



NZTR Policy for the Transfer of Racemeetings to Synthetic Tracks

This Policy sets out the principles for transferring a race meeting to a synthetic racetrack. Any decision to transfer a racemeeting to a synthetic track under this Policy will be subject to, and require, the approval of TAB NZ.

1. If a turf racetrack is determined by NZTR or a Stipendiary Steward to be unsuitable or unsafe, or is otherwise unavailable, for racing, NZTR may decide to transfer a racemeeting from that racetrack to a synthetic racetrack if, in its opinion, there are no other suitable turf racetracks in the relevant region to hold the racemeeting or it is not otherwise appropriate in the circumstances to transfer the meeting to a turf track.
2. NZTR may:
 - (a) decide to transfer a racemeeting to a synthetic racetrack prior to, or after, final withdrawals for the racemeeting and the fields for the racemeeting have been published by NZTR on its website provided the decision is made by no later than 12 noon on the day immediately preceding the date of the racemeeting; and
 - (b), in its discretion, elect to re-open nominations for a transferred racemeeting and announce a revised withdrawal deadline for that meeting (with the result that the existing fields for the racemeeting will be set aside and new fields for the meeting will be drawn and published by NZTR) if, in its opinion, there is sufficient time, and it is appropriate, to do so. If NZTR does elect to re-open nomination for a transferred meeting, preference is to be given, when finalising the new fields for that meeting, to those horses that had originally been acceptors for the meeting.
3. If a racemeeting is transferred to a synthetic track:
 - (a) the distances of the races programmed to be run at the racemeeting will be adjusted by NZTR, in its discretion, to reflect the starting positions at that synthetic track;
 - (b) all scratchings will be reinstated, and trainers will be able to scratch their horses without penalty, with all scratching fees being waived unless NZTR elects to re-opens nominations for the meeting under clause 2(b) of this Policy; and
 - (c) any balloting of horses to ensure that the starting limits for the synthetic racetrack are complied with will be conducted by NZTR in accordance with the Balloting Conditions set out in its Standard Regulations subject to clause 2(b) of this Policy, if applicable.
4. If a racemeeting that is to be transferred to a synthetic track includes a Pattern race, or other special interest race (as determined by NZTR), NZTR may, in its discretion, delete that race from the transferred racemeeting and arrange for it to be held on another raceday.
5. NZTR may, in its discretion, abandon a racemeeting or race that has been transferred to a synthetic racetrack under this Policy if, in its opinion, the meeting or race is not viable, whether as a result of the number of scratchings following the transfer of the meeting or otherwise.