committee was very concerned at having to move straight from no warning to second warning but was left with no choice following the APC decision to make the new tougher Gr 1 tolerance threshold of 112 retrospective. However, this race has been cycling on and off warning in recent seasons, with the last four editions rating 110, 106, 111.25 and 110.75. The Committee did note that the 18 horse field had considerable depth, with high rating horses such as Start Wondering and Volpe Veloce finishing outside the first four. This depth and the importance of the race in the pattern may be important arguments in future consideration.

**Auckland RC, Auckland Cup (Gr 1)** – 2nd warning maintained. This race is subject to the APC distance race moratorium. While the field had good competitive depth, the absence of any notably high rating horses saw it rate 107.75 versus the threshold of 110 and benchmark of 115. it was noted that as required under the moratorium, the ARC and NZTR intend to explore ways in which the race rating might be improved.

**Auckland RC, Easter Stakes (Gr 2)** – 1st warning imposed. After recently being downgraded from Group 1 status, the 2018 edition was badly affected by very wet track conditions. However, the 100.0 rating of the race was well below the minimum threshold of 107. The NZPC expects that future editions will likely see a return to former ratings that are acceptable for a Gr 2 race.

**Manawatu RC, Manawatu Cup (Gr 3)** – 1st warning imposed. The NZPC noted the club’s submission that the race may have been affected by the distance having to be shortened to 2100m due to track construction activities. While this was given some weight, it was agreed that the race had to be assessed on the rating that the race received and that potential field scenarios were hypothetical. The rating of 101 was unusually weak and was below the 102 threshold.

**Racing Rotorua, Rotorua Cup (Gr 3)** – 1st warning imposed. The quality of this race has declined in recent seasons and this year’s rating of 96.5 fell well below the required 102 threshold.

**Marton JC, Marton Cup (L)** – 1st warning imposed. This race normally rates well as a Wellington Cup lead-in but 2018 saw an unusually weak edition at just 95 compared to the required threshold of 97.

**Riverton RC, Riverton Cup (L)** – 1st warning imposed. Recent seasons have not seen this race meet the 100 benchmark and 2017/18 was a weaker than unusual edition at 95.0.

**Other Race Comments**

**Levin RC, Ryder Stakes (L)** – consistently rating well below other NZ 2yo Listed races but just meeting the required minimum tolerance, with a PRR of 93.17 versus 92 required.

**Waikato RC, Sarten Memorial (Gr 2)** – a weak edition that rated 107.5 and just exceeded the 107 tolerance level. However, it was noted that the subsequent sale of the first several horses gave them no opportunity to attain a higher rating later in the season. Fewer fillies are contesting this race following the move of the Soliloquy Stakes.

* 1. **Summary of warnings**

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| **Status** | **2nd  Warnings Maintained** | **2nd Warnings Issued** | **Reverted  to 1st  Warnings** | **1st  Warnings Maintained** | **1st  Warnings Issued** | **1st  Warnings  Removed** |
| **Group 1** | 1 | 1 | - | - | 6 | - |
| **Group 2** | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | 8 |
| **Group 3** | - | 1 | 1 | - | 2 | 3 |
| **Listed** | - | - | - | - | 4 | 3 |
| **PJRs** | *PJR races to be reviewed in November* | | | | | |
| **Total** | **1** | **3** | **1** | **-** | **13** | **14** |

**5.5 Reverted to 1st Warnings**

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| G3 | White Robe Lodge WFA |  | Otago RC |

* 1. **1st Warnings Issued**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| G1 | NZ 2000 Guineas |  | Canterbury JC |
| G1 | Levin Classic |  | Wellington RC |
| G1 | NZ 1000 Guineas |  | Canterbury JC |
| G1 | Waikato Sprint |  | Waikato RC |
| G1 | Thorndon Mile |  | Wellington RC |
| L | CJC Welcome Stakes |  | Canterbury JC |
| L | Wanganui Guineas |  | Wanganui RC |
| G1 | International Stakes |  | Waikato RC |
| G2 | Easter Stakes |  | Auckland RC |
| G3 | Manawatu Cup |  | Manawatu RC |
| G3 | Rotorua Cup |  | Racing Rotorua |
| L | Marton Cup |  | Marton JC |
| L | Riverton Cup |  | Riverton RC |

**5.7 1st Warnings Removed**

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| G2 | Wellington Guineas |  | Wellington RC |
| G2 | Championship Stake |  | Auckland RC |
| G2 | Royal Stakes |  | Auckland RC |
| L | NZ St Ledger |  | Wellington RC |
| G2 | Avondale Cup |  | Auckland RC |
| G2 | Rich Hill Mile |  | Auckland RC |
| G2 | Japan/NZ International Trophy |  | Racing Tauranga |
| G2 | Awapuni Gold Cup |  | Manawatu RC |
| G3 | New Zealand Cup |  | Canterbury JC |
| G3 | Taranaki Stakes |  | Taranaki RC |
| L | Matamata Cup |  | Matamata RC |
| L | George Adams |  | Canterbury JC |
| G2 | Auckland TB Breeders Stakes |  | Counties RC |
| G3 | Manawatu Breeders Stakes |  | Manawatu RC |

**5.8 2nd Warning Maintained**

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| G1 | Auckland Cup |  | Auckland RC |

**5.9 2nd Warning Issued**

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| G1 | Telegraph Handicap |  | Wellington RC |
| G2 | Hawke’s Bay Guineas |  | Hawke’s Bay RI |
| G3 | Wellington Stakes |  | Levin RC |

**SECTION 6**

**2017-18 NEW ZEALAND CLASSIFICATIONS RACE RATINGS**

**(including f&m allowance, where relevant)**

**6.1 Two-Year-Olds Current Minimum expected**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Ellerslie Sires Produce | G1 | 112.25 | 110 |
| Manawatu Sires Produce | G1 | 109.00 | 110 |
| Wakefield Challenge Stakes | G2 | 104.50 | 105 |
| Matamata Breeders Stakes | G2 | 104.50 | 100 |
| Eclipse Stakes | G3 | 108.25 | 100 |
| Taranaki 2YO Classic | G3 | 104.25 | 100 |
| Matamata Slipper | G3 | 105.75 | 100 |
| Wellesley Stakes | L | 101.50 | 95 |
| CJC Welcome Stakes | L | 91.50 | 95 |
| Counties Challenge Stakes | L | 103.25 | 95 |
| Karaka Million | L | 110.00 | 95 |
| Great Northern Champagne | L | 98.50 | 95 |
| CJC Champagne Stakes | L | 95.50 | 95 |
| Star Way 1000-Wentwood Gr. | L | 101.25 | 95 |
| Great Northern Foal Stakes | L | 100.75 | 95 |
| Triton Stakes | L | 99.75 | 95 |
| Ryder Stakes | L | 94.50 | 95 |

**6.2 Three-Year-Olds**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| NZ 2000 Guineas | G1 | 111.75 | 115 |
| Levin Classic | G1 | 111.75 | 115 |
| NZ Derby | G1 | 113.50 | 115 |
| NZ 1000 Guineas | G1 | 106.25 | 110 |
| NZ Oaks | G1 | 110.25 | 110 |
| Hawke's Bay Guineas | G2 | 105.00 | 110 |
| Sarten Memorial | G2 | 107.50 | 110 |
| Great Northern Guineas | G2 | 112.00 | 110 |
| Waikato Guineas | G2 | 110.75 | 110 |
| Avondale Guineas | G2 | 114.00 | 110 |
| Wellington Guineas | G2 | 110.75 | 110 |
| Championship Stakes | G2 | 108.50 | 110 |
| Eight Carat Classic/Ladies | G2 | 108.75 | 105 |
| Royal Stakes | G2 | 108.00 | 105 |
| Sir Tristram Fillies Classic | G2 | 105.75 | 105 |
| Bonecrusher Stakes | G3 | 111.25 | 105 |
| Northland Breeders Stakes | G3 | 105.50 | 105 |
| John Grigg Stakes | G3 | 110.00 | 105 |
| Wellington Stakes | G3 | 101.00 | 105 |
| Mongolian Khan Trophy | G3 | 105.50 | 105 |
| Manawatu Classic | G3 | 107.50 | 105 |
| Cambridge Breeders | G3 | 102.50 | 105 |
| Gold Trail Stakes | G3 | 101.75 | 100 |
| Eulogy Stakes | G3 | 108.00 | 100 |
| Desert Gold Stakes | G3 | 105.50 | 100 |
| Lowland Stakes | G3 | 109.00 | 100 |
| Sunline Vase | G3 | 106.50 | 100 |
| Wanganui Guineas | L | 96.00 | 100 |
| Canterbury Stakes | L | 108.00 | 100 |
| Trevor Eagle Memorial | L | 110.50 | 100 |
| Mufhasa Stakes | L | 104.25 | 100 |
| Northern Guineas Prelude | L | 100.50 | 100 |
| Gore Guineas | L | 103.25 | 100 |
| Karaka 3YO Mile | L | 112.50 | 100 |
| Dunedin Guineas | L | 106.50 | 100 |
| Southland Guineas | L | 103.50 | 100 |
| Sir Colin Meads Trophy | L | 101.75 | 100 |
| Trudy Thompson Memorial | L | 95.75 | 95 |
| Canterbury Belle Stakes | L | 96.25 | 95 |
| Soliloquy Stakes | L | 107.00 | 95 |
| Oaks Prelude | L | 101.25 | 95 |
| NZ Bloodstock Insurance | L | 104.00 | 95 |
| NZ Bloodstock Airfreight | L | 101.25 | 95 |
| Warstep Stakes | L | 103.25 | 95 |

**6.3 Three Years & Older**

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| Hawke's Bay Challenge Stks | G1 | 115.00 | 115 |
| Horlicks Plate | G1 | 115.50 | 115 |
| Ormond Memorial | G1 | 114.75 | 115 |
| Captain Cook Stakes | G1 | 113.75 | 115 |
| Galaxy Stakes | G1 | 114.25 | 115 |
| International Stakes | G1 | 108.50 | 115 |
| Waikato Sprint | G1 | 111.50 | 115 |
| Otaki Maori WFA | G1 | 112.22 | 115 |
| Second Century Stakes | G1 | 112.00 | 115 |
| Railway Handicap | G1 | 112.00 | 115 |
| Telegraph Handicap | G1 | 110.75 | 115 |
| Thorndon Mile | G1 | 110.75 | 115 |
| Auckland Cup | G1 | 107.75 | 115 |
| NZ Thoroughbred Breeders | G1 | 107.00 | 110 |
| Foxbridge Plate | G2 | 112.25 | 110 |
| Thames Valley Stakes | G2 | 112.75 | 110 |
| Manawatu Challenge Stakes | G2 | 108.50 | 110 |
| Couplands Bakeries Mile | G2 | 108.50 | 110 |
| ARC Rich Hill Mile | G2 | 108.75 | 110 |
| Avondale Cup | G2 | 109.00 | 110 |
| Japan/NZ International T. | G2 | 110.00 | 110 |
| Awapuni Gold Cup | G2 | 111.50 | 110 |
| Easter Stakes | G2 | 100.00 | 110 |
| Auckland TB Breeders Stks | G2 | 109.00 | 105 |
| Lady Norrie Stakes | G2 | 108.75 | 105 |
| Westbury Classic | G2 | 106.75 | 105 |
| Dulcie Stakes | G2 | 107.50 | 105 |
| Arawa Stakes | G3 | 107.25 | 105 |
| Alison Stakes | G3 | 113.00 | 105 |
| Canterbury Gold Cup | G3 | 105.25 | 105 |
| Winter Cup | G3 | 102.25 | 105 |
| Marton Metric Mile | G3 | 102.75 | 105 |
| G R Kelt Memorial | G3 | 107.75 | 105 |
| Thompson Handicap | G3 | 110.25 | 105 |
| Stewards Stakes | G3 | 106.00 | 105 |
| New Zealand Cup | G3 | 105.25 | 105 |
| Counties Cup | G3 | 106.25 | 105 |
| Great Northern Challenge S. | G3 | 111.25 | 105 |
| Concorde | G3 | 108.00 | 105 |
| Waikato Gold Cup | G3 | 104.00 | 105 |
| FC Johnstone Handicap | G3 | 108.00 | 105 |
| Manawatu Cup | G3 | 101.00 | 105 |
| City Of Auckland Cup | G3 | 106.00 | 105 |
| Trentham Stakes | G3 | 108.50 | 105 |
| Anniversary Hcp | G3 | 108.75 | 105 |
| Wellington Cup | G3 | 107.50 | 105 |
| Taranaki Stakes | G3 | 105.50 | 105 |
| Darley Plate | G3 | 108.00 | 105 |
| Rotorua Cup | G3 | 96.50 | 105 |
| White Robe | G3 | 102.50 | 100 |
| Canterbury Breeders Stakes | G3 | 99.25 | 100 |
| Cuddle Stakes | G3 | 101.75 | 100 |
| South Island Breeders Stks | G3 | 99.25 | 100 |
| Manawatu Breeders Stakes | G3 | 98.00 | 100 |
| Rotorua Stakes | G3 | 103.50 | 100 |
| NZ St Leger | L | 98.75 | 100 |
| Jackson Stakes | L | 108.25 | 100 |
| Jim & John Evans Metric M. | L | 105.50 | 100 |
| Matamata Cup | L | 103.00 | 100 |
| Rotorua Challenge Plate | L | 101.25 | 100 |
| Spring Classic | L | 98.25 | 100 |
| Feilding Cup | L | 107.25 | 100 |
| Westminster Handicap | L | 105.75 | 100 |
| Metropolitan Trophy | L | 98.25 | 100 |
| Pegasus Stakes | L | 102.25 | 100 |
| Counties Bowl | L | 103.75 | 100 |
| Levin Stakes | L | 105.50 | 100 |
| Newmarket Hcp | L | 105.00 | 100 |
| James Hazlett Stakes | L | 99.25 | 100 |
| Timaru Cup | L | 100.50 | 100 |
| Marton Cup | L | 95.00 | 100 |
| Timaru Stakes | L | 99.75 | 100 |
| Dunedin Gold Cup | L | 101.25 | 100 |
| Kaimai Stakes | L | 106.25 | 100 |
| Lightning Handicap | L | 108.50 | 100 |
| Flying Handicap | L | 102.50 | 100 |
| Riverton Cup | L | 95.00 | 100 |
| Hawkes Bay Cup | L | 102.00 | 100 |
| City Of Napier Sprint | L | 108.00 | 100 |
| CJC Geo. Adams (Tattersall) | L | 98.75 | 100 |
| Anzac Handicap | L | 100.50 | 100 |
| CJC Great Easter Stakes | L | 100.00 | 100 |
| Marton 1600 | L | 102.00 | 100 |
| Wanganui Cup | L | 100.25 | 100 |
| Opunake Cup | L | 104.25 | 100 |
| Wairarapa TB Breeders Stks | L | 104.00 | 95 |
| Tauranga Classic | L | 104.50 | 95 |

**Nb**. The right-hand column (Minimum expected) is the lowest rating figure that the race is expected to achieve. This figure is determined by the grade of the race and the age and sex of the runners. All races have a 3lb tolerance which must be attained at least once every 3 seasons to avoid down-grading.