



Innovation Race Conditions

The following includes notice of New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing's newly set Innovation Race Conditions, to be implemented during the 2023-24 racing season and beyond.

Remutaka Classic (2100m)

To be run at Trentham on Saturday 20 January 2024

Open to all 0-1 win horses as at 1 August 2023 – 2100m

Stake: \$350,000 - \$175,000, \$59,500, \$28,000, \$15,750, \$8,750, 6th – 14th \$7,000

Set Weights and Penalties as at nomination day: C, G and E 57kg, F and M 55kg

Winners of four or more races - 4kg penalty

Winners of three races - 2.5kg penalty

Winners of two races - 1kg penalty

Maiden Allowance - 2kg

Three Year Old Allowance – 1.5kg

No horse to be weighted less than 54kg (irrespective of allowances)

No Apprentice Allowances

Starting Limit: 14 Horses

Nominations: Tuesday 16 January at 12 noon - \$175

Withdrawals: Wednesday 17 January at 10am - \$8,750

The winners of the following races (if eligible) will be exempt from the ballot:

Canterbury JC – Riccarton Park Saturday 11 November 2023 – R65 1600m

Wanganui JC -Wanganui, Saturday 2 December 2023 – R65 1600m

Wellington RC, Trentham, Saturday 9 December 2023 - R65 1600m

Wellington RC, Trentham, Saturday 16 December 2023 – R65 2100m

Waikato RC, Te Rapa, Saturday 23 December 2023 – Mdn 1600m

Taranaki RI, New Plymouth, Friday 29 December 2023 – Mdn 2000m

The field, other than those exempt from the ballot, will be selected on rating order as at withdrawal time. Any horses on the same rating will have their order determined by the New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Handicapper. NZTR's determination of field selection will be final and binding.



Elsdon Park Aotearoa Classic (1600m)

To be run at Ellerslie on Saturday 27 January 2024

Open to all 4YOs – 1600m

Stake: \$1,000,000 - \$500,000, \$170,000, \$80,000, \$45,000, \$25,000, 6th-14th \$20,000

Set Weights: Geldings and Entires 57.5kg; Mares 55.5kg

No Apprentice Allowances

Starting Limit: 14 Horses

Nominations: Monday 11 December at 4pm - \$250

Late Nominations: Tuesday 23 January at 9am - \$5,000

Withdrawals: Wednesday 24 January at 4pm - \$25,000

The field will be selected on rating order as at withdrawal time. Any horses on the same rating will have their order determined by the New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Handicapper. NZTR's determination of field selection will be final and binding.



Karāpiro Classic (1600m)

To be run at Te Rapa on Saturday 10 February 2024

Open to Maiden Horses as at 1 August, 2023 – 1600m

Stake: \$350,000 - \$175,000, \$59,500, \$28,000, \$15,750, \$8,750, 6th – 14th \$7,000

Set Weights and Penalties as at nomination day: C, G and E 57kg, F and M 55kg

Winners of four or more races - 4kg penalty

Winners of three races - 2.5kg penalty

Winners of two races - 1kg penalty

Maiden Allowance - 2kg

Three Year Old Allowance - 0.5kg

No horse to be weighted less than 54kg (irrespective of allowances)

No Apprentice Allowances

Starting Limit: 14 Horses

Nominations: Tuesday 6 February at 12 noon - \$175

Withdrawals: Wednesday 7 February at 10am - \$8,750

The winners of the following races (if eligible) will be exempt from the ballot:

Waikato Thoroughbred Racing – Te Rapa, Saturday 2 December, 2023 – R65 1400m

Hawke's Bay Racing – Hastings, Wednesday 13 December, 2023 - R65 1400m

Waikato Thoroughbred Racing – Te Rapa, Saturday 23 December, 2023 – R65 1600m

Taupo Racing Club – Taupo, Saturday 30 December, 2023 – Mdn 1400m

Waikato Thoroughbred Racing – Wednesday 17 January, 2024 – Mdn 1400m

Waikato Thoroughbred Racing – Wednesday 31 January, 2024 – Mdn 1600m

The field, other than those exempt from the ballot, will be selected on rating order as at withdrawal time. Any horses on the same rating will have their order determined by the New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Handicapper. NZTR's determination of field selection will be final and binding.

Rangitoto Classic (1500m)

To be run at Ellerslie on Saturday 2 March 2024

Open only to horses trained in New Zealand, as at midnight on 31 October 2023, that were not trained as at that time and date by a Top 10 Trainer. The Top 10 Trainers will be determined for this purpose by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing based on stake money earned in New Zealand in the 2023/24 racing season as at midnight on 30 November 2023. Any horse transferred from a Top 10 Trainer's stable to a Trainer who is not a Top 10 Trainer after midnight on 31 October 2023 will not be eligible to start in the race – 1500m.

Stake: \$350,000 - \$175,000, \$59,500, \$28,000, \$15,750, \$8,750, 6th – 14th \$7,000

Handicap conditions – Maximum weight 62kg. Minimum weight 53kg.

No Apprentice Allowances

Starting Limit: 14 Horses

Nominations: Tuesday 27 February at 12 noon - \$175

Withdrawals: Wednesday 28 February at 10am - \$8,750

The field will be selected on rating order as at withdrawal time. Any horses on the same rating will have their order determined by the NZTR Handicapper. New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing's determination of field selection and eligibility will be final and binding.



Southern Alps Challenge (1600m)

To be run at Riccarton Park on Saturday 13 April 2024

Open to all horses trained by a trainer operating a Trainer's Premises (as defined in the Rules) located in the South Island as at 1 August 2023. Horses must be stabled or trained at the Trainer's Premises in the South Island as at 31 December 2023. Horses must start in a minimum of two races conducted at racecourses in the South Island after 31 December 2023.

Stake: \$350,000 - \$175,000, \$59,500, \$28,000, \$15,750, \$8,750, 6th – 14th \$7,000

Handicap conditions – Maximum weight 62kg. Minimum weight 53kg.

No Apprentice Allowances

Starting Limit: 14 Horses

Nominations: Tuesday 9 April at 12 noon - \$175

Withdrawals: Wednesday 10 April at 10am - \$8,750

The winners of the following races (if eligible) will be exempt from the ballot:

Banks Peninsula RC – Riccarton Park, Saturday 10 February, 2024 – R75 1400m

Canterbury JC – Riccarton Park, Saturday 23 March, 2024 – R65 1600m

Riverton RC – Riverton, Saturday 30 March 2024 – R75 1600m

The first three placegetters in the 2024 Southern Mile run at Wingatui on Saturday 2 March, 2024 will (if eligible) also be exempt from the ballot.

Full conditions available on request and posted on NZTR website.

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