

## Racing Conditions and Regulations September 2020

The following special conditions and regulations (the **Special Conditions**) apply to the programmes for racemeetings. The Standard Regulations for racemeeting programmes continue to apply, as amended by (and subject to) these Special Conditions.

### Free Racing

- Nomination and/or acceptance fees will not be charged for horses that start in a race apart from black-type racing.
- 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 <sup>st</sup>	54%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	15%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	7%
4 <sup>th</sup>	4%
5 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup>	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

#### In all non-Group or Listed open handicaps:

- Weights will be framed with the view to maximise the spread. The top weight assigned to any horse shall be no more than 62kg provided that horse has a rating of 102 or lower. Horses rated 103 or higher will receive a weight over 62kg at a rate of 0.5kg per rating point (notwithstanding a mare's allowance). In races where the spread of ratings is less than 16 points, weights will be assigned from the bottom up provided a minimum top weight of 60kg is achieved. The minimum weight in all races shall be no less than 54kg.

#### In all Group 3 and Listed open handicap races:

- Horses shall be weighted from the top down starting a 60kg for races that are run at a distance up to and including 2199 metres. Those horses rated 104 or higher shall receive a weight over 60kg at a rate of 0.5kg per rating point.
- The top weight will be 59kg in Group 3 and Listed races that are run at a distance of 2200 metres or further, for horse rated up to and including 97. Those rated 98 will receive 59.5kg and those rated 99 to 103 will receive 60kg. Horses rated 104 or higher will receive 0.5kg per rating point on top of the 60kg.
- The minimum weight shall not be less than 53kg in all these races.

#### **In all Group 2 and Group 1 open handicap races:**

- Horses shall be weighted from the top down starting a 59kg. Those horses rated 106 or higher shall receive a weight over 59kg at a rate of 0.5kg per rating point.
- The minimum weight shall not be less than 52kg in all these races.

#### **Re-ratings**

- The maximum re-rating for the winner of a non-Group or Listed handicap race will be 10 points while the maximum re-rating for the second to fifth placegetter will be 5 points.

#### **Trials and Jumpouts**

- All trials will be run in line with the directives and policies released by NZTR with no exceptions.
- 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).

#### **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.