

Racing Conditions and Regulations for a Return to Racing July 2020

The following special conditions and regulations (the **Special Conditions**) apply to the programmes for racemeetings for the month of July and to trial meetings and jumpouts for the months of June and July. The Standard Regulations for Racemeeting Programmes continue to apply, as amended by (and subject to) these Special Conditions.

Open Entry Races

- All races will be 'Special Conditions Open Entry Races'. Horses that do not gain a start at a meeting will exempt from the ballot or elimination at the next meeting in that region.
- NZTR will advertise only the distances of the races programmed to be run at a meeting. All races will be run with a stake of \$15,000.
- Races will be open for 2YO+ to provide 2yos with opportunities to race.
- The objective is to provide opportunities for all horses and maximise field sizes, which will vary depending on track layouts and rail placements. Final field selection will be made at withdrawal time, when NZTR (in conjunction with the programming chairmen) will finalise the actual races to be run at a meeting based on the number of entries remaining after withdrawals.
- NZTR may run specific age group races if numbers permit. For example, if there are 11 2YOs out of 24 horses nominated for a 1200m race, two 1200m races could be run – one for 2YOs only (at SW and P conditions) with the other 13 horses making up the second race. Flexibility will be the key at final withdrawal time.
- Specific races for 3yos only will be considered for programming for post-July racing. However, if numbers permit post-withdrawals, then (as per in the example in the preceding bullet point) a race over a specific distance could be run for 3YOs only.
- Highweight races (for jumping and highweight riders only) will be run over distances of 1600m or more in the North Island only. These races will be advertised separately as highweights.
- There will be no Amateur Riders race series this year, with the probable exception of the Duke of Gloucester Cup which may be run at Wanganui in November.

Free Racing

- Nomination and/or acceptance fees will not be charged for horses that start in a race apart from black-type racing (noting that no black-type races will be run in July).
- The usual fees will apply for horses that nominate and withdraw prior to the declaration of fields and for horses who gain entry to a race and subsequently scratch. Veterinary certificates will be accepted if received in the 24-hour period post-race day.
- Rider fees will be charged as per normal.

Stake money

- Stakes will be paid on the following basis:

1 st	54%
2 nd	15%
3 rd	7%
4 th	4%
5 th -14 th	2%

- The payments for horses finishing 5th-14th are considered stake money payments (not starters incentives). Accordingly, rider and trainer percentages will be deducted from the amount paid.
- Where starting/safety limits for a race are less than 14, the 'excess' stake money will be allocated to the first-place getter/s of that race (e.g. if the starting/safety limit is 12, the amount that would have been paid to the horses finishing 13th and 14th will be paid to the first placegetter(s)).

Handicapping

- Horses will be weighted from the bottom up provided that the minimum top weight at withdrawal time is no less than 59kg. The minimum weight allocated shall be not less than 55kg. This includes a 1kg jockey welfare allowance.
- Weights will be framed based on the ratings of the horses nominated, with a view to maximising the spread of weights.
- In cases where the spread of the ratings of the horses nominated for a race exceeds 16 points, NZTR will determine the starting point for the minimum weight so that the maximum weight is not higher than 63kg.
- The minimum weight in all highweight and jumping races will be 66kg. There will be no maximum weight for those races.

Example 1		
RTG	SEX	WGT
65	G	60.5
64	M	58
63	M	57.5
62	G	59
61	G	58.5
60	G	58
59	M	55.5
58	G	57
57	G	56.5
56	M	55
56	G	55

Example 2		
RTG	SEX	WGT
78	G	63
75	G	61.5
75	G	61.5
74	M	59
70	G	59
67	G	57.5
64	M	55
62	M	55
62	G	55
60	G	55
57	G	55

Example 3		
RTG	SEX	WGT
96	G	63
70	M	55
68	M	55
68	M	55
65	G	55
64	G	55
62	G	55
60	G	55
57	G	55
56	G	55
55	G	55

Example 4		
RTG	SEX	WGT
80	M	62
75	M	59.5
72	G	60
70	G	59
70	G	59
68	M	56
68	G	58
67	G	57.5
66	G	57
66	M	55
66	M	55

Re-ratings

- In order to encourage participation, the maximum re-rating for the winner of a non-Group or Listed handicap race will be 6 points while the maximum re-rating for the second-placegetter will be 3 points and the maximum re-rating for the third, fourth and fifth placegetters will be two points. Previously there had been a maximum of 10 for a win and 5 for a placing.

Trials and Jumpouts

- All trials will be run in line with the directives and policies released by NZTR with no exceptions.
- Trials will commence in June with numbers/demand dictating how many will be run.
- Depending on the number of horses requiring a trial, trial heats could in some cases be run on race days pre and/or post races.
- Trainers wishing to gain barrier certificates for horses are encouraged to do so locally where possible with the necessary personnel in place (as opposed to travelling to trial meetings to obtain barrier certificates).
- Each horse that has previously raced or trialed will only be permitted one trial prior to commencing or resuming racing. The only exceptions to this rule will be where the RIU requests a horse to trial before racing again, or the horse is a 2YO, or the horse is unraced and untriated.
- Regional jumpouts may be scheduled as per usual.

Other

- Racing distances during July will generally be shorter than usual.
- NZTR will work closely with Clubs, Course Managers and the RIU to confirm available starting distances and starter limits at racecourses. Clubs may have to be creative (e.g. by shifting rails etc) to create 'new' starting distances.
- Information regarding racing in July (i.e. programmes/distances) will be communicated to Trainers and other participants via email and through the LOVERACING.NZ website. A Racing Programming Guide may be produced for the post-July period.
- These regulations will be reviewed and updated for the new season.

Interpretation and Application of these Special Conditions

If:

- a) a question arises as to the interpretation or application of these Special Conditions; or
- b) a circumstance arises that is not expressly covered by these Special Conditions or the Standard Regulations for Racemeeting Programmes (as amended by these Special Conditions); or
- c) there is a conflict between these Special Conditions and the Standard Regulations for Racemeeting Programmes,

that question, circumstance or conflict will be determined by NZTR, whose decision will be final.