

**Report of the
NEW ZEALAND PATTERN COMMITTEE**

**Group & Listed Race
Schedule for
2022/23 Season**

**Following review of
2021/22 Season**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Pattern Review for races run in the 2021/22 season has been completed by the NZ Pattern Committee (NZPC). The schedule of Group and Listed Races to be run in the 2022/23 season has been finalised.
2. Under the revised schedule, the total number of Pattern flat races scheduled in 2022/23 is unchanged at 150 races.
3. The NZPC has made 2 downgrades and 1 upgrade:

Auckland TR, Championship Stakes from G2 to G3
Canterbury JC, Coupland's Mile from G2 to G3
Auckland TR, Counties Bowl from L to G3

4. The NZPC agreed that a sub-committee be formed to conduct a review of the Pattern for the purpose of effecting a substantial reduction in the number of Pattern Races, to return the NZ Pattern towards international norms of 5% as regards the percentage of races run.

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The NZPC believes that moving the percentage straight to 5% of the total number of races may be going too far relative to the race ratings that are being achieved but that there still needs to be a substantial reduction in the percentage of Pattern Races from the current level of over 6%.

It was agreed that a sub-committee of the NZPC would conduct the review of the Pattern and this will work towards preparing an initial set of recommendations to the NZPC by the end of January 2023, which will then be discussed with the affected Clubs. Following the consultation process and feedback, the final recommendations will be considered by the NZPC in its annual meeting in August 2023 for implementation in the 2023/24 season.

5. The NZPC strongly endorses the "Heritage" race concept as providing a mechanism to decouple the funding of some races from their Pattern status. This may allow a downgraded race to retain its former prizemoney. This would allow the downgrading of races which may not rank well from a pure ratings perspective but which are major targets, have considerable historic importance and wide public appeal. NZPC views such races as

generally being best suited to be run under handicap conditions. NZPC notes that NZTR supports this concept in principle.

6. The NZPC views the ideal shape of the Pattern as being a pyramid. Continued steady progress towards this is being made.
7. This was the tenth year that the NZPC has operated under the Asian Pattern Committee (APC) Ground Rules, which were approved by NZTR in consultation with the NZPC and the industry.

Any NZ race failing to attain the minimum rating threshold for the first time is likely to be issued with an Alert. In most cases, a Warning will then be issued if the minimum rating has not been achieved in the next edition. If the race meets the required threshold in its next edition, it may then revert to having no Alert or Warning.

G1 and G2 races that fail to meet their tolerance threshold in three consecutive editions have the merits of the race considered and voted upon by the APC. Any downgrade must be approved by a simple majority of countries. The affected country cannot vote. 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. Special factors may be taken into account when considering whether a race should be downgraded and the NZPC has chosen to recognise these at times. These include the ratings of the top 4 rated starters as opposed to the first 4 finishers; the number of G1 winners in the preceding 18 months; unusual track conditions; and the effect on the shape of the Pattern.

8. The APC Ground Rules have been subject to a review. The Rules that will apply for the review of the upcoming 2022/23 season are yet to be finally confirmed. Subject to further review, we understand likely changes are:

A reduction of the tolerance threshold from 3 points to 2 points for all Group races and to 0 points for Listed races.

The 3yo benchmark to reduce by 2 points, with a 2 point tolerance applying to Group races. The NZPC strongly supports this change as being more reflective of the WFA scale and the natural improvement of many horses during and after their 3 year old season.

These changes are unlikely to be applied retrospectively, meaning they would be ring-fenced to apply from 2022/23 onwards.

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Covid-19 impacts. In 2021/22, countries may use 3 of the last 4 years of ratings, subject to the rating that is disregarded having had a bona fide impact from Covid-19. Should a race be subject to a downgrade vote, a demonstrable Covid impact would be a factor to be considered.

9. One change to the APC Ground Rules that did apply for the 2021/22 season was the removal of a historical anomaly where the benchmark and tolerance levels for female races were 5 points below those of open races, rather than the 4 point female allowance that is applied to open races. This has been corrected and has effectively lifted the required benchmark for F&M races by 1 point.
10. The race rating is determined by the peak World Best Racehorse Ranking (WBRR) that 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.
11. The NZPC continues to have 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 horse performs 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 in other jurisdictions. This is problematic in that the rating does not carry back through ratings of races that the horses contested in their careers in NZ. Statistical evidence lends some support to this being an issue and it will continue to be pursued.
12. The WBRR Race Ratings used to evaluate race quality are appended as Section 6 of this Report.
13. Should they occur, the proposed changes to the APC Ground Rules will have the likely effect of placing considerable pressure on the G1 rating of some NZ races in the seasons ahead, primarily those for older horses. It will also place pressure on a number of Listed races for older horses. This is a key reason for the NZPC supporting the introduction of a "Heritage" race concept, especially for those races which were historically run as handicaps and which have demonstrated appeal to racing participants and the public.
14. There are currently 22 races on Alert (10 last year) and 7 races on Warning (2 last year).

SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 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 second or 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 Andrew Seabrook, Karaka

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 Pattern 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 carried out 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.

The NZPC has approved several changes in Registered race names in previous years but there should be no expectation that the name will be changed as a matter of course.

The NZPC strongly believes that a sponsor race name should be used in combination with the Registered race name whenever possible.

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/Downloads/Resources/Revised%20APC%20Ground%20Rules%20\(February%2026%2C%202019\).pdf](https://loveracing.nz/OnHorseFiles/Downloads/Resources/Revised%20APC%20Ground%20Rules%20(February%2026%2C%202019).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
- (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 Pattern 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 Pattern 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) The warning process changed slightly from the 2019/20 season onwards to make it consistent with the APC Ground Rules. Those Rules specify that a race may be placed on Warning if it fails to meet its tolerance threshold for two consecutive editions and it may then be downgraded if it fails for a third time. Conversely if a race under Warning meets its tolerance level, the Warning may be removed.
- (b) When a race is being considered for downgrading, a written Alert (previously a First Warning) will typically be given to the host club in the first instance where the race fails to meet its rating threshold. Except in exceptional circumstances, the race will not be downgraded until it has been run with a Warning (previously a Second Warning).
- (c) Where a club has already had an Alert in respect of a race, the Alert may be maintained, removed or progressed to a Warning.
- (d) Where a Warning is already in place in respect of a race, the Warning may be removed, or the race may be downgraded.
- (e) Under the APC Ground Rules, as revised in 2018, races that are G3 and lower are automatically downgraded if they are below their required tolerance 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 warning system is consistent with these requirements.

(f) If any 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 has to be approved by a simple majority of one country. The affected country cannot vote. Any upgrade of a race to G1 must be approved by a simple majority. Special factors may be taken into account when considering whether a race should be downgraded and the NZPC has chosen to recognise these at times. These include the impact of Covid-19 on the racing programme, ratings of the top 4 rated starters as opposed to the first 4 finishers; the number of G1 winners in the preceding 18 months; unusual track conditions; and the effect on the shape of the Pattern.

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vii) One change to the APC Ground Rules that did apply for the 2021/22 season was the removal of a historical anomaly where the benchmark and tolerance levels for female races were 5 points below those of open races, rather than the 4 point female allowance that is applied to open races. This has been corrected and has effectively lifted the required benchmark for F&M races by 1 point.

(h) Pattern races scheduled for the early part of the season and carrying a 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.

(i) 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.

(j) 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 likely amended APC Ground Rules, races shall be eligible for promotion if the race achieves both a Pattern Race Rating (average of last 3 years) and an Annual Race Rating for the last year 2 points above the required benchmark for the category above. 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. The proposing country cannot vote.

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

- (a) Decisions relating to Group 1 and 2 races are ultimately taken by the Asian Pattern Committee (APC).
- (b) 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.
- (c) The upgrading/downgrading of a race to/from Group 1 or Group 2 must be approved by a simple majority of the APC. The affected country may not vote.
- (d) If the Annual Race Rating of a Group 1 or 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.

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:

- (a) The ratings of the four highest rated horses to start (as well as the first four to finish).
- (b) The number of starters to have won a Group 1 race in the prior 18 months.
- (c) The iconic or historical significance of some races of national importance including, but not necessarily restricted to, the national three-year-old Classics.
- (d) The effect on the overall pattern of racing and the shape of the “pyramid” (ref. 3.1.2, above).
- (e) The impact of Covid-19 on the racing programme and thence the horses contesting the race in question.

SECTION 4

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1** Historically, the NZPC has believed that the New Zealand “pyramid” has been somewhat top-heavy and has not met international expectations. The 2022/23 season will see a pyramid of 20 G1 races; 25 G2; 47 G3 and 58 Listed. While still not entirely satisfactory, it is gradually moving towards an acceptable shape and will likely continue to evolve in this direction.
- 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** The NZPC discussed the possible scenario where a Pattern race may move from a grass surface to a synthetic surface. Since race meetings on synthetic tracks take place on weekdays, they are unlikely to attract fields of suitable quality for black-type status. As races on a synthetic surface would have to prove themselves over at least three years, it was agreed that any debate should be postponed until more information was available. In the event that a Club chose to move a black-type race to a synthetic surface due to the weather or other unforeseen circumstances, at late notice, the NZPC would re-evaluate the status of the race but agreed that it was very unlikely that black-type status would be supported given the material change in track surface.
- 4.4** For the 2022/23 season, the Committee supports the Minimum Stakes Levels adopted by NZTR and set out below:

Meeting Category	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Listed
Iconic	\$300,000 (220,000)	\$140,000 (110,000)	\$100,000 (\$80,000)	\$80,000 (\$60,000)
Premier	\$300,000 (\$220,000)	\$140,000 (110,000)	\$100,000 (\$80,000)	\$80,000 (\$60,000)
Feature	\$300,000 (220,000)	\$120,000 (110,000)	\$85,000 (\$80,000)	\$65,000 (\$60,000)
Industry	\$300,000 (220,000)	\$120,000 (\$110,000)	\$85,000 (\$80,000)	\$65,000 (\$60,000)

- 4.5** 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.

- 4.6** No new races were introduced into the schedule of Pattern races for 2022/23. Several unlisted races met the theoretical requirements for promotion but the NZPC requires that any promotions meet a clear gap in the Pattern and a very high bar is created by the percentage of Pattern races being well above that which is ideal.

With the total number of flat races being projected to continue at close to the low levels of the prior 2021/22 season, the ratio of Pattern races will be well above the ideal target of 5%. Consequently, any new races introduced to the Pattern will likely need to be offset by deletion of the weakest Listed races.

- 4.7** 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 competitive trials relative to most other jurisdictions.

While each NZ Pattern race justifies its status with respect to the APC Ground Rules, the NZPC views the percentage of Pattern races as unacceptably high if confidence in the integrity of NZ black type is to be maintained.

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It was agreed that a sub-committee would conduct the review of the Pattern and this will work towards preparing an initial set of recommendations to the NZPC by the end of January 2023, which will then be discussed with the affected Clubs. Following the consultation process, the final recommendations would be considered by the NZPC in its annual meeting in August 2023 for implementation in the 2023/24 season.

The NZPC strongly endorses the “Heritage” race concept as providing a mechanism to decouple the funding of some races from their Pattern status. This may allow a downgraded race to retain its former prizemoney. This will allow the downgrading of races which may not rank well from a pure ratings perspective but which are major regional targets, have considerable historic importance and wide public appeal. NZPC views such races as generally being best suited to be run under handicap conditions.

- 4.8** 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 with a view that some may grow into black type races. Promotions in the short term are problematic given the high overall percentage of Pattern races but this will likely evolve in the medium term.
- 4.9** 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/Downloads/Resources/Revised%20APC%20Ground%20Rules%20\(February%2026%2C%202019\).pdf](https://loveracing.nz/OnHorseFiles/Downloads/Resources/Revised%20APC%20Ground%20Rules%20(February%2026%2C%202019).pdf)
- 4.10** The NZPC continues to have 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 is problematic in that the rating does not carry back through ratings of races that the horses contested in their careers in NZ. Statistical evidence lends some support to this being an issue and it will continue to be pursued.

SECTION 5

SUMMARY

5.1.1 As a result of the review, the number of black type races for 2022-23 compared with previous seasons is as follows:

Status	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17
Group 1	20	20	21	21	21	21	22
Group 2	25	27	27	27	26	25	25
Group 3	47	44	43	44	44	44	38
Listed	58	59	56	58	59	60	63
Total	150	150	147	150	150	149	148
PJR	14	14	14	14	14	13	13

- *The number of Prestige Jumping Races will be confirmed at the NZPC meeting in late October.*

5.1.2 The 2022-23 list includes two downgrades and one promotion.

5.2 Downgrades

Auckland TR, Championship Stakes, from G2 to G3. Previously, the variable mid-autumn track conditions were noted as a reason for the inconsistent performance of this race. This, together with the weak ratings of the 3-year-old crop resulted in the quality of the race being very low in the 2021/22 season. The race rating of 99 was 8 points below the 107 threshold. The average of the top 4 starters only improved slightly to 101.5, with the field having little depth outside the subsequent Queensland Derby winner, Pinarello. As the race was already under a Warning, the NZPC agreed that the race should be **Downgraded** from Group 2 to Group 3.

Canterbury JC, Coupland Bakeries Mile, from G2 to G3. This race was under a Warning having last achieved the minimum threshold level of 107 back in 2017/18. The Committee had previously acknowledged that the race was affected by a lack of horses from the North Island due to difficulties in transporting horses from the North to the South Island. The race again failed to meet the minimum threshold level in 2021/22, rating 104.75. While the top 4 starters did average 107.5, the NZPC viewed the field as lacking depth, with no G1 winners and being well off the G2 benchmark of 110. The race was **Downgraded** from Group 2 to Group 3.

5.3 Upgrades

Auckland TR, Counties Bowl, from L to G3. The race again achieved a high rating, reaching 111 in the 2021/22 season. This was 11 points above the 100 benchmark required for the category of race. The average race rating for the race over the last 3 years was 109.92, which was more than 2 points above the 105 benchmark for a Group 3 race in the same category. The race is very well placed as a lead-in to the Railway Handicap and has delivered a series of consistently strong ratings. The race was **Upgraded** to Group 3.

5.4 Warnings/Alerts Removed

Wellington RC, Wakefield Challenge Stakes (G2). This race was under an Alert having failed to achieve the minimum tolerance level of 102 in both 2019/20 and 2020/21. The race improved significantly in the 2021/22 season and achieved a rating of 103.50, which was now above the threshold level. The **Alert** was removed.

Canterbury JC, NZ 1000 Guineas (G1). The rating of this race improved from 106.75 in the 2020/21 season to 108 in the 2021/2022 season. This rating was above the 108 required minimum tolerance. The **Alert** was removed.

Wellington RC, Thorndon Mile (G1). This race was under an Alert after not having achieved the minimum tolerance in the 2020/21 season. An improved rating of 113 in 2021/22 exceeded the minimum tolerance of 112. The **Alert** was removed.

Canterbury JC, Winter Cup (G3). An Alert had been imposed on the race in 2020/21 after it failed to achieve the minimum tolerance threshold of 102. In 2021/22, the rating of the race increased to 103.25, exceeding the minimum tolerance threshold. The **Alert** was removed.

5.5 Warnings/Alerts Imposed

Manawatu RC, Manawatu Sires Produce Stakes (G1). The assessed rating of this race fell further in the 2021/22 season to 106.25, rating 0.75 below the required minimum tolerance of 107. However, it was noted that the average of the top 4 starters of 110.25 exceeded the G1 benchmark due to Dynastic and Lickety Split being unplaced. This would be considered in evaluating the status of the race should it fail to meet its threshold in the 2022/23 season. A **Warning** was imposed.

Canterbury JC, CJC Welcome Stakes (L). This race was particularly weak, rating only 80.5, which was 11.5 points below the required minimum tolerance. This race does not lead into a higher-level race, and as such, its

value in the Pattern is unclear. Given the very poor quality of the race during the 2021/22 season, and the inconsistent record of the race over time, a **Warning** was imposed.

Canterbury JC, NZ 2000 Guineas (G1). The assessed rating of this race declined further during the season under review. The race rating of 108.5 was well below the 112 minimum tolerance required for Group 1, 3 year old races. The 111.08 average for the top 4 rated starters still fell well below the tolerance in what was a lowly rated 3 year old crop. The race had failed to achieve the required minimum tolerance for three years in a row and consequently, a **Warning** was imposed.

Auckland TR, NZ Derby (G1). Already under an Alert, the 109.0 race rating of the NZ Derby was lower than the previous year's 111.75 and fell well below the minimum tolerance of 112.0. The average of the top 4 rated starters at 111.0 still failed to meet the threshold. A **Warning** was Imposed.

Wellington RC, Levin Classic (G1). This race was under an Alert, but despite its favorably received movement to March, only received a rating of 109.0, which was well below the 112 minimum tolerance required. The race was won by NZ's top-rated 3yo, Imperatriz but the generally low ratings accorded to the wider 3yo crop worked against it. The top 4 rated starters averaged 110.75. A **Warning** was imposed.

Auckland TR, Avondale Cup (G2). The rating of this race declined further in 2021/22, to 103.5, which was well below the 107 minimum tolerance required for the category of race. The field lacked depth, with the top 4 starters averaging just 105.5. The race was previously under an Alert, so a **Warning** was imposed.

Canterbury JC, Stewards Stakes (G3). After a rating of 98.25 in the 2020/21 season, a small improvement in 2021/22 to 99.75 was still not enough to meet the minimum tolerance of 102. The top 4 starters did average a satisfactory 104.5 although this was still below the 105 benchmark. A **Warning** was imposed.

Hawkes Bay RI, Hawke's Bay Guineas (G2). This race has performed very inconsistently over the last 5 years, with a particularly weak edition in the 2021/22 season. It only achieved a race rating of 103.25, which was well below the 107 minimum tolerance required. An **Alert** was imposed.

Waikato RC, Sarten Memorial (G2). The quality of this race has been very inconsistent over the last 5 years, with big changes in the race rating year on year. During the season under review, the race rating of 106.5 was well below the 107 minimum tolerance required. An **Alert** was imposed.

Auckland TR, Great Northern Guineas (G2). The quality of this race has declined over the last five years but was impacted heavily this year by weak ratings accorded to the 3-year-old crop. The race rating of 102.75 is well below the 107 minimum tolerance required. An **Alert** was imposed.

Wellington RC, Wellington Guineas(G2). The weak ratings accorded to the 3-year-old crop was the likely cause of the rating of this race to drop from 110.75 in the 2020/21 season to 105.75 in 2021/22. This rating was below the minimum tolerance of 107. An **Alert** was imposed.

Waikato RC, Waikato Guineas (G2). After recovering from a very low rating of 103 in 2019/20 to 108.5 in 2020/2021, the quality of this race fell to 106.75 in 2021/22, which is slightly below the minimum tolerance of 107. The average of the top 4 starters did rate at 107.75. An **Alert** was imposed.

Wellington RC, Wellington Stakes (G3). After having been above the tolerance level of 102 for the previous two years, the race rating fell to 100.0 in the 2021/22 season. The race is affected by the Bonecrusher Stakes which is less than 10 days later and also by the Trevor Eagle Stakes. Its role in the Pattern has diminished in recent years. An **Alert** was imposed.

Southland RC, Southland Guineas (L). The quality of this race had improved for the 2020/2021 running to 102.5, which was above the 97.0 tolerance threshold for the race. However, the 2021/22 running saw the quality of the race decrease to below the minimum tolerance again, achieving only 95.25. An **Alert** was imposed.

Otago RC, Dunedin Guineas (L). This race had improved to be above the threshold in the 2020/21 season, but the 2021/22 rating of 96.0 fell below the minimum tolerance of 97.0. An **Alert** was imposed.

Wellington RC, NZ Oaks (G1). This year's edition was assessed as achieving a race rating of 107.25, which was 1.5 below the required minimum tolerance of 108. This improved to 106.75 when the top 4 starters were measured. While acknowledging the difficulties of assessing horses across different jurisdictions, the Committee expressed some concern at the apparent inconsistency in the ratings of this race, where Le Villi finished sixth versus the ratings of the Queensland Oaks, where Le Villi finished third. An **Alert** was imposed.

Auckland TR, Eight Carat Classic (G2). A significant drop in the race rating of 8 points saw this race fall short of the required minimum tolerance. In the 2021/22 season, the race achieved a race rating of 101.25, slightly below the 103 required for the category of race. An **Alert** was imposed.

Auckland TR Royal Stakes (G2) – the quality of this race has declined notably in the last 3 years. However, the 2020/21 edition had just made the former tolerance threshold of 105, so the race was not on Alert. The 2021/22 edition had a rating of just 102.25, which fell short of the new 103 tolerance threshold and 106 benchmark. The average of the top four starters was only 103.5, suggesting that the race also lacked depth. An **Alert** was imposed.

Hawkes Bay RI, Hawkes Bay Challenge Stakes (G1). A 4.5 point drop from the previous year saw this race fall below the 112 required minimum tolerance for the 2021/22 edition of the race. The race rated 109.75, while the top 4 starters rated 112.25. An **Alert** was imposed.

Hawkes Bay RI, Horlicks Plate (G1). After a good performance in the 2020/21 season, this race dropped 4.75 points to 111.5 in the 2021/22 season. This was also the rating of the top 4 starters in a field that lacked depth. This was below the minimum tolerance level of 112 required for the race. An **Alert** was imposed.

Otaki Maori RC, Otaki Maori WFA (G1). After surpassing the 112 tolerance threshold for 4 years, this race dropped below in the 2021/22 season, with a rating of 110.5. The top 4 starters averaged 111.75. An **Alert** was imposed.

Otago RC, White Robe Lodge (G3). After attracting a good quality field in 2020/21, the rating of the race fell to 101.75 in 2021/22, below the tolerance of 102. The top 4 starters averaged 102.5. An **Alert** was imposed.

Auckland TR, Rich Hill Mile (G2). The rating of this race dropped significantly from 113 in 2020/21 to 105 in 2021/22. This was below the minimum tolerance of 107 required for the race. However, the top 4 starters did average a satisfactory 109.75, which may be a factor to consider in future should the race come under threat. An **Alert** was imposed.

Canterbury JC, New Zealand Cup (G3). The rating of this race decreased by 3 points in the 2021/22 season, to 99.75. This was below the minimum tolerance of 102. An **Alert** was imposed.

Manawatu RC, Manawatu Cup (G3). This race achieved a race rating of 101.5 which was just below the minimum tolerance of 102. An **Alert** was imposed.

Wellington RC, Wellington Cup (G3). The rating of this race decreased from 103.25 in 2020/21 to 100.50 in 2021/22. This was below the minimum tolerance for the race of 102. The top 4 starters did average 103. An **Alert** was imposed.

South Canterbury RC, Timaru Cup (L). This race achieved a rating of 96.75 which was just below the 97 minimum tolerance for the race. However, the average of the top 4 starters was a satisfactory 101.75. An **Alert** was imposed.

Wellington RC, NZ St Leger (L). An unusually low race rating of 95.75 for the 2021/22 edition of the race was below the minimum tolerance of 97 required for its category. The top 4 starters did average 99.0. An **Alert** was imposed.

Auckland TR, Westbury Classic (G2). This race has performed well since being moved to the Karaka Millions meeting in January, but the assessed

rating of the race for the 2021/22 season of 102.25 was below the minimum tolerance threshold of 103. An **Alert** was imposed.

Canterbury JC, Canterbury Breeders Stakes (G3). After a strong running in 2020/21 following its promotion to G3, the assessed rating of the race for the 2021/22 season fell to 96.75, well below the minimum tolerance threshold minimum tolerance of 98, reflecting a weaker field than usual. An **Alert** was imposed.

Racing Rotorua, Rotorua Stakes (G3). This race has generally performed strongly in recent seasons. However, the assessed rating of the race for the 2021/22 season of 97.75 was slightly below the minimum tolerance threshold of 98. An **Alert** was imposed.

Canterbury JC South Island Breeders Stakes (G3) – the quality of this race has fluctuated in recent years. The 2021/22 edition rated 96.5, which just failed the tolerance threshold of 98.0. That said, the depth of the field was solid, with the average of the top 4 starters being 102.0, which was above the Group 3 F&M benchmark requirement of 101. An **Alert** was imposed.

5.6 Other Race Comments

Racing Rotorua, Rotorua Cup (L) - The NZPC was informed that the race had been erroneously advertised as a Group 3 race whereas it had been downgraded to a Listed Race at last year's meeting. After confirming that the International Cataloguing Standards had been informed that the race had been downgraded, and that it was therefore displayed as such in the Blue Book, the Committee agreed that it must be regarded as a Listed Race for the 2021/22 season and remain as such going forward.

Racing Taupo, Taupo Cup, unlisted – the NZPC discussed a request to upgrade this race to Listed status. It was noted that the race ratings had improved in recent years but that the 3-year average race rating of 98.08 only just made the benchmark for Listed status. To be considered for upgrading, the race would need to improve to 102, which is 2 points above the benchmark for open Listed races.

Racing Taupo, 3yo Fillies, unlisted – this race in mid-August is typically run on good track conditions relative to those prevailing at that time of year. It is therefore used by a number of horses as an initial race in their campaign rather than as a target in its own right. The race did not take place during the season under review because of bad weather and it had not taken place two years earlier because of Covid. In the intervening year, the race had performed poorly compared to earlier editions, rating 95.75. The NZPC was of the view that a proper assessment could only be done once the race had been run consistently a few more times.

Matamata RC, Lisa Chittick Plate, unlisted – this F&M race over 1400m has had three strong editions since its inception, with a three-year average rating of 101.92. This is comfortably above the required benchmark of 96.0. However, the Committee agreed that the race would not be given black-type status this year given that the percentage of Pattern races in NZ is running over 6% of races run. Assuming a further strong running, this race will clearly meet all the criteria the NZPC is looking for as soon as there is room in the Pattern to accommodate the race.

Wellington RC, Cuddle Stakes (G3). The NZPC discussed this race given it achieved high ratings for the last 3 editions of 106.25, 106.75 and 103.25 respectively. These are well in excess of the 101 benchmark required for the category of the race. However, to be considered for upgrading to Group 2, the race would need to achieve an average of 108 over a three-year period and it was decided it is best placed at its current level.

Wairarapa RC, Wairarapa TB Breeders Stakes (L). This race has rated well for more than five years. The rating for the 2021/22 edition of the race was 100.5, which was 4.5 points above the 96 benchmark. To be considered for upgrading to Group 3, the race would, however, need to average more than 103 for a three-year period and it hasn't rated at this level since a 104.0 rating back in 2017/18.

5.7 Watch-List For Potential Promotion To The Pattern

Taupo RC, 3yo fillies, Wednesday 11 August.

Auckland TR, Open 1200m, Saturday, 5 December.

Auckland TR, Karaka Cup, Open 2200m, Saturday, 22 January.

Matamata RC, Lisa Chittick Plate, Fillies and Mares, 1400m Saturday 27 February.

Waikato RC, Royal Descent Stakes, Fillies and Mares, 1600m, Saturday, 12 March.

Riverton RC, Francolin Stakes, Fillies and Mares, 1400m, Saturday 3 April

Hawkes Bay RI, 2yo SW+P, 1300m, Saturday 18 April

5.8 Summary of Warnings and Alerts

Status	Warnings Issued	Alerts Issued	Warnings Removed	Alerts Removed
Group 1	4	4	0	1
Group 2	1	9	0	1
Group 3	1	8	0	1
Listed	1	4	0	0
Total	7	25	0	3

5.9 Alerts Imposed

G1	Hawke's Bay Challenge Stakes		Hawke's Bay RC
G1	Horlicks Plate		Hawke's Bay RC
G1	Otaki-Maori WFA		Otaki Maori RC
G1	NZ Oaks		Wellington RC
G2	Hawke's Bay Guineas		Hawke's Bay RI
G2	Sarten Memorial Stakes		Waikato RC
G2	Eight Carat Classic		Auckland TR
G2	Royal Stakes		Auckland TR
G2	Auckland Guineas		Auckland TR
G2	Rich Hill Mile		Auckland TR
G2	Wellington Guineas		Wellington RC
G2	Waikato Guineas		Waikato RC
G2	Westbury Classic		Auckland TR
G3	New Zealand Cup		Canterbury JC
G3	Wellington Cup		Wellington RC
G3	Manawatu Cup		Manawatu RC
G3	White Robe Lodge WFA		Otago RC
G3	Wellington Stakes		Levin RC
G3	South Island Breeders Stakes		Canterbury JC
G3	Rotorua Stakes		Rotorua RC
G3	Canterbury Breeders' Stakes		Canterbury JC
L	Timaru Cup		South Canterbury RC

L	Dunedin Guineas		Otago RC
L	Southland Guineas		Southland RC
L	NZ St Leger		Wellington RC

5.10 Alerts Removed

G1	Thorndon Mile		Wellington RC
G1	NZ 1000 Guineas		Canterbury JC
G2	Wakefield Challenge Stakes		Wellington RC

5.11 Warnings Imposed

G1	NZ 2000 Guineas		Canterbury JC
G1	NZ Derby		Auckland TR
G1	Levin Classic		Wellington RC
G1	Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes		Manawatu RC
G2	Avondale Cup		Auckland TR
G3	Stewards' Stakes		Canterbury RC
L	Welcome Stakes		Canterbury JC

SECTION 6

**2021-22 NEW ZEALAND
CLASSIFICATIONS
RACE RATINGS**

(including F&M allowance, where relevant)

6.1 Two-Year-Olds	Group	2021/2022	Minimum expected
Ellerslie Sires Produce	G1	109.75	110
Manawatu Sires Produce	G1	106.25	110
Wakefield Challenge Stakes	G2	103.50	105
Matamata Breeders Stakes	G2	100.75	101
Eclipse Stakes	G2	103.50	105
Taranaki 2YO Classic	G3	99.75	100
Matamata Slipper	G3	101.25	100
Wellesley Stakes	L	80.50	95
CJC Welcome Stakes	L	96.75	95
Counties Challenge Stakes	L	92.75	95
Karaka Million	L	100.75	95
Great Northern Champagne	L	98.25	95
CJC Champagne Stakes	L	97.50	95
Star Way 1000-Wentwood Gr.	L	94.50	95
Great Northern Foal Stakes	L	93.75	95
Triton Stakes	L	92.50	95
Ryder Stakes	L	100.00	95
6.2 Three-Year-Olds			
NZ 2000 Guineas	G1	108.5	115
NZ Derby	G1	109	115
Levin Classic	G1	109.5	115
NZ 1000 Guineas	G1	108	111
NZ Oaks	G1	107.25	111
Hawke's Bay Guineas	G2	103.25	110
Sarten Memorial	G2	106.5	110
Great Northern Guineas	G2	102.75	110
Waikato Guineas	G2	106.75	110
Avondale Guineas	G2	107	110

Wellington Guineas	G2	105.75	110
Championship Stakes	G2	99	110
Eight Carat Classic	G2	101.25	106
Royal Stakes	G2	102.25	106
Lowland Stakes	G2	103.75	106
Sir Tristram Fillies Classic	G2	104.25	106
Bonecrusher Stakes	G3	102.5	105
Northland Breeders Stakes	G3	102.75	105
John Griggs Stakes	G3	104.75	105
Wellington Stakes	G3	100	105
Mr Tiz Trophy	G3	107	105
Manawatu Classic	G3	102	105
Cambridge Breeders	G3	103.75	105
Canterbury Stakes	G3	104	105
Eulogy Stakes	G3	102	101
Desert Gold Stakes	G3	99	101
Sunline Vase	G3	103	101
Soliloquy Stakes	G3	106.75	101
Gold Trail Stakes	G3	104	101
Wanganui Guineas	L	97.75	100
Trevor Eagle Memorial	L	106.5	100
Mufhasa Stakes	L	104.25	100
Gingernuts Salver	L	100.75	100
Uncle Remus Stakes	L	106	100
Gore Guineas	L	99.50	100
Karaka 3YO Mile	L	102.75	100
Dunedin Guineas	L	96	100
Southland Guineas	L	95.25	100
Sir Colin Meads Trophy	L	99.5	100
Trudy Thompson Memorial	L	99.5	96
Canterbury Belle Stakes	L	96.25	96
Oaks Prelude	L	97	96
NZ Bloodstock Insurance	L	98.25	96
NZ Bloodstock Airfreight	L	96.25	96
Warstep Stakes	L	98	96

6.3 Three Years & Older

Hawke's Bay Challenge Stks	G1	109.75	115
Horlicks Plate	G1	111.50	115
Ormond Memorial	G1	112.00	115
Captain Cook Stakes	G1	112.50	115
Zabeel Classic	G1	112.50	115
Telegraph	G1	113.75	115
International Stakes	G1	113.25	115
Waikato Sprint	G1	112.50	115

Otaki Maori WFA	G1	110.50	115
New Zealand Stakes	G1	113.50	115
Railway Handicap	G1	113.75	115
Thorndon Mile	G1	113.00	115
NZ Thoroughbred Breeders	G1	109.25	111
Foxbridge Plate	G2	111.75	110
Thames Valley Stakes	G2	111.00	110
Manawatu Challenge Stakes	G2	110.50	110
Couplands Bakeries Mile	G2	104.75	110
Rich Hill Mile	G2	105.00	110
Avondale Cup	G2	103.50	110
Auckland Cup	G2	108.25	110
Japan/NZ International T.	G2	109.00	110
Awapuni Gold Cup	G2	108.75	110
Auckland TB Breeders Stakes	G2	107	106
Lady Norrie Stakes	G2	105.25	106
Westbury Classic	G2	102.25	106
Dulcie Stakes	G2	104.50	106
Arawa Stakes	G3	109.5	105
Balmerino Stakes	G3	109.25	105
White Robe WFA	G3	101.75	105
Canterbury Gold Cup	G3	106.00	105
Winter Cup	G3	103.25	105
Marton Metric Mile	G3	103.50	105
G R Kelt Memorial	G3	107	105
Thompson Handicap	G3	105.00	105
Stewards Stakes	G3	99.75	105
New Zealand Cup	G3	99.75	105
Counties Cup	G3	104.75	105
Great Northern Challenge S.	G3	107.25	105
Waikato Gold Cup	G3	102.75	105
FC Johnstone Handicap	G3	104.75	105
Manawatu Cup	G3	101.5	105
Queen Elizabeth Handicap	G3	106.75	105
Trentham Stakes	G3	105.25	105
Concorde Handicap	G3	103.25	105
Anniversary Hcp	G3	108	105
Wellington Cup	G3	100.5	105
Taranaki Stakes	G3	106	105
King's Plate	G3	102.25	105
Easter Handicap	G3	106.25	105
Rotorua Cup	G3	106	105
Taranaki Breeders' Stakes	G3	98.75	101
Canterbury Breeders' Stakes	G3	96.75	101
Cuddle Stakes	G3	103.25	101
South Island Breeders Stks	G3	96.5	101
Manawatu Breeders Stakes	G3	102.75	101

Rotorua Stakes	G3	97.75	101
NZ St Leger	L	95.75	100
AG Challenge Stakes	L	104.75	100
Jim & John Evans Metric M.	L	101.5	100
Matamata Cup	L	103.5	100
Rotorua Challenge Plate	L	102	100
Spring Classic	L	100.75	100
Feilding Cup	L	102.5	100
Westminster Handicap	L	106.75	100
Metropolitan Trophy	L	101.25	100
Pegasus Stakes	L	103.5	100
Counties Bowl	L	111	100
Levin Stakes	L	99.75	100
Newmarket Hcp	L	100	100
James Hazlett Stakes	L	103.25	100
Timaru Cup	L	96.75	100
Marton Cup	L	107	100
Timaru Stakes	L	103.25	100
Dunedin Gold Cup	L	101.25	100
Kaimai Stakes	L	102.75	100
Lightning Handicap	L	104	100
Flying Handicap	L	104.5	100
Riverton Cup	L	97.75	100
Hawkes Bay Cup	L	100.5	100
City of Napier Sprint	L	100.75	100
CJC Geo. Adams (Tattersall)	L	103.5	100
Anzac Handicap	L	100.25	100
CJC Great Easter Stakes	L	99	100
Marton 1600	L	98	100
Wanganui Cup	L	101.5	100
Opunake Cup	L	105	100
Wairarapa TB Breeders Stks	L	100.5	96
Tauranga Classic	L	96	96

Nb. The right-hand column (Minimum expected) is the expected rating figure for that grade of race. All races have a 3lb tolerance which must be attained at least once every 3 seasons to avoid down-grading.