



# FUNDING POLICY

V2.0

NZ Thoroughbred Funding for  
Stakes, Clubs and Race Meetings

2025/2026 Season

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## 1.0 STATEMENT, PURPOSE, SCOPE AND CONSENT

### 1.1 Statement

NZTR reserves the right to amend or replace this policy at any time to reflect changes in NZTR's strategic direction, industry priorities, or the availability of funds. All funding applications and decisions will be assessed against the version of the policy in effect at the time of assessment.

The most current version of this policy is available on the NZTR website, and it is the responsibility of clubs and stakeholders to ensure they refer to the latest version.

### 1.2 Purpose

This policy outlines the principles, eligibility criteria, and processes for the allocation and management of funding by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR). It is intended to ensure that funding decisions are fair, transparent, strategically aligned, and fiscally responsible.

### 1.3 Scope

This policy applies to funding distributed by NZTR to Clubs or other eligible racing-related entities. It covers meeting categorisations, stake money levels, race meeting funding, annual compliance funding and other funding and club and venue related requirements.

### 1.4 Members' Consent

In accordance with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 section 26, acceptance of funding from New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) confirms a members ongoing membership and its agreement to comply with the Rules of Racing, the NZTR Constitution, and all applicable policies. Members that do not receive funding remain members provided they meet the membership criteria and continue to comply with all relevant obligations.

## 2.0 CHANGES TO FUNDING STREAMS 2024/2025 V 2025/2026

Stakes funding	
Comparison of 2024/2025 to 2025/2026 Funding Policy	
2024/2025 Funding Policy	2025/2026 Funding Policy
<b>All Stakes funding.</b> Entain/TAB NZ have provided a minimum guaranteed funding amount to Racing NZ through to 2027/2028. Although NZTR's share of this funding remains subject to the Code Funding Agreement and other NZTR domestic and overseas wagering performance, stake levels should remain stable. Adjustments to stakes would only be made during the season in the event of a notable change in performance.	Unchanged. <i>Base income to NZTR for the 2025/2026 Season has been confirmed. However, Racefields and Export income is paid directly and is subject to variations depending on performance.</i>
<b>Minimum stake funding (stakes matrix).</b> Iconic & Premier minimums \$65k except for Opens at Iconics \$75k and Maidens at Premiers \$30k. Feature Meetings (Peak season) Open races \$50k, other races \$40k, Maidens \$25k Feature Meetings (Off-peak) Open races \$40k, other races \$35k, Maidens \$20k Industry Meetings (Peak season) Open races \$25k, other races \$18.5k, twilights \$25k Industry Meetings (Off-peak) Open races \$22k, other races \$17k. Prizemoney paid back to 10th place. For races with fewer than 10 starters, prizemoney will not be paid to unfilled placings.	Unchanged. <i>56 races have been added to the 2025/2026 Calendar.</i>
<b>Group and Listed minimums.</b> Group 1 minimums \$400k at all meetings. Iconic and Premier meetings - Group 2 minimums are \$175k, Group 3s \$120k and Listed races \$90k. Feature and Industry meetings - Group 2 minimums are \$150k, Group 3s \$100k, Listed races \$80k.	Minimums unchanged. <i>For the new NZ Thoroughbred Summer of Racing period several Group and Listed races had their stake levels increased last season. The majority of these stakes have been maintained but have not further increased into 2025/2026. These are detailed in the tables in the Iconic, Heritage or Innovation sections as appropriate.</i>
<b>Iconic race funding</b>	Unchanged, <i>some amendments to dates, races &amp; stakes.</i>
<b>Heritage race funding.</b>	Unchanged, <i>some amendments to dates, races &amp; stakes.</i>
<b>Country Cup funding.</b>	Unchanged, <i>some amendments to dates, races &amp; stakes.</i>
<b>Other race funding support.</b>	Unchanged, <i>some amendments to dates, races &amp; stakes.</i>
<b>Special interest funding.</b>	Unchanged, <i>some amendments to dates, races &amp; stakes.</i>
<b>Innovation funding</b> For the five Innovation races as well as new stake increases as part of the Summer of Racing.	Unchanged, <i>some amendments to dates, races &amp; stakes.</i>
<b>Jumps race stakes</b> paid as per the table in Appendix Three, based on meeting category, race class and the overall jumping programme.	Unchanged, <i>some amendments to dates, races &amp; stakes.</i>

*Note - Changes from the previous season are noted in blue italics.*

Club and meeting funding	
Comparison of 2024/2025 to 2025/2026 Funding Policy	
2024/2025 Funding Policy	2025/2026 Funding Policy
<b>Meeting funding</b> - Iconic and Premier meetings - \$27,500, Feature meetings - \$10,500 and Industry meetings - \$7,500. Per meeting.	<i>Iconic and Premier meetings - \$29,000, Feature meetings - \$11,000 and Industry meetings - \$8,000. Per meeting. 8 new meetings have been added.</i>
<b>Venue funding</b> - International & Strategic venues - \$21,000, Significant venues - \$18,500, Supporting venues - \$14,250, Community venues - \$11,250. Per meeting.	<i>International &amp; Strategic venues - \$22,000, Significant venues - \$19,500, Supporting venues - \$15,000, Community venues - \$12,000. Per meeting.</i>
<b>Race meeting compliance funding</b> - \$8,500 per meeting paid upon fulfilment of racing information requirements as outlined in the Funding Policy.	<i>All venues paid \$8,500 paid upon fulfilment of the racing information requirements. Per meeting.</i>
<b>Club compliance funding</b> - of between \$33,500 and \$10,500 per season based on venue categorisation and submission of financial reporting, business plans, use of the health & safety model, and agreeing a period of track renovation with NZTR.	<i>International venues paid a total of \$45,000, Strategic \$37,500, Significant \$32,000, Supporting \$29,000, Community \$24,500, Training \$21,500, Tenant clubs \$11,000. Business Plan requirements replaced by re-registration of Club Constitution as outlined.</i>
<b>Event tier funding</b> - Event Tier 1 meetings receive funding of \$67,500, Tier 2 \$34,000, Tier 3 \$17,000, Tier 4 \$11,500, Tier 5 \$5,750, 137 total events. Additional non-wagering data required from clubs.	<i>Event Tier 1 meetings receive funding of \$72,000, Tier 2 \$36,000, Tier 3 \$18,000, Tier 4 \$12,000, Tier 5 \$6,000, Some changes to events. Requirements for non-wagering data remain for Iconic, Premiers &amp; Tiers 1-3.</i>
<b>Carnival Funding</b> of \$112.5k paid to 7 race meetings, with the addition of 2 other meetings with smaller payment amounts.	<i>The Grand Tour Racing Festival Funding of \$65k paid to 10 race meetings, with this amount to be used to fund The Grand Tour activity at these meetings.</i>
<b>Jumping meeting support funding</b> of \$3,250 or \$5,500 per meeting for venues that hold 5 or more jumps meetings per season.	<i>Jumping support funding of \$3,500 per meeting, and \$6,000 per meeting for venues that host 5 or more meetings per season.</i>
<b>On-course turnover payment.</b> On-course turnover commission paid at 10% through terminals and 12.5% for turnover on mobile devices located on-course during a raceday. A minimum payment of \$5,000 for on-course turnover applies.	Unchanged. <i>Note that a movement towards digital/mobile turnover on-course has improved returns for clubs.</i>
<b>Public holiday funding</b> of 33% of the amount paid to tote staff hired for a public holiday meeting up to a max of \$6,000. In addition, \$3,250 per meeting will be paid directly to clubs to cover Raceday Officials employed.	Unchanged for Tote staff. <i>An increase to \$3,500 per meeting paid to assist clubs with Raceday Officials employed on Public Holidays.</i>
<b>Strategic Training Centre</b> funding based on starts produced at the venue. Tier 1 venues paid \$125,000, Tier 2 venue funding \$80,000, Tier 3 \$60,000, Tier 4 \$30,000 and Tier 5 \$12,500.	<i>Changed to \$10,000 paid at each 1% level of national starts produced, minimum of \$1.5% starts produced applies.</i>
Income from nomination and acceptance charges for Group and Listed and Innovation races paid to clubs. PJR fees not charged to owners but still paid to clubs. No fees charged to owners by NZTR for other races, except for non-acceptance and scratching fees.	Unchanged.
Swabbing attendants, both veterinarians (when required) and stenographer employed by the Racing Integrity Board (RIB).	Unchanged.
<b>Contestable funds.</b> Funds are available for clubs to apply for HR support and business innovation.	Unchanged.

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### 3.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF NZTR FUNDING POLICY FOR THE 2025/2026 SEASON

#### Executive Summary

Entain/TAB NZ have provided a guaranteed funding amount to Racing NZ until the end of the 2027/2028 Season. While NZTR's share of this funding remains subject to the Code Funding Agreement and other NZTR domestic and overseas wagering performance, stake levels should remain stable this season and beyond. Adjustments to stakes would only be made during the season in the event of a notable change in performance.

#### Stakes Funding

- a) NZTR will directly pay all **Minimum stake** levels for each race and meeting class in the tables below in Section 1, provided all of this funding is paid to participants as stake money. The following minimum stakes for non-Group and Listed races will apply for the full 2025/2026 Season.
- **Iconic** meeting minimums run at \$65,000, with Iconic Open races at \$75,000.
  - **Premier** meeting minimums (excluding Maiden races) run for \$65,000 with Maiden races at \$30,000.
  - **Feature** prizemoney minimums during the Peak season (23 August to 4 April):  
Open races run for \$50,000. R75, R65, MAAT and 2&3YO races run for \$40,000, Maidens at \$25,000.
  - **Feature** prizemoney minimums during the Off-peak season (1 to 22 August and 5 April to 31 July):  
Open races run for \$40,000. R75, R65, MAAT and 2&3YO races at \$35,000, Maidens \$20,000.
  - **Industry** prizemoney minimums during the Peak season (23 August to 4 April):  
Open races run for \$25,000. R75, R65, MAAT, 2&3YO and Maiden races run for \$18,500.  
Midweek twilight meetings held from November to March, all races run for \$25,000.
  - **Industry** prizemoney minimums during the Off-peak season (1 to 22 August and 5 April to 31 July):  
Open races run for \$22,000. R75, R65, MAAT, 2&3YO and Maiden races run for \$17,000.
  - Prizemoney will be paid back to 10<sup>th</sup> place for all races unless specifically noted within the conditions of the race and approved by NZTR. For races with fewer than 10 starters, prizemoney will not be paid to unfilled placings.

A full list of meetings and categories is attached as Appendix Seven.

- b) **Group and Listed** races will be funded to the minimum levels outlined in Section 2. The following minimums will apply for the full 2025/2026 Season:
- Group 1 race minimums at all meetings will be run for a minimum of \$400,000.
  - At **Iconic and Premier** race meetings:
    - Group 2 race minimums are \$175,000.
    - Group 3 race minimums are \$120,000.
    - Listed race minimums are \$90,000.
  - At **Feature and Industry** race meetings:
    - Group 2 race minimums are \$150,000.
    - Group 3 race minimums are \$100,000.
    - Listed race minimums are \$80,000.

These Group and Listed minimum stakes will apply for the full 2025/2026 season. All Group and Listed race dates and stakes are subject to confirmation from the Pattern Review Committee. For the new NZ Thoroughbred Summer of Racing period, several Group and Listed races had their stake levels increased above these minimums last season. These stake increases have been maintained but not further increased and are detailed in the tables in the Iconic, Heritage or Innovation sections as appropriate.

- c) **Iconic race** funding in addition to the Group race minimums will be paid to races of national significance, as per the table in Section 3. Funding for some of the races in this category were increased last season as a result of the Summer of Racing initiative.
- d) **Heritage race** funding will be paid over the minimum funding for races considered to have traditional importance in the New Zealand Racing Calendar. See Section 4. Funding for some of the races in this category changed last season due to the Summer of Racing initiative.
- e) **Country Cup** funding will be paid to enable every club to have one race worth a minimum of \$25,000, or \$35,000 if their Cup or other peak race is an Open race. See Section 5.
- f) **Other race** funding has been allocated to miscellaneous races or race meetings. See Section 6.
- g) **Special Interest** prizemoney funding will be paid by NZTR to clubs that are able to match this additional funding for the races noted. See Section 7.
- h) **Jumps race** stakes will be funded as per the table in Appendix Three.
- i) **Innovation funding.** In addition to the five Innovation races, a number of other races are now included in this funding category as part of the Summer of Racing initiative. These are detailed in Section 9.
- j) All the above funding will be considered as part of the minimum stakes obligation for NZ thoroughbred races. NZTR's payment of minimum stakes will directly match the minimum stake paid to participants for each race. Should not all the minimum funding amount (including minimum stakes, Group and Listed, Iconic race, Country Cup, Heritage, Special Interest, Other race and Innovation funding) be paid to participants as stake money, then NZTR will only fund clubs up to the level of the actual funding amount paid out. This may occur in instances where the field size ends up lower than the number of place getters intended to receive stake money.

## Club and Meeting Funding

- k) **Meeting funding** is paid per meeting, based on the category of meeting.

- Funding for Iconic and Premier meetings increases from \$27,500 to **\$29,000**.
- Funding for Feature meetings increases from \$10,500 to **\$11,000**.
- Funding for Industry meetings increases from \$7,500 to **\$8,000**.

Clubs will also be required to meet the Minimum Standards by Meeting Type, outlined in Appendix Five. If NZTR determines in its sole discretion that a Club is not meeting applicable standards, it may withhold, suspend or impose conditions on future meeting funding. Funding may be reinstated once NZTR is satisfied that the Club has taken appropriate steps to remedy the non-compliance and meet the required standards. A list of all meetings and categorisations is included in Appendix Seven. See Section 10.

- l) **Venue category funding** is paid per meeting, based on the category of venue.

- Funding for International and Strategic venues increases from \$21,000 to **\$22,000**.
- Funding for Significant venues increases from \$18,500 to **\$19,500**.
- Funding for Supporting venues increases from \$14,250 to **\$15,000**.
- Funding for Community venues increases from \$11,250 to **\$12,000**.

A list of all venues and their categorisations is included in Appendix One. See Section 11.

- m) **Race meeting compliance** funding increases from \$8,000 to **\$8,500** per meeting. Funding is paid upon fulfilment of racing information requirements as outlined. \$2,000 will be paid to clubs that have adhered to the Minimum Venue Guideline Standards for their meeting and **\$6,500** to clubs that complete a race meeting club checklist, submit weather and track conditions as detailed in Section 12. Race meeting compliance funding to be paid directly to the club hosting the race meeting, unless otherwise arranged with both clubs and NZTR.

- n) **Club compliance** funding is paid annually.

- Funding for International venues increases from a maximum of \$33,500 to **\$45,000**.
- Funding for Strategic venues increases from a maximum of \$28,250 to **\$37,500**.
- Funding for Significant venues increases from a maximum of \$25,250 to **\$32,000**.
- Funding for Supporting venues increases from a maximum of \$22,250 to **\$29,000**.
- Funding for Community venues increases from a maximum of \$19,500 to **\$24,500**.
- Funding for training and trials only venues increases from a maximum of \$17,000 to **\$21,500**.
- Funding for tenant clubs increases from a maximum of \$10,500 to **\$11,000**.

Club compliance funding is subject to clubs meeting the following conditions:

- **\$5,500** will be paid to clubs that meet their annual financial reporting requirements by 31 December 2025.
- Between **\$5,500 and \$10,000** will be paid to provided they have by these key dates:
  - 1. obtained NZTR approval of their updated constitution by Friday 29th August 2025.
  - 2. successfully re-registered their constitution in accordance with the Incorporated Societies Act 2020, Friday 30th January 2026.
- Between **\$3,500 and \$9,500** will be paid to the principal clubs at venues that utilise the NZTR approved Health and Safety Online system and comply with the requirements of this system.
- Between **\$7,000 and \$20,000** will be paid to the principal clubs at venues if their track renovation period and plan is agreed with NZTR and their Regional Track Adviser. See Section 13.

For the last three elements of Club Compliance funding, different levels of funding apply to each venue categorisation, from training and trials venues through to International venues. Business Plan requirements from the previous season have been replaced by re-registration of Club Constitution as outlined above.

- o) **Event tier** funding is paid per meeting for events ranked from Tier 1 to Tier 5.

- Event Tier 1 meeting funding increases from \$67,500 to **\$72,000**.
- Event Tier 2 meeting funding increases from \$34,000 to **\$36,000**.
- Event Tier 3 meeting funding increases from \$17,000 to **\$18,000**.
- Event Tier 4 meeting funding increases from \$11,500 to **\$12,000**.
- Event Tier 5 meeting funding increases from \$5,750 to **\$6,000**.



137 total events will receive this funding. See Section 14. Some clubs may have individual arrangements to redirect funding to event or marketing spend. These details will be confirmed with Clubs separately. Additional non-wagering data required from clubs running Iconic, Premier & Event Tier 1 to 3 meetings, as detailed below and in Appendix Six. All meetings categorised as Event Tiers 1 through 5 are listed in Appendix Two, with some adjustments made this season depending on event sizes or impacts from other funding changes.

- p) **The Grand Tour Racing Festival** funding of **\$65,000** for 10 race meetings as detailed. Funding will be applied in full to support spend made on behalf of the club by The Grand Tour Racing Festival and other activities with these details to be confirmed with the clubs. See Section 15.
- q) Meetings with jumps races will receive a **\$3,500 Jumping Support** fee. An additional **\$2,500** per meeting will be paid to venues that hold 5 or more jumps meetings per season. Section 16.
- r) A commission of **10%** will be paid on total **On-course turnover** (all totalisator racing and FOB racing turnover) generated through on-course terminals at all meetings. A commission of **12.5%** will be paid on all racing turnover placed with TAB NZ and betcha on digital or mobile devices that are located on-course during a raceday. If the total turnover commission for any meeting equates to less than \$5,000, a minimum payment of \$5,000 will be paid. See Section 17.
- s) **Public holiday** funding of 33% of the amount paid to tote staff hired for a public holiday meeting up to a maximum of **\$6,000** per meeting will be funded. In addition, a flat funding per public holiday meeting of **\$3,500** will be paid to clubs to assist with their additional costs in employing raceday officials for the day. See Section 18.
- t) A **Strategic Training Centre** subsidy will be paid according to the percentage of starts nationally produced by the largest training venues. This payment will be based on 2024/2025 start numbers and are detailed in the table in Section 19. The payment amount has been amended to \$10,000 per 1% level of national starts produced, with a minimum of \$1.5% starts produced applying. Venues that receive this payment must fulfil other requirements detailed in Section 19.
- u) **Contestable funding** Human Resource support and business innovation initiatives will be available again in 2025/26. See Sections 20 and 21.

## Other

- v) **Nomination and acceptance fees** are not charged for any races below Group and Listed level, with exception of the five Innovation races added in 2023/2024. Prestige Jumps and Open jumps races do not have nomination and acceptance fees charged to owners. Non-Acceptance and Scratching fees will still be charged for all races. A nomination fee will not be charged for any non-Group and Listed race run at Maiden through to Open and at age group level. However, a non-acceptance fee of \$50 (plus GST) will be charged to owners of horses that nominate but do not accept for any of these races. Acceptance fees will not be charged for any non-Group and Listed run at Maiden through to Open and at age group level. However, a scratching fee of 0.75% (plus GST) of the total stake will be charged to owners for any horse that has been scratched from any of these races. Clubs will continue to set nomination and acceptance fees for all Group and Listed races, based on NZTR guidelines, and will receive the nomination and acceptance income from these fees. NZTR will set and collect the acceptance fees for the five Innovation races, as detailed in this document. For Prestige Jumps and Open jumps races as listed in Appendix Three, NZTR will fund clubs the equivalent nomination and acceptance fees that would have been charged to owners.
- w) NZTR policy for the **abandonment of meetings or races** is set out in Appendix Four.
- x) The RIB will directly employ and meet the costs of veterinarians, swabbing attendants and stenographers as required on raceday.
- y) Clubs are required to comply with all conditions of the betting licence/s issued to them by the TAB NZ as part of the Final 2025/2026 Racing Calendar.
- z) Any races run in excess of the number granted under a club's licence in the TAB NZ Final 2025/2026 Calendar will need to be approved by NZTR, prior to withdrawal time.
- aa) Any race with an early nomination and more than one withdrawal fee must be approved by NZTR, prior to advertising the conditions of the race.

## 4.0 FUNDING POLICY DETAILS FOR THE 2025/2026 SEASON

The elements from the NZ Thoroughbred Funding Policy that apply to the 2025/2026 season are detailed below, separated into three sections:

- 4.1 Stakes Funding,
- 4.2 Club and Meeting Funding, and
- 4.3 Other.

**Entain/TAB NZ have provided a guaranteed funding amount to Racing NZ until the end of the 2027/2028 Season. While NZTR's share of this funding remains subject to the Code Funding Agreement and other NZTR domestic and overseas wagering performance, stake levels should remain stable this season and beyond. Adjustments to stakes would only be made during the season in the event of a notable change in performance.**

### 4.1 STAKES FUNDING

#### 1. Stake minimums per meeting and race class (non-Group and Listed):

NZTR will directly pay the minimum stakes levels for each race and meeting class in the below tables, provided all of this funding is paid to participants as stake money. 56 races have been added to the 2025/2026 Calendar.

The following minimum stakes for all races (excluding Group and Listed races) will apply for the 2025/2026 season:

##### Peak season: 23 August to 4 April

Meeting Category	Open	R75	R65/ MAAT	3&4YO	2YO	Maiden
Iconic	75,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	0
Premier	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	30,000
Feature	50,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	25,000
Industry	25,000	18,500	18,500	18,500	18,500	18,500

**Other:** Midweek twilight Industry meetings run from November to March, all races will be run for **\$25,000**.

##### Off-peak season: 1 to 22 August and 5 April to 31 July

Meeting Category	Open	R75	R65/ MAAT	3&4YO	2YO	Maiden
Feature	40,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	20,000
Industry	22,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000

A full list of meetings and categories is attached as Appendix Seven.

## 1.1 Prizemoney allocation to placegetters

Prizemoney will be paid back to 10th place for all races except those specifically approved by NZTR and detailed in the Racing Programme Booklet. In races with fewer than 10 starters, prizemoney will only be paid to the number of horses that start—no prizemoney will be paid for unfilled placings or reallocated to the remainder of the field. Any savings in advertised prizemoney will be used by NZTR to help support the prizemoney of added, divided or split races where demand is identified, either prior to or after the date of nominations.

For races with total stakes of less than \$20,000, a different prizemoney percentage allocation will apply compared to races worth \$20,000 or more. This ensures that the share of stakes paid to the owners of horses finishing 10th or better is sufficient to cover the rider's fee, inclusive of GST.

Less than \$20,000		\$20,000 or more	
Placing	% split	Placing	% split
1st	56.0%	1st	57.5%
2nd	18.0%	2nd	18.5%
3rd	9.0%	3rd	9.0%
4th	5.0%	4th	5.0%
5th	2.0%	5th	2.5%
6th	2.0%	6th	1.5%
7th	2.0%	7th	1.5%
8th	2.0%	8th	1.5%
9th	2.0%	9th	1.5%
10th	2.0%	10th	1.5%
	100.0%		100.0%

An allocation of 1% of total prizemoney to a Horse Welfare fund will continue using the current mechanism, with 1% removed from each share to be paid to owners, trainers and riders and not from the topline prizemoney amount.

## 2. Group and Listed minimums (all meeting types):

Clubs conducting Group and Listed races are to be funded to the minimum of the relevant Group and Listed race level below, provided the full amount of this funding is paid to participants as stake money. The following Group and Listed Race minimums will apply for the entire 2025/2026 Season:

Meeting Category	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Listed
Iconic	400,000	175,000	120,000	90,000
Premier	400,000	175,000	120,000	90,000
Feature	400,000	150,000	100,000	80,000
Industry	400,000	150,000	100,000	80,000

For the NZ Thoroughbred Summer of Racing period, several Group and Listed races had their stake levels increased above these minimums last season. These stake increases have been maintained but generally not further increased in the 2025/2026 Season and are detailed in the tables in the Iconic, Heritage or Innovation Funding sections as relevant.

All Group and Listed race dates, stakes and status are subject to confirmation by the Pattern Review Committee. Where time permits, upgraded **and** downgraded races will receive their new Group and Listed race minimum funding. NZTR will, however, consider any Pattern Review Committee recommendations around the stake of Group and Listed before making any adjustments to stakes.

### 3. Iconic Race funding

Iconic Races will be funded as identified in the below table. Total Group race and Iconic stakes funding must be paid to participants for the full Iconic stake funding to apply.

Funding for some of the races in this category were increased last season as a result of the of the NZTR Summer of Racing initiative and these stake increases have been maintained by generally not further increased in the 2025/2026 Season. As was the case last season, Club contributions to stakes were adjusted taking into account the increase in nomination and acceptance income received by the clubs as a result of the stake increases for these races.

FY26 Date	Club	Race name	G&L or race type	NZTR min stake funding	Final NZTR Additional Contribution	Total Club Contribution	Total Stake
18/10/2025	Auckland TR	Livamol Classic	Group 1	\$400,000	+\$110,000	+\$40,000	\$550,000
08/11/2025	Canterbury JC	1,000 Guineas	Group 1	\$400,000	+\$150,000	+\$50,000	\$600,000
12/11/2025	Canterbury JC	The TAB Mile	Group 3	\$120,000	+\$50,000	+\$80,000	\$250,000
15/11/2025	Canterbury JC	2,000 Guineas	Group 1	\$400,000	+\$125,000	+\$175,000	\$700,000
15/11/2025	Canterbury JC	NZ Cup	Group 3	\$120,000	+\$280,000	+\$50,000	\$450,000
01/01/2026	Auckland TR	Queen Elizabeth II Cup	Group 3	\$120,000	+\$97,800	+\$32,200	\$250,000
03/01/2026	Wellington RC	Telegraph	Group 1	\$400,000	+\$110,000	+\$40,000	\$550,000
03/01/2026	Wellington RC	Levin Classic	Group 2	\$175,000	+\$175,000	+\$50,000	\$400,000
24/01/2026	Auckland TR	Karaka Million 2YO	Listed	\$90,000	+\$160,000	+\$750,000	\$1,000,000
24/01/2026	Auckland TR	Karaka Million 3YO	Listed	\$90,000	+\$585,000	+\$825,000	\$1,500,000
31/01/2026	Wellington RC	Wellington Cup	Group 3	\$120,000	+\$242,500	+\$37,500	\$400,000
07/02/2026	Waikato TR	Herbie Dyke Stakes	Group 1	\$400,000	+\$145,000	+\$155,000	\$700,000
21/02/2026	Auckland TR	NZ Oaks	Group 1	\$400,000	+\$510,000	+\$90,000	\$1,000,000
07/03/2026	Auckland TR	NZ Derby	Group 1	\$400,000	+\$500,000	+\$350,000	\$1,250,000
07/03/2026	Auckland TR	Auckland Cup	Group 2	\$175,000	+\$167,500	+\$257,500	\$600,000
07/03/2026	Auckland TR	Westbury Classic	Group 2	\$175,000	+\$277,500	+\$147,500	\$600,000
28/03/2026	Manawatu RC	Manawatu Sires Produce	Group 1	\$400,000	+\$100,000	+\$50,000	\$550,000
	<b>Total</b>			<b>\$4,385,000</b>	<b>+\$3,785,300</b>	<b>+\$3,179,700</b>	<b>\$11,350,000</b>

#### 4. Heritage Racing Funding

The Heritage Race Funding stream applies to races that have some traditional importance in the New Zealand Racing Calendar and that NZTR believe deserve to be run for more than their existing minimum stake. In some cases, these races may have had their Group and Listed status downgraded by the Pattern Committee, but their stake maintained at the minimum of the previous stake. Funding for some of the races in this category were increased last season as a result of the of the NZTR Summer of Racing initiative and these stake increases have been maintained by generally not further increased in the 2025/2026 Season. As was the case last season, Club contributions to stakes were adjusted taking into account the increase in nomination and acceptance income received by the clubs as a result of the stake increases for these races.

FY26 Date	Club	Race name	G&L or race type	NZTR min stake funding	Final NZTR Additional Contribution	Total Club Contribution	Total Stake
16/08/2025	Taranaki RI	Interprovincial	Open	\$40,000	+\$55,000	+\$5,000	\$100,000
12/10/2025	Rotorua RC	Challenge Plate	Open	\$50,000	+\$30,000	-	\$80,000
01/11/2025	Wairarapa RC	Feilding Cup	Open	\$50,000	+\$30,000	-	\$80,000
15/11/2025	Canterbury JC	Stewards Handicap	Listed	\$90,000	+\$30,000	+\$20,000	\$140,000
22/11/2025	Auckland TR	Counties Cup	Group 3	\$120,000	+\$20,000	+\$30,000	\$170,000
30/11/2025	Levin RC	Levin Stakes	Open	\$50,000	+\$30,000	-	\$80,000
13/12/2025	Waikato TR	Waikato Cup	Group 3	\$120,000	+\$20,000	-	\$140,000
20/12/2025	Manawatu RC	Manawatu Cup	Group 3	\$100,000	+\$20,000	-	\$120,000
28/12/2025	South Canterbury RC	Timaru Cup	Open	\$25,000	+\$55,000	-	\$80,000
24/01/2026	Taranaki RI	Taranaki Cup	Group 3	\$100,000	+\$20,000	-	\$120,000
14/02/2026	Southland RC	Southland Guineas	Listed	\$80,000	+\$20,000	+\$20,000	\$120,000
28/02/2026	Otago RC	White Robe Lodge	Group 3	\$100,000	+\$121,800	+\$8,200	\$230,000
28/02/2026	Otago RC	Dunedin Guineas	Listed	\$80,000	+\$94,000	+\$6,000	\$180,000
28/02/2026	Otago RC	Dunedin Gold Cup	Listed	\$80,000	+\$94,000	+\$6,000	\$180,000
21/03/2026	Wellington RC	NZ St Leger	Open	\$50,000	+\$60,000	-	\$110,000
04/04/2026	Riverton RC	Riverton Cup	Open	\$50,000	+\$30,000	-	\$80,000
11/04/2026	Otaki-Maori RC	Hawkes Bay Cup	Listed	\$80,000	+\$40,000	-	\$120,000
18/04/2026	Auckland TR	Easter Handicap	Group 3	\$100,000	+\$30,000	+\$20,000	\$150,000
02/05/2026	Canterbury JC	Easter Cup	Open	\$40,000	+\$40,000	-	\$80,000
09/05/2026	Rotorua RC	Rotorua Cup	Listed	\$80,000	+\$20,000	-	\$100,000
10/07/2026	Otaki-Maori RC	Raukawa Cup	R75	\$17,000	+\$23,000	-	\$40,000
25/07/2026	Taumarunui RC	Taumarunui Cup	Open	\$40,000	+\$30,000	+\$30,000	\$100,000
	<b>Total</b>			<b>\$1,542,000</b>	<b>+\$912,800</b>	<b>+\$145,200</b>	<b>\$2,600,000</b>

## 5. Country Cup Funding

Additional funding is allocated to enable every club in the country to run at least one race worth \$25,000, or \$35,000 (\$30,000 off-peak) if their Cup race (or other major race) is an Open Handicap. The below table summarises all clubs and races that will qualify for this funding, which does not require a contribution from the club. The five races run for more than the Country Cup minimums receive additional club contribution.

NZTR's contribution and the overall minimum stake for each race is subject to change and will also depend on the final class of the race programmed and run. The list of races below represents the budget at the start of the season. Additional races may be added if clubs currently without licences are allocated race meetings. Clubs that ordinarily would have a race funded at a minimum of \$25,000 do not receive funding under this category.

FY26 Date	Club	Race name	G&L or race type	NZTR min stake funding	Final NZTR Additional Contribution	Total Club Contribution	Total Stake
19/10/2025	Waverley RC	Waverley Cup	Open	\$25,000	+\$12,500	+\$12,500	\$50,000
16/11/2025	Waipukurau JC	Waipukurau Cup	R75	\$18,500	+\$11,500	+\$5,000	\$35,000
23/11/2025	Winton JC	Winton Cup	Open	\$25,000	+\$10,000	-	\$35,000
28/11/2025	Central Otago RC	Central Otago Cup	Open	\$25,000	+\$10,000	-	\$35,000
21/12/2025	Tapanui RC	Tapanui Cup	Open	\$25,000	+\$10,000	-	\$35,000
28/12/2025	Taupo RC	Taupo Cup	Open	\$25,000	+\$35,000	+\$40,000	\$100,000
30/12/2025	Kurow JC	Kurow Cup	Open	\$25,000	+\$10,000	-	\$35,000
04/01/2026	Greymouth JC	Greymouth Cup	Open	\$25,000	+\$10,000	+\$5,000	\$40,000
07/01/2026	Reefton JC	Reefton Cup	Open	\$25,000	+\$10,000	-	\$35,000
10/01/2026	Kumara RC	Kumara Gold Nuggets	Open	\$25,000	+\$10,000	+\$5,000	\$40,000
15/02/2026	Wairoa RC	Wairoa Cup	Open	\$25,000	+\$10,000	+\$5,000	\$40,000
08/03/2026	Wyndham RC	Wyndham Cup	Open	\$25,000	+\$10,000	-	\$35,000
11/03/2026	South Waikato RC	South Waikato Cup	Open	\$25,000	+\$10,000	-	\$35,000
15/03/2026	Beaumont RC	Beaumont Cup	R75	\$18,500	+\$6,500	-	\$25,000
22/03/2026	Masterton RC	Masterton Cup	R75	\$18,500	+\$6,500	-	\$25,000
29/04/2026	Woodville-Pahiatua F	Woodville Cup	R75	\$17,000	+\$8,000	-	\$25,000
10/05/2026	Wairio JC	Wairio Cup	Open	\$22,000	+\$8,000	-	\$30,000
07/06/2026	Waimate RC	Waimate Cup	Open	\$22,000	+\$8,000	-	\$30,000
	<b>Total</b>			<b>\$416,500</b>	<b>+\$196,000</b>	<b>+\$72,500</b>	<b>\$685,000</b>



## 6. Other Race Funding

The Other Race Funding category picks up a range of arrangements made with clubs, including support for racing at our provincial and regional race meetings, the Dunstan Stayers series, the Southern Mile series and final, Synthetic Track and Winter Finals and other successful initiatives. Further adjustments are possible as the timing of races is confirmed with clubs and taking into account the change in minimum stake for each of these races.

FY26 Date	Club	Race name	G&L or race type	NZTR min stake funding	Final NZTR Additional Contribution	Total Club Contribution	Total Stake
02/08/2025	Canterbury JC	Open Handicap	Open	\$40,000	+\$5,000	-	\$45,000
06/08/2025	Canterbury JC	Open Handicap	Open	\$40,000	+\$5,000	-	\$45,000
06/08/2025	Canterbury JC	Open Handicap	Open	\$40,000	+\$5,000	-	\$45,000
06/08/2025	Canterbury JC	Synthetic Track Final	R65/ MAAT	\$35,000	+\$65,000	-	\$100,000
08/08/2025	Waikato TR	Synthetic Track Final	R65/ MAAT	\$17,000	+\$83,000	-	\$100,000
08/08/2025	Waikato TR	Synthetic consolation	R65/ MAAT	\$17,000	+\$8,000	-	\$25,000
14/08/2025	Rangitikei RC	Synthetic Track Final	R65/ MAAT	\$17,000	+\$83,000	-	\$100,000
14/08/2025	Rangitikei RC	Synthetic consolation	R65/ MAAT	\$17,000	+\$8,000	-	\$25,000
09/08/2025	Canterbury JC	Open Handicap	Open	\$40,000	+\$5,000	-	\$45,000
09/08/2025	Canterbury JC	Open Handicap	Open	\$40,000	+\$5,000	-	\$45,000
22/11/2025	Auckland TR	Dunstan Stayers Heat	R65/ MAAT	\$65,000	+\$5,000	+\$5,000	\$75,000
22/11/2025	Auckland TR	Dunstan Stayers Heat	R75	\$65,000	+\$5,000	+\$5,000	\$75,000
22/11/2025	Auckland TR	Dunstan Stayers Heat	R75	\$65,000	+\$5,000	+\$5,000	\$75,000
22/11/2025	Wanganui JC	Dunstan Stayers Heat	R65/ MAAT	\$40,000	+\$5,000	-	\$45,000
29/11/2025	Auckland TR	Dunstan Stayers Heat	R65/ MAAT	\$40,000	+\$5,000	+\$10,000	\$55,000
29/11/2025	Auckland TR	Dunstan Stayers Heat	R75	\$40,000	+\$5,000	+\$10,000	\$55,000
29/11/2025	Wanganui JC	Dunstan Stayers Heat	R65/ MAAT	\$40,000	+\$5,000	-	\$45,000
30/11/2025	Levin RC	Dunstan Stayers Heat	R75	\$40,000	+\$5,000	-	\$45,000
06/12/2025	Wellington RC	Dunstan Stayers Heat	R75	\$65,000	+\$5,000	-	\$70,000
06/12/2025	Auckland TR	Dunstan Stayers Heat	R65/ MAAT	\$40,000	+\$5,000	+\$10,000	\$55,000
12/12/2025	Tauranga, Racing	Dunstan Stayers Heat	R75	\$25,000	+\$5,000	-	\$30,000
13/12/2025	Waikato TR	Dunstan Stayers Heat	R65/ MAAT	\$65,000	+\$5,000	-	\$70,000
14/12/2025	Wellington RC	Dunstan Stayers Heat	R65/ MAAT	\$40,000	+\$5,000	-	\$45,000
20/12/2025	Manawatu RC	Wakefield Challenge Stakes Group 2		\$150,000	+\$25,000	-	\$175,000
20/12/2025	Waikato TR	Dunstan Stayers Heat	R65/ MAAT	\$40,000	+\$5,000	-	\$45,000
20/12/2025	Waikato TR	Dunstan Stayers Heat	R75	\$40,000	+\$5,000	-	\$45,000
26/12/2025	Auckland TR	Dunstan Stayers Final	Open	\$75,000	+\$10,000	+\$40,000	\$125,000
26/12/2025	Otago RC	Southern Mile Heat	R75	\$40,000	+\$10,000	-	\$50,000
26/12/2025	Otago RC	Southern Mile Heat	R65/ MAAT	\$40,000	+\$10,000	-	\$50,000
27/12/2025	Taranaki RI	City of New Plymouth Cup	R75	\$18,500	+\$11,500	-	\$30,000
28/12/2025	Taupo RC	MAAT final	R65/ MAAT	\$18,500	+\$21,500	-	\$40,000

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## Other race funding

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FY26 Date	Club	Race name	G&L or race type	NZTR min stake funding	Final NZTR Additional Contribution	Total Club Contribution	Total Stake
01/01/2026	Riverton RC	Southern Mile Heat	R65/ MAAT	\$18,500	+\$11,500	-	\$30,000
01/01/2026	Riverton RC	Minimum \$25k races	7 races	\$129,500	+\$45,500	-	\$175,000
03/01/2026	Thames JC	Thames Cup	R75	\$18,500	+\$6,500	-	\$25,000
03/01/2026	Thames JC	Sprint	R75	\$18,500	+\$6,500	-	\$25,000
06/01/2026	Whangarei RC	Dargaville RC Cup	R65/ MAAT	\$18,500	+\$16,500	-	\$35,000
10/01/2026	Kumara RC	Minimum \$25k races	7 races	\$129,500	+\$45,500	-	\$175,000
17/01/2026	Waikouaiti RC	Southern Mile Heat	R75	\$40,000	+\$10,000	-	\$50,000
17/01/2026	Waikouaiti RC	Southern Mile Heat	R65/ MAAT	\$40,000	+\$10,000	-	\$50,000
24/01/2026	Canterbury JC	Southern Mile Heat	R75	\$40,000	+\$10,000	-	\$50,000
04/02/2026	Banks Peninsula RC	Southern Mile Heat	R65/ MAAT	\$25,000	+\$10,000	-	\$35,000
06/02/2026	Wairarapa RC	Wairarapa Cup	R75	\$18,500	+\$6,500	-	\$25,000
07/02/2026	Otago RC	Minimum \$50k races	4 races	\$160,000	+\$40,000	-	\$200,000
07/02/2026	Otago RC	Southern Mile Heat	R65/ MAAT	\$40,000	+\$10,000	-	\$50,000
14/02/2026	Southland RC	Minimum \$50k races	3 races	\$120,000	+\$30,000	-	\$150,000
14/02/2026	Southland RC	Southern Mile Heat	R75	\$40,000	+\$10,000	-	\$50,000
20/02/2026	Ashburton RC	Southern Mile Heat	R75	\$40,000	+\$10,000	-	\$50,000
28/02/2026	Otago RC	Southern Mile Final	Open	\$50,000	+\$150,000	-	\$200,000
06/04/2026	Riverton RC	Minimum \$18.5k/\$25k races	9 races	\$180,000	+\$18,000	+\$12,000	\$210,000
18/04/2026	Auckland TR	Minimum \$40k/\$50k races	6 races	\$215,000	+\$35,000	+\$90,000	\$340,000
03/05/2026	Otaki-Maori RC	Foxton Cup	Open	\$22,000	+\$8,000	-	\$30,000
09/05/2026	Wellington RC	Autumn Sprint Final	R75	\$35,000	+\$15,000	-	\$50,000
08/07/2026	Canterbury JC	Synthetic Final OE	R75	\$17,000	+\$15,000	-	\$32,000
08/07/2026	Canterbury JC	Synthetic Final OE	R75	\$17,000	+\$15,000	-	\$32,000
08/07/2026	Canterbury JC	Synthetic Final OE	R75	\$17,000	+\$15,000	-	\$32,000
08/07/2026	Canterbury JC	Synthetic Final OE	R75	\$17,000	+\$15,000	-	\$32,000
08/07/2026	Canterbury JC	Synthetic Final MAAT	Maiden	\$17,000	+\$5,000	-	\$22,000
08/07/2026	Canterbury JC	Synthetic Final MAAT	Maiden	\$17,000	+\$5,000	-	\$22,000
08/07/2026	Canterbury JC	Synthetic Final MAAT	Maiden	\$17,000	+\$5,000	-	\$22,000
08/07/2026	Canterbury JC	Synthetic Final MAAT	Maiden	\$17,000	+\$5,000	-	\$22,000
11/07/2026	Whangarei RC	Winter Championship Final	2YO	\$35,000	+\$25,000	-	\$60,000
11/07/2026	Whangarei RC	Winter Championship Final	3&4YO	\$35,000	+\$25,000	-	\$60,000
11/07/2026	Whangarei RC	Winter Championship Final	Open	\$40,000	+\$20,000	-	\$60,000
11/07/2026	Whangarei RC	Winter Championship Final	Open	\$40,000	+\$20,000	-	\$60,000
11/07/2026	Whangarei RC	Winter Championship Final	R65/ MAAT	\$35,000	+\$25,000	-	\$60,000
18/07/2026	Taranaki RI	\$60/50/40/20k races	7 races	\$235,000	+\$80,000	-	\$315,000
	<b>Total</b>			<b>\$3,659,500</b>	<b>+\$1,214,500</b>	<b>+\$187,000</b>	<b>\$5,061,000</b>

## 7. Special Interest Funding

Special Interest Funding from NZTR requires a minimum contribution from the clubs involved.

Club contribution towards each of the races below remains provisional and NZTR will work with relevant clubs on their funding contribution and the final stake for each of these races.

FY26 Date	Club	Race name	G&L or race type	NZTR min stake funding	Final NZTR Additional Contribution	Total Club Contribution	Total Stake
09/08/2025	Canterbury JC	Grand National Steeplechase	PJR	\$125,000	+\$25,000	+\$50,000	\$200,000
17/08/2025	Taupo RC	3YOF & C&G races	3YOF & C&G races	\$34,000	+\$23,000	+\$23,000	\$80,000
04/10/2025	Egmont RC	Egmont Cup	Open	\$50,000	+\$5,000	+\$5,000	\$60,000
10/10/2025	Taupo RC	Poverty Bay Cup	R75	\$18,500	+\$16,500	+\$25,000	\$60,000
12/10/2025	Rotorua RC	Arawa Stakes	Group 3	\$100,000	+\$20,000	+\$20,000	\$140,000
26/12/2025	Auckland TR	Minimum \$75k races	6 races	\$400,000	+\$30,000	+\$90,000	\$520,000
01/01/2026	Auckland TR	Minimum \$75k races	6 races	\$390,000	+\$30,000	+\$25,000	\$445,000
24/01/2026	Canterbury JC	Marlborough Cup	Open	\$50,000	+\$10,000	+\$10,000	\$70,000
24/01/2026	Auckland TR	Jo Giles F&M	Open	\$75,000	+\$10,000	+\$15,000	\$100,000
13/02/2026	Taranaki RI	Male v Female races	8 races	\$148,000	+\$26,000	+\$26,000	\$200,000
14/02/2026	Southland RC	Invercargill Gold Cup	Open	\$50,000	+\$2,500	+\$7,500	\$60,000
07/03/2026	Auckland TR	Minimum \$75k races	R75	\$65,000	+\$5,000	+\$5,000	\$75,000
04/04/2026	Riverton RC	Francois Stakes F&M	Open	\$50,000	+\$2,500	+\$2,500	\$55,000
18/07/2026	Taranaki RI	Opunake Cup	Listed	\$80,000	+\$30,000	+\$10,000	\$120,000
22/07/2026	Waikato TR	Synthetic Final	R65/ MAAT	\$17,000	+\$5,500	+\$5,000	\$27,500
22/07/2026	Waikato TR	Synthetic Final	R65/ MAAT	\$17,000	+\$5,500	+\$5,000	\$27,500
22/07/2026	Waikato TR	Synthetic Final	R65/ MAAT	\$17,000	+\$5,500	+\$5,000	\$27,500
22/07/2026	Waikato TR	Synthetic Final	R65/ MAAT	\$17,000	+\$5,500	+\$5,000	\$27,500
	<b>Total</b>			<b>\$1,703,500</b>	<b>+\$257,500</b>	<b>+\$334,000</b>	<b>\$2,295,000</b>

## 8. Jumping races

Jumping race stakes will be paid in accordance with the table in Appendix Three, which sets out prizemoney based on meeting category, race class, and the overall jumping programme.

All scheduled races and associated prizemoney are subject to change at NZTR's sole discretion.

For Prestige Jumps and Open jumps races as listed in Appendix Three, NZTR will fund clubs the equivalent nomination and acceptance fees that would have been charged to owners.

## 9. Innovation Funding

In addition to the five new Innovation Races first run in the 2023/2024 Season, a number of races have been added to this funding stream last season as part of the NZ Thoroughbred Summer of Racing initiative. Races funded during this period that do not receive Iconic or Heritage funding are included in this table. Club contributions may also have been adjusted taking into account an expected increase in nomination and acceptance income received by the clubs as a result of the stake increases for these races.

FY26 Date	Club	Race name	G&L or race type	NZTR min stake funding	Final NZTR Additional Contribution	Total Club Contribution	Total Stake
20/09/2025	Auckland TR	Sunline Vase	Group 3	\$100,000	+\$20,000	+\$30,000	\$150,000
26/12/2025	Auckland TR	Auckland Guineas	Group 2	\$175,000	+\$41,700	+\$53,300	\$270,000
26/12/2025	Auckland TR	Zabeel Classic	Group 1	\$400,000	+\$45,000	+\$55,000	\$500,000
26/12/2025	Auckland TR	Eight Carat Classic	Group 2	\$175,000	+\$41,700	+\$53,300	\$270,000
26/12/2025	Otago RC	Otago Breeders Stakes	Listed	\$80,000	+\$18,500	+\$1,500	\$100,000
01/01/2026	Auckland TR	Sir Patrick Hogan Stakes	Group 2	\$175,000	+\$45,000	+\$50,000	\$270,000
01/01/2026	Auckland TR	Rich Hill Mile	Group 2	\$175,000	+\$41,700	+\$53,300	\$270,000
03/01/2026	Wellington RC	Wellesley Stakes	Listed	\$90,000	+\$9,300	+\$700	\$100,000
17/01/2026	Wellington RC	Thorndon Mile	Group 2	\$175,000	+\$315,000	+\$10,000	\$500,000
17/01/2026	Wellington RC	Trentham Stakes	Group 3	\$120,000	+\$27,800	+\$2,200	\$150,000
17/01/2026	Wellington RC	Desert Gold Stakes	Group 3	\$120,000	+\$74,000	+\$6,000	\$200,000
24/01/2026	Auckland TR	Railway Handicap	Group 1	\$400,000	+\$125,000	+\$175,000	\$700,000
24/01/2026	Auckland TR	Almanzor Trophy	Group 3	\$120,000	+\$25,000	+\$105,000	\$250,000
24/01/2026	Auckland TR	Aotearoa Classic	Innovation R	\$120,000	+\$880,000	-	\$1,000,000
31/01/2026	Auckland TR	Fulton Family Stakes	Listed	\$80,000	-	+\$20,000	\$100,000
31/01/2026	Auckland TR	Colin Jillings 2YO	Group 3	\$100,000	+\$10,000	+\$10,000	\$120,000
31/01/2026	Wellington RC	Remutaka Classic	Innovation R	\$75,000	+\$275,000	-	\$350,000
07/02/2026	Waikato TR	Waikato Sprint	Group 1	\$400,000	+\$90,000	+\$10,000	\$500,000
07/02/2026	Waikato TR	Sir Tristram Fillies Classic	Group 2	\$175,000	+\$92,500	+\$7,500	\$275,000
07/02/2026	Waikato TR	Waikato Guineas	Group 2	\$175,000	+\$91,400	+\$8,600	\$275,000
07/02/2026	Waikato TR	Karapiro Classic	Innovation R	\$65,000	+\$285,000	-	\$350,000
14/02/2026	Matamata RC	Matamata Slipper	Group 3	\$100,000	+\$46,300	+\$3,700	\$150,000
14/02/2026	Matamata RC	Lisa Chittick	Listed	\$80,000	+\$34,800	+\$5,200	\$120,000
14/02/2026	Matamata RC	Matamata Breeders' Stake	Group 2	\$150,000	+\$69,400	+\$5,600	\$225,000
14/02/2026	Matamata RC	Kaimai Stakes	Listed	\$80,000	+\$18,500	+\$1,500	\$100,000
21/02/2026	Auckland TR	Uncle Remus Stakes	Group 3	\$120,000	+\$6,300	+\$23,700	\$150,000
21/02/2026	Auckland TR	Avondale Guineas	Group 2	\$175,000	+\$44,400	+\$30,600	\$250,000
21/02/2026	Auckland TR	Otaki-Maori WFA	Group 1	\$400,000	+\$180,000	+\$20,000	\$600,000
21/02/2026	Auckland TR	Avondale Cup	Group 3	\$120,000	+\$99,400	+\$30,600	\$250,000
28/02/2026	Matamata RC	Wairere Falls Classic	Innovation R	\$50,000	+\$300,000	-	\$350,000
01/03/2026	Marton JC	Cuddle Stakes	Group 3	\$100,000	+\$94,000	+\$6,000	\$200,000
07/03/2026	Auckland TR	Kings Plate	Group 3	\$120,000	+\$92,500	+\$37,500	\$250,000
07/03/2026	Auckland TR	NZB Kiwi	Slot Race	\$90,000	+\$3,910,000	-	\$4,000,000
07/03/2026	Auckland TR	Pearl Series Final	Other	\$75,000	+\$35,000	+\$10,000	\$120,000
07/03/2026	Auckland TR	3YO Trophy (consolation)	Other	\$65,000	+\$25,000	+\$10,000	\$100,000
07/03/2026	Auckland TR	Sistema Stakes	Group 1	\$400,000	+\$100,000	+\$50,000	\$550,000
07/03/2026	Auckland TR	Bonecrusher NZ Stakes	Group 1	\$400,000	+\$495,000	+\$105,000	\$1,000,000

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FY26 Date	Club	Race name	G&L or race type	NZTR min stake funding	Final NZTR Additional Contribution	Total Club Contribution	Total Stake
21/03/2026	Wellington RC	Wellington Guineas	Group 2	\$150,000	+\$94,400	+\$5,600	\$250,000
21/03/2026	Wellington RC	Lightning Handicap	Listed	\$80,000	+\$47,000	+\$3,000	\$130,000
28/03/2026	Manawatu RC	NZ Thoroughbred Breeder:	Group 1	\$400,000	+\$180,000	+\$20,000	\$600,000
28/03/2026	Manawatu RC	Manawatu Classic	Group 3	\$120,000	+\$27,800	+\$2,200	\$150,000
28/03/2026	Manawatu RC	Flying Handicap	Listed	\$90,000	+\$18,500	+\$1,500	\$110,000
28/03/2026	Manawatu RC	Awapuni Gold Cup	Group 2	\$175,000	+\$23,200	+\$1,800	\$200,000
06/04/2026	Manawatu RC	Manawatu Breeders	Group 3	\$100,000	-	-	\$100,000
11/04/2026	Canterbury JC	Southern Alps Challenge	Innovation R	\$40,000	+\$310,000	-	\$350,000
18/04/2026	Manawatu RC	Manawatu Breeders	Group 3	\$100,000	-	-	\$100,000
	<b>Total</b>			<b>\$7,275,000</b>	<b>+\$8,805,100</b>	<b>+\$1,024,900</b>	<b>\$17,105,000</b>

#### Stakes & Fee Structure for Five NZTR Innovation Races

NZTR will retain all nomination and acceptance fees for the five Innovation Races. Stake and fees are outlined in the tables below. Note that the starting limits for the Remutaka Classic and Southern Alps Challenge have been increased and the acceptance fee and stake money allocation also adjusted.

Karāpiro and Wairere Falls Classics		Remutaka Classic		Southern Alps Challenge	
Total Stake	\$350,000	Total Stake	\$350,000	Total Stake	\$350,000
1st	\$175,000	1st	\$172,500	1st	\$170,000
2nd	\$59,500	2nd	\$57,500	2nd	\$55,000
3rd	\$28,000	3rd	\$26,000	3rd	\$25,000
4th	\$15,750	4th	\$15,000	4th	\$15,000
5th	\$8,750	5th	\$7,500	5th	\$7,000
6th-14th	\$7,000	6th-16th	\$6,500	6th-18th	\$6,000
Nominations	\$175	Nominations	\$175	Nominations	\$175
Acceptances	\$8,750	Acceptances	\$7,750	Acceptances	\$7,000

  

Aotearoa Classic	
Total Stake	\$1,000,000
1st	\$500,000
2nd	\$170,000
3rd	\$80,000
4th	\$45,000
5th	\$25,000
6th-14th	\$20,000
Nominations	\$500
Acceptance	\$25,000

Further details on the five Innovation races, including conditions, weights, eligibility and qualifying races will be published separately by NZTR.

## 4.2 CLUB AND MEETING FUNDING

The core structure of club and meeting funding structure has been maintained for the 2025/2026 Season, with the new funding amounts summarised below. NZTR continues to recognise that clubs face ongoing and increasing costs and the funding amounts noted are designed to assist with these. NZTR will seek improved compliance from clubs for key measures noted. 8 new race meetings have been added to the 2025/2026 Calendar, increasing the total funding required.

**In the event of a fully or partially abandoned race meeting, NZTR will review the circumstances leading to the abandonment. This review will be undertaken in consultation with the Racing Integrity Board (RIB), Regional Track Advisors, and other relevant experts as required.**

**Based on the review, NZTR may elect to withhold all or part of the applicable Club or meeting-related funding. Further details are provided in Appendix Four: Policy for Funding Abandoned Meetings.**

### 10. Meeting Type

Meeting type	Iconic	Premier	Feature	Industry
Funding per meeting	29,000	29,000	11,000	8,000

Clubs will receive Meeting Type payments as set out in the above table for each category of meeting they hold.

A full list of meeting categories by date and by region and club is attached as Appendix Seven. Please note that these meeting categories are draft and remain subject to change from feedback received, and to changes in licences and venues that may occur. The race dates are based on the Final Calendar 2025/2026 as released by TAB NZ on 21 May 2025.

**Clubs will also be required to meet the Minimum Standards by Meeting Type, outlined in Appendix Five. If NZTR becomes aware that standards are not being met by clubs, future Meeting Type funding may be withheld.**

## 11. Venue Category

Venue category	International	Strategic	Significant	Supporting	Community
Funding per meeting	22,000	22,000	19,500	15,000	12,000

Venue category funding will be paid per meeting based on the category of the venue the meeting has been held at.

The Venue Category funding is to be paid directly to club running the race meeting. Alternative arrangements can be made with NZTR for the redirection of this funding if agreed to by both the tenant and host club.

The funding is targeted to assist venues meeting the minimum standards expected for each venue category as well as to assist all venues to conduct race meetings. A full list of all NZ thoroughbred venues and their categorisation under NZTR's Infrastructure Policy is attached as Appendix One.

## 12. Race Meeting Compliance

Race meeting compliance	International	Strategic	Significant	Supporting	Community
Funding per meeting	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500

The Race Meeting Compliance Funding is a key element of club funding. Payment of this funding is subject to the Clubs complying with NZTR's operational and information requirements in the lead-up to each scheduled race meeting. These requirements may include (without limitation) timely submission of race day documentation, operational readiness, and compliance to regulatory obligations. Failure to meet these requirements may result in the funding being withheld, reduced, or subject to further conditions.

**\$2,000 of the Race Meeting Compliance funding payment is dependent on each club adhering to the Minimum Venue Guideline Standards for each race meeting.**

This includes complying with direct advance instruction to remedy a Minimum Venue Guideline Standard identified at a prior race meeting.

**\$6,500 of the Race Meeting Compliance funding is dependent on clubs completing every element of the below:**

- a) Filling out a Race Meeting Club Checklist for the National Racing Bureau (NRB) for each race meeting.
- b) For turf meetings, providing weather, track, rail position & penetrometer updates for each race meeting to the NRB on the following days and times:
  1. Nomination Day - before 9.00am
  2. Withdrawal Day - before 8.30am
  3. Two Days Prior to Meeting – 4.00pm – not required for Thursday & Friday meetings
  4. Day Prior to Meeting – before 9.00am & update before 5.00pm
  5. Race-morning - before 7.00amFor synthetic meetings, regular weather updates are still required, especially where the weather is changeable.
- c) For turf meetings, submitting a short video to [trackreviews@entaingroup.co.nz](mailto:trackreviews@entaingroup.co.nz) providing further detail of track preparation and other relevant information, 1-2 days prior to raceday. This is a collective e-mail for the content team and will ensure that the preview is received by the full team and uploaded in a timely manner.

Clubs will be required to use all resources at their disposal to ensure the accuracy of this information. Clubs are to liaise directly with the NRB if extenuating circumstances mean that any of the above steps are unable to be completed.

It is important that club staff who will be directly responsible for completing the above tasks are made aware of this funding category and the effect on club funding if not carried out. NZTR intends to fully enforce these aspects in the 2025/2026 season.

Race Meeting Compliance Funding will be paid directly to the Club hosting the race meeting, unless alternative arrangements have been agreed in writing by NZTR and all relevant Clubs.



### 13. Club Compliance

Club compliance categories	International	Strategic	Significant	Supporting	Community	Training	Tenant
Financial Reporting	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500
Constitutional change	10,000	9,000	8,000	7,000	6,000	5,500	5,500
Health & Safety Model	9,500	8,000	7,500	6,500	5,000	3,500	-
Track Renovation Period	20,000	15,000	11,000	10,000	8,000	7,000	-
<b>Club compliance funding</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>37,500</b>	<b>32,000</b>	<b>29,000</b>	<b>24,500</b>	<b>21,500</b>	<b>11,000</b>

The Club Compliance funding stream is an annual payment made to each club with a minimum of one licence scheduled in the 2025/2026 Calendar, or that holds a race meeting with the support of another club, or that operates a training and/or trials venue. Business Plan requirements from the previous seasons have been replaced by new requirements for the re-registration of Club Constitutions as outlined below.

**\$5,250 of the club compliance funding payment is dependent on each club meeting the following conditions around their Financial Annual Reporting:**

- Clubs must hold an AGM and submit a copy of the club's audited set of **financial statements** in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) in New Zealand, **annual report, approved minutes of their previous AGM and draft minutes of the most recent AGM to NZTR ([funding@nztr.co.nz](mailto:funding@nztr.co.nz)) by 31 December** following the end of the club's financial year.
- The financial statements must be in the form and using the appropriate Public Benefit Entity Accounting Standards (PBE Standards) applicable for not-for-profit entities.
- NZTR has circulated a standardised reporting template at the start of 2025/26. Clubs will be asked to use this standardised reporting template as the basis for preparing their financial statements from 2025/2026 onwards, in order to meet reporting compliance funding requirements. As previously signalled with the industry, the standardisation of financial reporting will benefit the industry and become a valuable tool for comparisons between clubs and trends analysis.
- Clubs should file their financial statements with the Incorporated Societies Registrar after they have been submitted to and approved by the members of the committee at the AGM. The deadline for filing is the end of the month after the AGM.
- Clubs that do not have a 31 July financial year reporting date are asked to amend their reporting to align with this date by the 2025/2026 season. This will mean that for affected clubs the 2025/2026 season Annual Report will by necessity have to be for an adjusted period.
- It is no longer a requirement for a separate class 4 gaming audit to take place or for the gaming grant receipts template to be filled out. No costs for a gaming grant audit will be paid by TAB NZ or NZTR.
- A currently registered, independent and fully qualified auditor must be used to undertake the club's financial audit.
- The auditor of the financial statements must be a qualified auditor under the meaning of the Financial Reporting Act 2013.
- The audit must be completed in accordance with the New Zealand Auditing Standards.
- NZTR is encouraging the use of a more concentrated number of auditors of Club financial statements across the industry and may provide targeted funding to encourage Clubs to move to a common auditor. Clubs can contact the NZTR Head of Finance via [funding@nztr.co.nz](mailto:funding@nztr.co.nz) to further discuss changing to this auditor.

- Clubs are required to complete and submit the Liability Insurance Declaration and Earthquake Assessment Status Report, which is issued by NZTR on a six-monthly basis, by the required return date.

As part of this process, each Club must:

- Confirm whether they are aware of any notifiable events that may give rise to a claim under any of the group liability insurance policies held by NZTR;
- Provide updates on any previously notified events; and
- Advise NZTR of any changes in the Club's status in relation to Local Council or Regional Council earthquake-prone building requirements.
- Clubs Digital Network. For those Clubs who are live on the network it is a requirement that
  - a) the Terms of Use for the network are accepted, and
  - b) best efforts are made to comply with minimum standards and guidelines which will be issued by 1 August.
- Additional reporting requirements. During the 2025/2026 season, NZTR may also request additional information from clubs. Provision of any such information will also become a requirement of this Funding Policy and funding will be subject to receipt of this additional information as well.

**Please e-mail all financial annual reporting compliance documentation to [funding@nztr.co.nz](mailto:funding@nztr.co.nz) by 31 December.**

#### **Approval and re-registration of Club Constitutions**

Clubs will be eligible to receive compliance funding provided they have by these key dates:

- obtained NZTR approval of their updated constitution by **Friday 29 August 2025**.
- successfully re-registered their constitution in accordance with the Incorporated Societies Act 2020, **Friday 30 January 2026**.

The relevant Club Constitutional funding as detailed will be paid in two instalments:

- 50% will be paid to clubs that obtain NZTR constitution approval by 29 August 2025, with payment to be made in October; and
- the remaining 50% will be paid to clubs that have successfully re-registered by 30 January 2026, with payment to be made in March.

**Please e-mail all constitutional updates and re-registration details to [compliance@nztr.co.nz](mailto:compliance@nztr.co.nz) by the dates noted above.**

**The Health and Safety portion** of the Club Compliance funding payment is dependent on Clubs demonstrating their compliance with the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Act. Clubs that have their own racing or training venues are required to use the Safety Online Health & Safety System, funded by NZTR on behalf of Clubs.

The NZTR funded package includes the Annual Licence Fee and quarterly visits or online Meetings. Any additional consultancy is at the Club's cost.

As part of the utilising this package, clubs will have to ensure that:

- The Club has a Health and Safety Plan;
- The Club maintains a risk register and performs regular site checks;

- The Club records all Health and Safety related training of staff;
- The Club records all incidents, accidents and near-misses;
- The Club reports all notifiable incidents to WorkSafe;
- The Club keeps a record of all Health and safety Committee meetings;
- The Club has an Emergency Evacuation Plan;
- All of the club's employees and all contractors who go onto the club's premises will be made aware of the content of the club's Health and Safety Plan and their need to comply with it (as and to the extent applicable);
- The club has appropriate (and compliant) signage at their premises.

Tenant Clubs (those that do not also operate a racing, training and trials venue) do not require the Safety Online System and will not receive any funding under this category.

**Please contact [compliance@nztr.co.nz](mailto:compliance@nztr.co.nz) if you require any further information regarding your venue's Health and Safety obligations or [funding@nztr.co.nz](mailto:funding@nztr.co.nz) for funding queries.**

**The Track Renovation portion of the Club Compliance funding payment is dependent on the following:**

- Agreement with NZTR & Regional Track Advisor (RTA) on an annual track renovation plan and appropriate time frame. This plan must be submitted for review and approval by NZTR Management, and RTA, who will assist with the development and monitor the plan.
- Payment may be withheld by NZTR if determined that the annual track renovation plan was not substantively adhered to, unless NZTR had prior knowledge and agreed to a change in planning, or for reasons beyond the club's control.
- Clubs that are appointing new Track Managers must consult with NZTR Management on the appointment prior to its confirmation.
- Tenant clubs (those that do not also operate a training and trials venue) do not need to submit a track management template and will not receive any funding under this category.

**Please contact [tim.lambert@nztr.co.nz](mailto:tim.lambert@nztr.co.nz) if you require any further information regarding your venue's Health and Safety obligations or [funding@nztr.co.nz](mailto:funding@nztr.co.nz) for funding queries.**

Once confirmation that clubs have followed the correct procedures and all documents have been received, NZTR will arrange for payment of the Club Compliance (or part payments as relevant) to be made. If clubs require any other assistance with any of the matters noted above, please e-mail [funding@nztr.co.nz](mailto:funding@nztr.co.nz).

**As noted above, NZTR will withhold funding from clubs if documentation is not received by the required dates.**

#### 14. Event Tier

Event tier (refer list of events)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Funding per event	72,000	36,000	18,000	12,000	6,000	-

Identified meetings will receive an additional event tier payment to help support the cost of setting up and hosting events. A list of the race meetings and their proposed event tiers is attached as Appendix Two. Event tier 6 meetings are meetings that are not categorised as events and therefore do not receive any event funding. There are currently 137 race meetings proposed to receive Event Tier funding. Some adjustments have been made to reflect the change in the pattern of major races, meetings over the NZTR Summer of Racing period, sizes of events or impacts from other funding changes.

The above table summarises the funding amount for each event tier. The more significant the event and the larger the crowd being hosted on-course, the higher an event will be categorised and the higher the funding amount the club will receive.

**Clubs that hold Iconic, Premier or Event Tier 1 to 3 meetings will be requested to provide an additional set of non-wagering data. The list of data is summarised in Appendix Six: Requested non-wagering metrics.**

The purpose of this data is to understand performance with a focus on the additional expenditure and returns from the event. This helps to assess aggregated activity and alignment to funding streams within the Club Funding Policy.

- This information will be aggregated and only shared with the endorsement of the Clubs involved.
- We request this information is provided no later than 30 days after the date of the meeting. A template will be issued to Clubs the week following each event to be populated.

Please contact [funding@nztr.co.nz](mailto:funding@nztr.co.nz) with any questions.

Clubs will also be required to meet the new Minimum Standards by Meeting Type, outlined in Appendix Five. If NZTR becomes aware that standards are not being met by clubs, future Event Tier funding may be withheld.

All Iconic and Premier Meetings are required to submit an Event Plan to [funding@nztr.co.nz](mailto:funding@nztr.co.nz) 10 weeks prior to the running of the meeting to qualify for their Event Tier Funding.

Some additional aspects to be noted:

1. The ranking of events is based on on-course turnover, on-course attendance and the relative size of the event. There are instances where meetings were ranked based on the overall impact of the Funding Policy on clubs, to ensure as much as possible clubs were not disadvantaged by previous changes to the Funding Policy.
2. Some clubs may have individual arrangements to hold back a portion of Event Tier funding to support event marketing initiatives.

## 15. The Grand Tour Racing Festival Funding (ex-Carnival funding)

The Grand Tour Racing Festival Funding of \$65,000 will be paid to the following ten race meetings:

FY26 Race Date	Club
Sat, 11 Oct 2025	Manawatu RC
Sat, 8 Nov 2025	Canterbury JC
Wed, 12 Nov 2025	Canterbury JC
Sat, 15 Nov 2025	Canterbury JC
Sat, 22 Nov 2025	Auckland TR
Sat, 13 Dec 2025	Waikato TR
Fri, 26 Dec 2025	Auckland TR
Sat, 24 Jan 2026	Auckland TR
Sat, 31 Jan 2026	Wellington RC
Sat, 7 Mar 2026	Auckland TR

The funding is made available to support The Grand Tour activity at each of the meetings above. This funding will be applied in full for this purpose and will be redirected from club invoices into The Grand Tour cost centre. Some adjustment to Event Tier funding has been made to meetings to help account for the difference in funding paid to clubs.

## 16. Jumping support

A \$3,500 per meeting payment will be paid to clubs conducting jumping races to recognise jumping infrastructure and set-up costs. An additional \$2,500 per meeting (total of \$6,000) will be paid to clubs that hold five or more jumps meetings per season.

## 17. On-course commission, including TAB NZ digital turnover and minimums

A commission of **10%** will be paid on total On-course turnover (all totalisator racing and FOB racing turnover) generated through on-course terminals at all meetings.

A commission of **12.5%** will be paid on all racing turnover placed with TAB NZ or betcha on digital or mobile devices that are located on-course during a raceday.

If the relevant total turnover commission for any meeting equates to less than \$5,000, a minimum payment of \$5,000 will be paid.

On-course commission, including TAB NZ Digital	Iconic	Premier	Feature	Industry
% of on-course terminal turnover funded per meeting	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%
% of on-course digital or mobile turnover funded per meeting	12.50%	12.50%	12.50%	12.50%
On-course minimum payment	Iconic	Premier	Feature	Industry
Funding per meeting	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000

## 18. Public Holiday funding

Public Holiday	Iconic	Premier	Feature	Industry
Funding per meeting for tote staff	33% of the amount paid to tote staff hired for a public holiday up to a max of \$6,000.			
Funding per meeting for raceday officials	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500

Where a Club races on either a public holiday or observed public holiday NZTR will pay **33% of the gross amount paid to tote staff** hired for the day up to a **maximum of \$6,000**. To be eligible for this funding the Club must provide to NZTR the complete payroll documentation confirming payment to tote staff. This must show each staff member's full name and the gross amount of earnings for the public holiday or observed public holiday worked by the staff member and a total of all relevant payments for each raceday.

In addition, a flat funding per public holiday meeting of **\$3,500** will be paid to clubs to assist with their additional costs in employing raceday officials on the day. No documentation is required for this portion of Public Holiday funding.

## 19. Strategic Training Centre subsidies

Training venues receive a subsidy based on the percentage of national starts produced by each venue in the previous season. This payment recognises the contribution to the industry these venues make through the provision of tracks and facilities for horses in training.

NZTR are introducing an amendment to this policy with clubs funded \$10,000 for each 1% of starts produced, with a minimum threshold of 1.5% starts produced. The tiers and funding levels for this subsidy are illustrated in the below table:

% National Starts Produced	Tier	Subsidy
16.00%	16	\$160,000
15.00%	15	\$150,000
14.00%	14	\$140,000
13.00%	13	\$130,000
12.00%	12	\$120,000
11.00%	11	\$110,000
10.00%	10	\$100,000
9.00%	9	\$90,000
8.00%	8	\$80,000
7.00%	7	\$70,000
6.00%	6	\$60,000
5.00%	5	\$50,000
4.00%	4	\$40,000
3.00%	3	\$30,000
2.00%	2	\$20,000
1.00%	1	\$10,000

Note – Minimum threshold of 1.5% of national starts produced applies.

Payment of the subsidy for the 2025/2026 Season will also be subject to the following requirements:

- The payment of all outstanding debts owed by the club or venue operator as determined by NZTR.
- The willingness of the club or venue operator to engage positively with industry initiatives and requests for co-operation as determined by NZTR.

All eligible venues will receive direct advice of this funding from NZTR at the start of the 2025/2026 season and qualifying venues will receive their funding in two instalments, paid in February and August 2026.

## **20. Contestable funding – Human Resource support**

NZTR has contestable funding available to assist Clubs in employing and retaining key personnel for long term benefit of the industry including:

- a) Employing & training prospective track managers;
- b) Building the marketing capability of clubs & regions;
- c) Developing the event management capability of clubs;
- d) Developing future quality administrators;
- e) Training of Raceday Officials

### **Details of the Fund**

- a) Applications considered from Clubs around the below priorities & criteria.
- b) Support for each application up to a maximum of 50% of the human resource.
- c) The maximum period for the support is 2 years.

### **Assessment Criteria for Applications**

All applications will be assessed on how they will best achieve the goals above, with further priority given to positions that benefit regions or multiple clubs and fit the following criteria:

- a) To develop & retain potential track managers including the development of a current track employee into a track managers role at a smaller venue.
- b) To build or increase the employment of marketing & event resource at Clubs to grow capability.
- c) Develop & retain potential club administrators.
- d) Any other club employment opportunities considered.

### **Application**

Clubs should apply in writing to NZTR with a Business Plan containing the following information & explanation:

- a) The position you are looking for NZTR to support.
- b) A description of how this role relates to the above priorities & criteria.
- c) If involving the development of a current employee how this progression will be managed.
- d) The Position Description for the role.
- e) A budget for the role and what level of support you are seeking.

All applications should be sent to [funding@nztr.co.nz](mailto:funding@nztr.co.nz) and will be considered as received during the season.



## **21. Contestable funding - Business Innovation Support**

NZTR has funding available to assist clubs in developing innovative business ideas to grow income outside racedays for the long-term benefit of the club and industry:

- a) Assisting with capital costs of the business innovation.
- b) Assisting with development of the business innovation.
- c) Assisting with the growth of current innovations.
- d) Any other business support opportunities.

### **Details of the Fund**

- a) Applications considered from Clubs around the below priorities & criteria.
- b) Support for each application up to a maximum of 50%.
- c) To support ongoing business opportunities not one-off events-based opportunities or general infrastructure improvements.

### **Assessment Criteria for Applications**

All applications will be assessed on how they will best achieve the goals above, with further priority given to the following criteria:

- a) The level of ongoing income the project will generate for the Club (evidence of reality for these levels must be provided).
- b) Innovation to develop a new stream of income for a Club.
- c) To grow a current stream of income available to a Club.
- d) Enhance current Facilities to support & grow income stream.

### **Application**

Clubs should apply in writing to NZTR with a Business Plan containing the following information & explanation:

- a) The business innovation you are looking for NZTR to support.
- b) An explanation of how the innovation meets the priorities & criteria noted.
- c) A budget for the project including the annual projected net income for at least the next 5-year period must include any workings or data around construction of the budget.
- d) The level of support you are seeking.
- e) How this income will be utilised by the Club for the benefit of the wider racing industry.
- f) Any other relevant supporting information to support your project.

Please note that this funding has been combined within NZTR's Strategic Priorities Budget.

All applications should be sent to [funding@nztr.co.nz](mailto:funding@nztr.co.nz) and will be considered as received during the season.

## 4.3 OTHER

### 22. Nomination, acceptance and scratching fees

Nomination and acceptance fees are not charged for any races below Group and Listed level, with the exception of the five NZTR Innovation races introduced last season. Prestige Jumps races will no longer have nomination and acceptance fees charged. Non-Acceptance and Scratching fees will still be charged for all races.

A nomination fee will not be charged for any non-Group and Listed race run at Maiden through to Open and at age group level. However, a non-acceptance fee of \$50 (plus GST) will be charged to owners of horses that nominate but do not accept for any of these races.

Acceptance fees will not be charged for any non-Group and Listed run at Maiden through to Open and at age group level. However, a scratching fee of 0.75% (plus GST) of the total stake will be charged to owners for any horse that has been scratched from any of these races.

Clubs will continue to set nomination and acceptance fees for all Group and Listed races, based on NZTR guidelines, and will receive the nomination and acceptance income from these fees. NZTR will set and collect the acceptance fees for the five Innovation races, as detailed in this document. For Prestige Jumps and Open jumps races as listed in Appendix Three, NZTR will fund clubs the equivalent nomination and acceptance fees that would have been charged to owners.

### 23. Policy for funding abandoned meetings and meetings with additional or deleted races

Appendix Four details NZTR policy in the event of an abandonment or part abandonment of a race meeting and the addition or deletion of races, with respect to each of the above funding streams.

**As noted above, NZTR may elect to withhold some club and meeting funding in the event of a fully or partially abandoned race meeting. NZTR will review the circumstances that led up to the abandonment in consultation with the RIB, Regional Track Advisors, and turf experts before determining impact on funding.**

### 24. Other race day costs

Swabbing vets, swabbing attendants, raceday veterinarians and stenographers are employed and paid for by the RIB. In the event that the RIB assume the responsibility for the employment of other Raceday Officials, club and meeting funding may have to be reviewed.

## **25. Conditions of funding**

The following conditions (further to those noted in other sections above) will apply to clubs in order to qualify for funding under this policy:

- Clubs are required to comply with all conditions of the betting licence/s issued to them by the TAB NZ as part of the Final 2025/2026 Racing Calendar. In relation to Intellectual Property for receiving vision and audio and racing information, for the 2025/2026 racing season, NZTR supports the current arrangement whereby NZTR and Club racing vision, audio and data intellectual property is provided by agreement to TAB NZ to support TAB NZ's fulfilment of current commercial contracts, on a basis contingent upon development of a mutually intended agreement between NZTR and TAB NZ confirming and enabling NZTR's greater future freedom in commercialising NZTR and Club racing vision, audio and data intellectual property.
- Any races run in excess of the number granted under a club's licence in the TAB NZ Final 2025/2026 Calendar will need to be approved by NZTR, prior to withdrawal time.
- Any race with an early nomination and more than one withdrawal fee must be approved by NZTR, prior to advertising the conditions of the race.

## APPENDIX ONE: NZ THOROUGHBRED VENUE CATEGORISATION AND VENUE FUNDING LEVELS

Venue	Category	Funding per mtg
Ellerslie	International	22,000
Awapuni	Strategic	22,000
Awapuni Synthetic	Strategic	22,000
Cambridge Synthetic	Strategic	22,000
Riccarton Park	Strategic	22,000
Riccarton Park Synthetic	Strategic	22,000
Te Rapa	Strategic	22,000
Hastings	Significant	19,500
Matamata	Significant	19,500
New Plymouth	Significant	19,500
Otaki	Significant	19,500
Pukekohe	Significant	19,500
Ruakaka	Significant	19,500
Tauranga	Significant	19,500
Te Aroha	Significant	19,500
Trentham	Significant	19,500
Wanganui	Significant	19,500
Wingatui	Significant	19,500
Ashburton	Supporting	15,000
Avondale	Supporting	15,000
Hawera	Supporting	15,000
Invercargill	Supporting	15,000
Rotorua	Supporting	15,000
Taupo	Supporting	15,000
Timaru	Supporting	15,000
Waverley	Supporting	15,000
Cromwell	Community	12,000
Gore	Community	12,000
Kumara	Community	12,000
Kurow	Community	12,000
Oamaru	Community	12,000
Omoto	Community	12,000
Reefton	Community	12,000
Riverton	Community	12,000
Tauherenikau	Community	12,000
Waipukurau	Community	12,000
Woodville	Community	12,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>37 Venues</b>

## APPENDIX TWO: LIST OF EVENT MEETINGS AND TIERS BY DATE

Race Date	Day	Racemeeting name or day	Race Club	Venue	Region	Meeting Category	Event Tier
2 Aug 25	Sat	Winter Cup	Canterbury JC	Riccarton Park	South Island	Feature	4
6 Aug 25	Wed	Middle day Synthetic	Canterbury JC	Riccarton Synthetic	South Island	Feature	4
9 Aug 25	Sat	Grand National Steeple	Canterbury JC	Riccarton Park	South Island	Feature	3
16 Aug 25	Sat	Interprovincial	Taranaki RI	New Plymouth	Central	Feature	5
23 Aug 25	Sat	Foxbridge Plate	Waikato TR	Te Rapa	Northern	Feature	4
30 Aug 25	Sat	Wanganui Guineas	Wanganui JC	Wanganui	Central	Feature	5
30 Aug 25	Sat	Spring 1st day	Canterbury JC	Riccarton Park	South Island	Feature	5
6 Sept 25	Sat	Tarzino Trophy	Auckland TR	Ellerslie	Northern	Premier	3
13 Sept 25	Sat	Canterbury Belle Stakes	Canterbury JC	Riccarton Park	South Island	Feature	5
14 Sept 25	Sun	Great Northern	Waikato TR	Te Rapa	Northern	Feature	3
20 Sept 25	Sat	Saturday	Auckland TR	Ellerslie	Northern	Feature	4
20 Sept 25	Sat	Marton Metric Mile	Wanganui JC	Wanganui	Central	Feature	5
27 Sept 25	Sat	Arrowfield Stud Plate	Manawatu RC	Awapuni	Central	Premier	4
27 Sept 25	Sat	North Canterbury Cup	Canterbury JC	Riccarton Park	South Island	Feature	5
4 Oct 25	Sat	Matamata Cup	Matamata RC	Matamata	Northern	Feature	5
4 Oct 25	Sat	Taranaki Breeders	Egmont RC	Hawera	Central	Feature	5
11 Oct 25	Sat	Livamol Classic	Manawatu RC	Awapuni	Central	Iconic	1
12 Oct 25	Sun	Sweynesse Stakes	Rotorua RC	Rotorua	Northern	Feature	5
18 Oct 25	Sat	Saturday	Auckland TR	Ellerslie	Northern	Feature	4
24 Oct 25	Fri	Friday	Taranaki RI	New Plymouth	Central	Industry	5
25 Oct 25	Sat	Soliloquy Stakes	Auckland TR	Ellerslie	Northern	Feature	5
25 Oct 25	Sat	Canterbury Stakes	Canterbury JC	Riccarton Park	South Island	Feature	5
26 Oct 25	Sun	Thompson Handicap	Wellington RC	Trentham	Central	Feature	5
27 Oct 25	Mon	Sarten Memorial	Waikato TR	Te Rapa	Northern	Feature	5
31 Oct 25	Fri	Friday	Ashburton RC	Ashburton	South Island	Industry	5
1 Nov 25	Sat	Saturday	Tauranga, Racing	Tauranga	Northern	Feature	5
1 Nov 25	Sat	Feilding Cup	Manawatu RC	Awapuni	Central	Feature	5
4 Nov 25	Tue	Melbourne Cup Day	Auckland TR	Ellerslie	Northern	Premier	1
4 Nov 25	Tue	Melbourne Cup Day	Otago RC	Wingatui	South Island	Feature	3
8 Nov 25	Sat	2,000 Guineas	Canterbury JC	Riccarton Park	South Island	Premier	2
8 Nov 25	Sat	Legacy Lodge Sprint	Waikato TR	Te Rapa	Northern	Feature	5
9 Nov 25	Sun	Sunday	Wairarapa RC	Tauherenikau	Central	Industry	5
12 Nov 25	Wed	Coupland's Mile	Canterbury JC	Riccarton Park	South Island	Premier	2
15 Nov 25	Sat	NZ Cup	Canterbury JC	Riccarton Park	South Island	Iconic	1
15 Nov 25	Sat	Tauranga Stakes	Tauranga, Racing	Tauranga	Northern	Feature	3
16 Nov 25	Sun	Sunday	Waipukurau JC	Waipukurau	Central	Industry	5
21 Nov 25	Fri	Friday	Taranaki RI	New Plymouth	Central	Industry	5
22 Nov 25	Sat	Counties Cup	Auckland TR	Pukekohe	Northern	Premier	3
28 Nov 25	Fri	Cromwell Xmas Day 1	Central Otago RC	Cromwell	South Island	Industry	5
29 Nov 25	Sat	Eagle Technology	Auckland TR	Ellerslie	Northern	Feature	4
29 Nov 25	Sat	Wanganui Cup	Wanganui JC	Wanganui	Central	Feature	4
30 Nov 25	Sun	Wellington Stakes	Levin RC	Otaki	Central	Feature	4
30 Nov 25	Sun	Cromwell Xmas Day 2	Otago RC	Cromwell	South Island	Feature	3
4 Dec 25	Thu	Christmas meeting	Taranaki RI	New Plymouth	Central	Industry	4

Race Date	Day	Racemeeting name or day	Race Club	Venue	Region	Meeting Category	Event Tier
5 Dec 25	Fri	Christmas meeting	Canterbury JC	Riccarton Synthetic	South Island	Feature	4
6 Dec 25	Sat	Captain Cook Stakes	Wellington RC	Trentham	Central	Premier	3
6 Dec 25	Sat	Christmas meeting	Auckland TR	Pukekohe	Northern	Feature	4
7 Dec 25	Sun	Christmas meeting	Te Aroha, Racing	Te Aroha	Northern	Industry	4
10 Dec 25	Wed	Christmas meeting	Wairarapa RC	Tauherenikau	Central	Industry	4
11 Dec 25	Thu	Christmas meeting	Auckland TR	Ellerslie	Northern	Industry	5
12 Dec 25	Fri	Christmas meeting	Tauranga, Racing	Tauranga	Northern	Industry	5
13 Dec 25	Sat	Waikato Cup	Waikato TR	Te Rapa	Northern	Premier	2
13 Dec 25	Sat	Christmas meeting	Southland RC	Invercargill	South Island	Feature	3
14 Dec 25	Sun	Christmas meeting	Wellington RC	Trentham	Central	Feature	5
17 Dec 25	Wed	Christmas meeting	Whangarei RC	Ruakaka	Northern	Industry	5
19 Dec 25	Fri	Christmas meeting	Levin RC	Otaki	Central	Industry	5
19 Dec 25	Fri	Christmas meeting	Matamata RC	Matamata	Northern	Industry	5
20 Dec 25	Sat	Manawatu Cup	Manawatu RC	Awapuni	Central	Feature	2
20 Dec 25	Sat	Christmas meeting	Waikato TR	Te Rapa	Northern	Feature	4
21 Dec 25	Sun	Christmas meeting	Tapanui RC	Gore	South Island	Industry	5
26 Dec 25	Fri	Boxing Day	Auckland TR	Ellerslie	Northern	Iconic	1
26 Dec 25	Fri	Boxing Day	Manawatu RC	Awapuni	Central	Feature	2
26 Dec 25	Fri	Boxing Day	Otago RC	Wingatui	South Island	Feature	3
27 Dec 25	Sat	27th December	Taranaki RI	New Plymouth	Central	Industry	2
27 Dec 25	Sat	27th December	Rotorua RC	Rotorua	Northern	Industry	4
28 Dec 25	Sun	28th December	South Canterbury RC	Timaru	South Island	Industry	5
28 Dec 25	Sun	28th December	Taupo RC	Taupo	Northern	Industry	2
30 Dec 25	Tue	30th December	Kurow JC	Kurow	South Island	Industry	5
31 Dec 25	Wed	New Years Eve	Taranaki RI	New Plymouth	Central	Industry	2
1 Jan 26	Thu	New Years Day	Auckland TR	Ellerslie	Northern	Iconic	1
1 Jan 26	Thu	New Years Day	Riverton RC	Riverton	South Island	Industry	3
2 Jan 26	Fri	2nd January	Tauranga, Racing	Tauranga	Northern	Industry	2
2 Jan 26	Fri	2nd January	Wairarapa RC	Tauherenikau	Central	Industry	2
3 Jan 26	Sat	New Years Meeting	Thames JC	Te Aroha	Northern	Industry	2
3 Jan 26	Sat	Marton Cup	Wellington RC	Trentham	Central	Premier	2
4 Jan 26	Sun	Greymouth Cup	Greymouth JC	Greymouth	South Island	Industry	5
6 Jan 26	Tue	New Years Meeting	Whangarei RC	Ruakaka	Northern	Industry	2
7 Jan 26	Wed	Reefton Cup	Reefton JC	Reefton	South Island	Industry	5
8 Jan 26	Thu	January meeting	Tauranga, Racing	Tauranga	Northern	Feature	5
9 Jan 26	Fri	New Years Meeting	Otaki-Maori RC	Otaki	Central	Industry	4
10 Jan 26	Sat	Gold Nuggets	Kumara RC	Kumara	South Island	Industry	2
10 Jan 26	Sat	Last day Wellington	Wanganui JC	Wanganui	Central	Feature	3
17 Jan 26	Sat	Middle Day	Wellington RC	Trentham	Central	Feature	3
17 Jan 26	Sat	January meeting	Waikouaiti RC	Wingatui	South Island	Feature	5
19 Jan 26	Mon	January meeting	Wanganui JC	Wanganui	Central	Industry	5
24 Jan 26	Sat	Timaru Stakes	Canterbury JC	Riccarton Park	South Island	Feature	5
24 Jan 26	Sat	Karaka Millions	Auckland TR	Ellerslie	Northern	Iconic	1
24 Jan 26	Sat	Taranaki Cup	Taranaki RI	New Plymouth	Central	Feature	3
28 Jan 26	Wed	January meeting	Waverley RC	Waverley	Central	Industry	5
31 Jan 26	Sat	Wellington Cup	Wellington RC	Trentham	Central	Iconic	1

Race Date	Day	Racemeeting name or day	Race Club	Venue	Region	Meeting Category	Event Tier
31 Jan 26	Sat	Karaka Day 2	Auckland TR	Ellerslie	Northern	Feature	4
1 Feb 26	Sun	Gore Guineas	Gore RC	Gore	South Island	Feature	5
6 Feb 26	Fri	Waitangi Day	Wairarapa RC	Tauherenikau	Central	Industry	3
7 Feb 26	Sat	Herbie Dyke Stakes	Waikato TR	Te Rapa	Northern	Premier	2
7 Feb 26	Sat	Hazlett Stakes	Otago RC	Wingatui	South Island	Feature	5
14 Feb 26	Sat	Matamata Breeders	Matamata RC	Matamata	Northern	Feature	4
14 Feb 26	Sat	Invercargill Gold Cup	Southland RC	Invercargill	South Island	Feature	5
15 Feb 26	Sun	Wairoa Cup	Wairoa RC	Waipukurau	Central	Industry	5
20 Feb 26	Fri	Friday Feature	Ashburton RC	Ashburton	South Island	Feature	5
21 Feb 26	Sat	Avondale Cup	Auckland TR	Ellerslie	Northern	Premier	4
21 Feb 26	Sat	WFA Classic	Otaki-Maori RC	Otaki	Central	Feature	5
28 Feb 26	Sat	Classics Day	Otago RC	Wingatui	South Island	Feature	2
7 Mar 26	Sat	Champions Day	Auckland TR	Ellerslie	Northern	Iconic	1
7 Mar 26	Sat	Saturday	Wellington RC	Trentham	Central	Feature	5
14 Mar 26	Sat	NZ International Trophy	Tauranga, Racing	Tauranga	Northern	Feature	3
21 Mar 26	Sat	NZ Oaks	Wellington RC	Trentham	Central	Premier	2
21 Mar 26	Sat	SI Tbred Breeders	Canterbury JC	Riccarton Park	South Island	Feature	5
22 Mar 26	Sun	Masterton Cup	Masterton RC	Tauherenikau	Central	Industry	5
28 Mar 26	Sat	Sires Produce	Manawatu RC	Awapuni	Central	Premier	2
28 Mar 26	Sat	Saturday	Te Aroha, Racing	Te Aroha	Northern	Feature	4
4 Apr 26	Sat	Saturday	Auckland TR	Ellerslie	Northern	Feature	5
4 Apr 26	Sat	Riverton Cup	Riverton RC	Riverton	South Island	Feature	4
6 Apr 26	Mon	Easter Monday	Manawatu RC	Awapuni	Central	Industry	5
6 Apr 26	Mon	Easter Monday	Riverton RC	Riverton	South Island	Industry	5
8 Apr 26	Wed	Wednesday	Avondale JC	Avondale	Northern	Industry	5
11 Apr 26	Sat	Hawke's Bay Cup	Otaki-Maori RC	Otaki	Central	Feature	5
11 Apr 26	Sat	Easter Cup	Canterbury JC	Riccarton Park	South Island	Feature	5
18 Apr 26	Sat	Easter Handicap	Auckland TR	Ellerslie	Northern	Feature	5
19 Apr 26	Sun	Sunday	Southland RC	Invercargill	South Island	Industry	5
25 Apr 26	Sat	Travis Stakes	Waikato TR	Te Rapa	Northern	Feature	5
25 Apr 26	Sat	Canterbuy Gold Cup	Canterbury JC	Riccarton Park	South Island	Feature	5
2 May 26	Sat	Champagne Stakes	Canterbury JC	Riccarton Park	South Island	Feature	5
9 May 26	Sat	Rotorua Cup	Rotorua RC	Rotorua	Northern	Feature	5
9 May 26	Sat	May meeting	Wellington RC	Trentham	Central	Feature	5
16 May 26	Sat	Champagne Stakes	Auckland TR	Ellerslie	Northern	Feature	5
30 May 26	Sat	Challenge Stakes	Wanganui JC	Wanganui	Central	Feature	5
6 Jun 26	Sat	Saturday	Auckland TR	Ellerslie	Northern	Feature	5
20 Jun 26	Sat	Mid-winter Xmas	Canterbury JC	Riccarton Park	South Island	Feature	5
20 Jun 26	Sat	Saturday	Auckland TR	Ellerslie	Northern	Feature	4
27 Jun 26	Sat	Tauranga Classic	Tauranga, Racing	Tauranga	Northern	Feature	5
27 Jun 26	Sat	Wellington Steeple	Wellington RC	Trentham	Central	Feature	5
10 Jul 26	Fri	Matariki Raceday	Otaki-Maori RC	Otaki	Central	Industry	4
11 Jul 26	Sat	Saturday	Whangarei RC	Ruakaka	Northern	Feature	5
12 Jul 26	Sun	Hawke's Bay Steeple	Woodville-Pahiatua	Woodville	Central	Industry	5
18 Jul 26	Sat	Opunake Cup	Taranaki RI	New Plymouth	Central	Feature	4
22 Jul 26	Wed	Finals day	Waikato TR	Cambridge Synthetic	Northern	Industry	5
25 Jul 26	Sat	Taumarunui Gold Cup	Taumarunui RC	Te Rapa	Northern	Feature	5

## APPENDIX THREE: JUMPS RACE STAKES SCHEDULE AND BUDGET

The following stakes are budgeted for jumps races, based on the programme scheduled to be held in the second half of the 2025 jumping season and for the first half of the 2026 jumping season. Jumps race stakes have been increased while race numbers and meetings have consolidated slightly. All are subject to change.

For Prestige Jumps and Open jumps races as listed below, NZTR will fund clubs the equivalent nomination and acceptance fees that would have been charged to owners.

Race Date	Club	PJR S	PJR H	Open S	Open H	RO S & Open Entry	RO H & Open Entry	0-1 S	0-1 H	M S	M H	Total Stakes
Sat 2/08/2025	Canterbury JC			50,000	50,000						30,000	130,000
Sat 9/08/2025	Canterbury JC	200,000	100,000						40,000			340,000
Sun 17/08/2025	Woodville-Pahiatua RC					40,000	40,000				20,000	100,000
Sun 24/08/2025	Egmont RC									20,000	20,000	40,000
Sun 31/08/2025	Te Aroha, Racing	75,000	60,000							20,000	20,000	175,000
Sun 7/09/2025	Woodville-Pahiatua RC			50,000	50,000			40,000	40,000			180,000
Fri 19/09/2025	Te Aroha, Racing		150,000							20,000	20,000	190,000
Sun 21/09/2025	Te Aroha, Racing	200,000						40,000	40,000			280,000
Sun 10/05/2026	Wanganui JC					40,000	40,000				20,000	100,000
Sun 24/05/2026	Waikato TR					40,000	40,000				20,000	100,000
Mon 1/06/2026	Te Aroha, Racing									20,000	20,000	40,000
Sat 6/06/2026	Wellington RC					40,000	40,000				20,000	100,000
Sat 13/06/2026	Waikato TR	75,000	60,000							20,000	20,000	175,000
Sun 21/06/2026	Te Aroha, Racing					40,000	40,000				20,000	100,000
Sat 27/06/2026	Wellington RC	100,000	75,000							20,000	20,000	215,000
Sat 4/07/2026	Waikato TR					40,000	40,000				20,000	100,000
Sun 12/07/2026	Woodville-Pahiatua RC	75,000	60,000							20,000	20,000	175,000
Sun 26/07/2026	Te Aroha, Racing					40,000	40,000				20,000	100,000
<b>18 Meetings</b>	<b>57 Jumps races</b>	<b>725,000</b>	<b>505,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>280,000</b>	<b>280,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>120,000</b>	<b>140,000</b>	<b>310,000</b>	<b>2,640,000</b>



## APPENDIX FOUR: POLICY FOR FUNDING ABANDONED MEETINGS

### **Abandonment review**

In the event of a fully or partially abandoned race meeting, NZTR will review the circumstances that led up to the abandonment in consultation with the RIB, Regional Track Advisors, and other experts. NZTR may elect to withhold some club and meeting funding depending on the outcome of this review.

Subject to the outcome of the review described above, the following Abandonment scenarios sets out how guidance on how funding will be applied how set out how NZTR funding will be applied in the event of a race meeting abandonment, depending on the type and timing of the abandonment.

Abandonment scenarios	Funding
Full abandonment Prior to race day No races run before race day	The Club will be asked to submit evidence of costs already incurred in preparation for the meeting. These costs will be reviewed by NZTR and may be reimbursed, subject to the outcome of the abandonment review. If the meeting is rescheduled to a new date or venue, full Club, meeting, and stakes funding will be applied to the rescheduled meeting.
Full abandonment on Race Day (prior to racing commencing)	If a meeting is abandoned on the day of racing, the Club must provide supporting evidence of incurred costs for NZTR's consideration. Reimbursement of such costs remains subject to the outcome of the abandonment review. Where applicable, compensation payments to affected stakeholders may also be considered, depending on the circumstances and timing of the abandonment. If the meeting is rescheduled to a new date or venue, the relevant Club, meeting, and stakes funding will apply to the rescheduled meeting.
Partial Abandonment (1 or more races able to be run)	Subject to the outcome of the review, full eligible Club and meeting funding will be paid to the Club that hosted the partially abandoned meeting, including any applicable on-course commission or minimum on-course payment. Stakes funding will be paid by NZTR for any races that were completed. Where appropriate, compensation payments to stakeholders may also be made, taking into account the circumstances and timing of the abandonment. If a new meeting is scheduled to replace the races lost due to the partial abandonment, the applicable full Club, meeting, and stakes funding will be provided for the rescheduled meeting. Where abandoned races are added to the programme of an existing meeting, NZTR will cover the full minimum stakes funding for those added races.

## APPENDIX FIVE: MINIMUM STANDARDS BY MEETING TYPE

Minimum Standards by Meeting Type		
Industry	Feature	Iconic/Premier (The Grand Tour)
Food & Beverage Available	Food & Beverage Available	Food & Beverage Available
Betting Terminals Available	Betting Terminals Available	Betting Terminals Available
Rooms & Seating Available	Rooms & Seating Available	Rooms & Seating Available
Safe Racing Surface prepared to NZTR Track Preparation Guidelines	Safe Racing Surface prepared to NZTR Track Preparation Guidelines	Safe Racing Surface prepared to NZTR Track Preparation Guidelines
On Course Racebook	On Course Racebook	Colour On Course Racebook
eftpos	eftpos	Multiple eftpos sites
All Health & Safety Requirements completed	All Health & Safety Requirements completed	All Health & Safety Requirements completed
	Marketing Spend	Marketing Spend
	Pre or Post Race Owners Drinks	Pre or Post Race Owners Drinks
	Private Hospitality Options	Private Hospitality Options
		Enhanced Food & Beverage Options - e.g. Coffee/ Food carts
		Temporary Facilities to cater for expected crowd
		Entertainment
		Stabling Plan if not sufficient Saddling Stalls
		Crowd Security
Issues identified to be followed up with clubs to be rectified for future meetings. In the event that they are not, future Meeting Type and Event Tier Funding (where relevant) could be reduced.		

## APPENDIX SIX:

### REQUESTED NON-WAGERING METRICS

(applies to Iconic, Premier and Event Tier 1 to 3 meetings)

<b>Venue logistics</b>	Expenditure into additional servicing of larger number of attendees - logistics	Traffic management Signage Fencing Security
	Expenditure into additional servicing of larger number of attendees - hospitality	Marquees Temporary infrastructure Temporary staff
	Oncourse entertainment expenditure	Music/Afterparties Big screen production MCs or hosts
<b>Marketing and media</b>	Direct marketing expenditure	Various
	Media expenditure (all forms)	Paid media investment (digital, print and OOH)
	Direct campaign expenditure	e.g. The Grand Tour or other centralised initiatives
	Other expenditure	Paid partnerships or influencers
<b>Trading performance</b>	Net catering income	All forms
	Net beverage income	All forms
	Ticketing income	Ticketing platforms or gate sales
	Sponsorship income	All forms
	Attendance (ticketed or estimate)	Ticketed or estimated Broken down by GA, members, hospitality, owners and participants

LIST OF RACE MEETINGS TO PROVIDE NON-WAGERING METRICS

Iconic and Premier Meetings			Event Tier 1 to 3 (not Iconic and Premier)		
Race Date	Race Club	Mtgs	Race Date	Race Club	Mtgs
Sat, 6 Sept 2025	Auckland TR	1	Sat, 9 Aug 2025	Canterbury JC	1
Sat, 27 Sept 2025	Manawatu RC	1	Sun, 14 Sept 2025	Waikato TR	1
Sat, 11 Oct 2025	Manawatu RC	1	Tue, 4 Nov 2025	Otago RC	1
Tue, 4 Nov 2025	Auckland TR	1	Sat, 15 Nov 2025	Tauranga, Racing	1
Sat, 8 Nov 2025	Canterbury JC	1	Sun, 30 Nov 2025	Otago RC	1
Wed, 12 Nov 2025	Canterbury JC	1	Sat, 13 Dec 2025	Southland RC	1
Sat, 15 Nov 2025	Canterbury JC	1	Sat, 20 Dec 2025	Manawatu RC	1
Sat, 22 Nov 2025	Auckland TR	1	Fri, 26 Dec 2025	Manawatu RC	1
Sat, 6 Dec 2025	Wellington RC	1	Fri, 26 Dec 2025	Otago RC	1
Sat, 13 Dec 2025	Waikato TR	1	Sat, 27 Dec 2025	Taranaki RI	1
Fri, 26 Dec 2025	Auckland TR	1	Sun, 28 Dec 2025	Taupo RC	1
Thu, 1 Jan 2026	Auckland TR	1	Wed, 31 Dec 2025	Taranaki RI	1
Sat, 3 Jan 2026	Wellington RC	1	Thu, 1 Jan 2026	Riverton RC	1
Sat, 24 Jan 2026	Auckland TR	1	Fri, 2 Jan 2026	Tauranga, Racing	1
Sat, 31 Jan 2026	Wellington RC	1	Fri, 2 Jan 2026	Wairarapa RC	1
Sat, 7 Feb 2026	Waikato TR	1	Sat, 3 Jan 2026	Thames JC	1
Sat, 21 Feb 2026	Auckland TR	1	Tue, 6 Jan 2026	Whangarei RC	1
Sat, 7 Mar 2026	Auckland TR	1	Sat, 10 Jan 2026	Kumara RC	1
Sat, 21 Mar 2026	Wellington RC	1	Sat, 10 Jan 2026	Wanganui JC	1
Sat, 28 Mar 2026	Manawatu RC	1	Sat, 17 Jan 2026	Wellington RC	1
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>20</b>	Sat, 24 Jan 2026	Taranaki RI	1
			Fri, 6 Feb 2026	Wairarapa RC	1
			Sat, 28 Feb 2026	Otago RC	1
			Sat, 14 Mar 2026	Tauranga, Racing	1
			<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>24</b>