

RACING INDUSTRY ACT 2020

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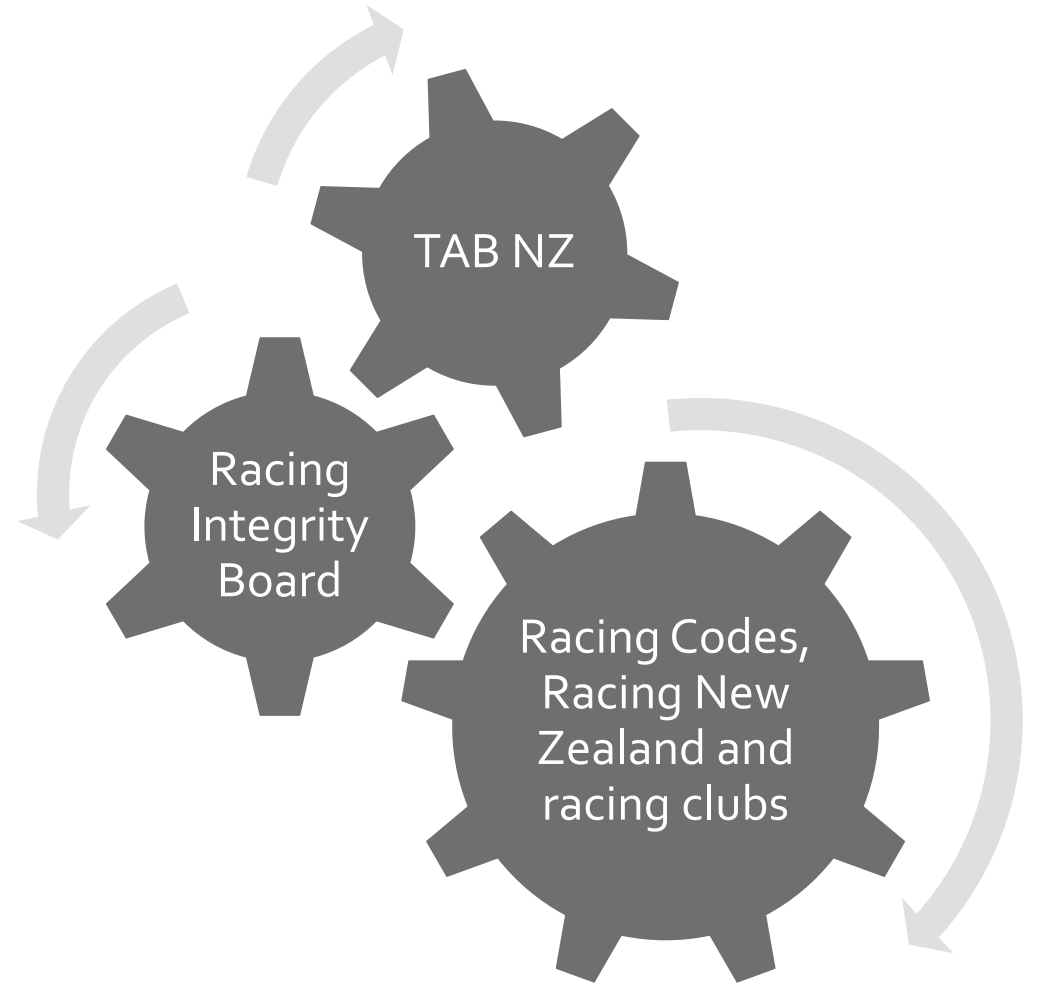
- What has changed from the Racing Act 2003?
- What are the most significant provisions?
- What is yet to be finalised?
- Questions from the floor

WHAT HAS CHANGED FROM THE 2003 ACT?

- There is a clear delineation of roles between the Codes, TAB NZ, and the Racing Integrity Board
- The Codes have explicit statutory powers and responsibilities in relation to industry governance and strategy
- There is a modern and workable regime for the collection of race fields and point of consumption charges
- The Government has a minimal ongoing role running the industry

WHO DOES WHAT?

- Racing Codes are responsible for governing the clubs, venues and participants in their sector and for setting the overall direction
- TAB NZ is responsible for wagering, gaming and broadcast
- Racing Integrity Board will be responsible for integrity services



WHAT ABOUT RACING NEW ZEALAND?

- Racing New Zealand is a tri-Code consultative forum to enable collective action by the three Codes on areas of mutual interest
- The Codes can delegate any of their powers or functions to Racing New Zealand but do not have to do so
- Racing New Zealand is a forum for the Codes to work together – **not** to do things to each other
- It is not the Racing Industry Board or RIB reborn – at the moment it has no staff and no budget

CLASSIC HITS

- **Section 16** is gone and has no replacement – the distribution of funds from TAB NZ is simply to be agreed between the Codes
- **Code Statements of Intent** no longer have to be approved by anybody, but the Codes must consult the clubs on them
- The process for amending racing rules is now much simpler
- The process for setting the **racing calendar** is now clearer – it is set by TAB NZ and the Codes, and the obligation to consult the clubs sits with the Codes
- There are now clearer provisions for resolving the future of **racing assets**

RACING VENUES

- The Act now includes provisions relating to racing venues, including controls on how those venues may be dealt with and provisions for the transfer of those venues
- Section 21 requires the consent of the Code before a racing venue is sold, leased, or otherwise dealt with – NZTR has already provided some guidance to clubs on how it will deal with such requests
- There is a process prescribed in the Act which can lead to the transfer of a venue to a Code – but note that it is primarily driven by the Minister and the independent reviewer
- There are provisions enabling the wind-up of a club that is deregistered or which has not raced for three years – but this is not mandatory

RACE FIELDS

- The Act now provides that offshore operators who take bets on New Zealand thoroughbred racing without first reaching a fees agreement with NZTR or its delegate commit an offence
- The rates are set commercially by negotiation – they are not set or collected by the Government
- During the transition period the Codes have agreed to appoint TAB NZ as their delegate and will continue to work with TAB NZ as most agreements will need to include arrangements to supply vision
- There are a number of existing agreements that have been transitioned over into the new regime
- Approximately 80-90% of the Australian betting market is now paying race fields fees – the major outstanding corporate bookmaker is Bet365

TAB NZ

- The RITA Board is acting as the transition Board for TAB NZ
- The Minister is in the process of appointing a selection panel to assist him in making permanent appointments to the TAB NZ Board
- The Codes collectively nominate three people to the Board (who must be acceptable to the Minister) and the remainder are appointed by the Minister
- We and TAB NZ have emphasised to the Minister the importance of those appointments being made soon given the strategic planning processes that must take place next year



WHAT ARE WE STILL WAITING FOR?

- The appointment of the TAB NZ Board
- The establishment of the Racing Integrity Board and the new integrity operating model
- Regulations to set up point of consumption charges
- Regulations to formalise distribution of duty savings
- New arrangements for sports

Questions?

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