



NZTR RETURN TO RACING POLICY

Sequential Steps/Stages that must be followed:

- 1) After track civil works, maintenance or repairs are completed, and the surface is ready for use by horses and riders, "slow-work" track work will be introduced and coordinated by the Club and the Regional Track Advisor; or NZTR.
- 2) After the surface has been used for "slow-work" and track work for a reasonable period, and the surface is considered ready, Jumps-outs (or gallops at a minimum) will be scheduled. These Jump-outs (or gallops) will be coordinated by the Club and the Regional Track Advisor; or NZTR. The following industry representation must be present to monitor the tracks performance:
 1. Club
 2. Club Racecourse Manager
 3. RIB Stipendiary Steward and/or;
 4. Regional Track Advisor (if available)

The RIB Stipendiary Steward, or collective group, will be responsible for deciding on whether the track is ready for Official Trials to be scheduled. This will be decided following consultation from a jockey's representative and in communication with NZTR.

- 3) In the weeks preceding the planned return to racing, Official Trials or Jump Outs (if Official Trials are unable to be scheduled) must be conducted. The trials must have the following minimum representation to monitor the tracks performance:
 1. Club
 2. Club Racecourse Manager
 3. RIB Stipendiary Steward
 4. Regional Advisor (if available)
 - The RIB Stipendiary Steward will be responsible for deciding on whether the track is ready for racing.
 - At the Official Trials or Jump Outs, a panel of senior riders will be required to participate and provide feedback to the Stipendiary Steward in regards to the condition of the track.
 - The RIB Stipendiary Steward is to appraise the performance of the track and assess its suitability to return to racing.

A coordinated communication program is to be adhered to during the "Return to Racing" process.

- The communication program is to be coordinated by NZTR in conjunction with the Club.
- All communications regarding the "Return to Racing" process for each Club must include:
 - Regional RIB staff
 - RIB Chief Stipendiary Steward
 - NZTR Racing Operations Team
 - Regional Track Advisor
 - "the Club"
 - "the Club Track Management Team"
 - NZTA
 - NZJA

In the situation where a track **fails** to 'pass' the Official Trials test to return to racing;

- Official trials or Jump Outs must be rescheduled,
- The next programmed race meeting will be transferred to a suitable venue