



## RESOLVING CONCERNS ABOUT THE SAFETY OF TRACK SURFACES BEFORE RACE DAY

This document sets out the Pre-Meeting Track Safety Review process to be followed when concerns are raised about the safety of a racetrack before the scheduled day of a race meeting.

### *Commencement of a Pre-Meeting Track Safety Review*

The Pre-Meeting Track Safety Review process commences when a report either by text message or email alleging that the track surface for an upcoming race meeting is, or is likely to be, unsafe for raceday riding is received by the NZTR from:

- An identifiable Licensed industry participant;
- An NZTR official;
- An RIB official; or
- The racing club itself.

If an NZTR, RIB or racing club official receives a report alleging that that the track surface for an upcoming race meeting is, or is likely to be, unsafe for raceday riding, that official must immediately send that report to the NZTR General Manager of Racing.

The NZTR General Manager of Racing must send a copy of the report to the racing club manager.

The racing club manager must promptly convene a Track Safety Review Panel consisting of:

- The racing club manager;
- The racing club employee or volunteer responsible for maintaining the track surface;
- One or more rider representatives nominated by the NZJA;
- A stipendiary steward nominated by the RIB; and
- The Regional Track Advisor, or an NZTR nominated representative.

The Panel may, but does not have to, include:

- A trainers' representative nominated by the NZTA; or
- Any other suitable person to support the Track Safety Review.

### *Conduct of a Pre-Meeting Track Safety Review*

The Track Safety Review Panel must:

- Consider the report which gave rise to the Review;
- Consider the Track Preparation Policy;
- Inspect the track itself, and conduct any investigations that it considers reasonably necessary;
- Obtain any further information it considers necessary from the club.

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<sup>1</sup> The racing club manager is the most senior employee of the relevant racing club, however described.

The Panel must then consider and report to NZTR:

- Whether the issue or issues identified in the report have been substantiated; and
- Whether the NZTR Track Preparation Policy is being complied with; and
- Whether, in all the circumstances, the track will be safe for raceday riding; and
- If there are deficiencies in the preparation of the track, whether those deficiencies can be remedied in time for the track to be safely presented on raceday.

*Results of Pre-Meeting Track Safety Review*

NZTR must consider the report of the Track Safety Review panel, and decide:

- To take no further action and allow the meeting to be held as schedule; or
- To require that remedial work be undertaken, and a further Track Safety Review be undertaken before the meeting can be held as scheduled; or
- To abandon the meeting (including whether the meeting can be transferred).