

Thursday 11 September 2014

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

Today, NZTR's changes to its Rule governing Jockeys betting (Rule 707 of the Rules of Racing) comes into force on publication in the New Zealand Gazette. The full Rule is detailed below.

The Great Northern Steeplechase proved once more to be a spectacle. Amanood Lad was the victor from a gallant Tobouggie Nights. Craig Thornton had a kidney stone removed the previous night. However that couldn't stop him winning the toughest race in New Zealand.

The Marton Jockey Club is our feature meeting of the week. The 10 race card attracted 132 acceptances. The Metric Mile sees two Derby winners clash - Sangster (Victoria Derby) and Puccini (New Zealand Derby) who are looking to further their Melbourne Spring Carnival ambitions in the Group Three event. The track is currently rated a Dead 4.

Our Sunday jumps action continues at Rotorua. Due to excessive demand the Maiden Hurdle was split, bringing the race card to eight. The last of our popular Sunday jumps meetings ends at Te Rapa 28th September.

The TAB mobile APP is now available for both Apple and Android devices. This first release provides sports betting functionality, with racing planned for upcoming releases. To download, visit the App Store for iPhone or tab.co.nz/mobileapp for Android.

It was also fantastic to see New Zealand-bred horse's finish 1st, 2nd and 4th respectively in the Tramway Stakes at Randwick on Saturday. Also congratulations to Larry Cassidy for achieving 2,500 winners.

NEW RULE GOVERNING JOCKEYS BETTING CAME INTO FORCE TODAY

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) announced today changes to its Rule governing Jockeys betting (Rule 707 of the Rules of Racing) will come into force tomorrow, Thursday, 11 September 2014 on publication in the New Zealand Gazette.

In a strong step to strengthen the assurance of racing integrity, NZTR has moved to ban Jockeys from betting on any New Zealand Thoroughbred race if they are riding on that day. Further, controls regarding the requirement for any bets to be placed solely via a Jockey's electronic account with the New Zealand TAB have been updated.

Historically, Jockeys have been permitted to bet on any New Zealand Thoroughbred race they were not competing in and on the horse that they were riding in races they were competing in.

These changes, which were initiated in 2013, have received approval from all stakeholders in the industry, particularly the Minister for Racing and the New Zealand Jockeys' Association, as well as the Racing Integrity Unit, Racing's Judicial Control

Authority and the New Zealand Racing Board. (It is a requirement under The Racing Act (2003) that all proposed amendments to the Rules of Racing must receive approval from the New Zealand Racing Board and consultation must take place with the Judicial Control Authority (clause 30 – *Amendment of racing rules*).

NZTR currently licenses 150 Jockeys (including Apprentice Jockeys) and 44 Amateur Riders in New Zealand.

707 (1) *Subject to sub-Rule (2) below:*

(a) *A Rider must not:*

(i) *bet or have any interest in a bet, or facilitate a bet; or*

(ii) *have any interest in a contingency*

in relation to any Race or in any way connected with any Race run on a day on which a Rider rides in a Race. For the purpose of this Rule, the reference to bet includes Laying any horse.

(b) *If a Rider bets (in circumstances other than those in sub-rule (a)), that Rider must place that bet through his or her betting account with an Authorised Wagering Operator using his or her mobile phone or any other electronic communication device of the Rider (including a smartphone, laptop, personal computer, tablet, pager, or other similar device).*

(2) *An Amateur Jockey may bet or have any interest in a bet, or facilitate a bet, on any Race, or any contingency which includes or relates to any Race other than any such Race in which he or she is riding. For the purpose of this Rule, the reference to bet includes Laying any horse.*

(3) *A Rider shall upon request by a Stipendiary Steward or Investigator, supply written or electronic records of all bets made through that Rider's betting accounts, including written or electronic records of that Rider's mobile phone and other electronic communication devices.*

(4) *For the purpose of Rule 801(t), any breach of this Rule 707 is deemed to be a Serious Racing Offence.*

MEMBERS' COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Receipt of nominations for the Members' Council closed at 12.00pm on Friday, 5 September 2014. Appointments are for three-year terms and commence from the conclusion of the 2014 NZTR Annual General Meeting. The following nominations were received:

1. Mr Paul Kenny nominated by the Auckland Racing Club (North)
2. Mr Bill Cotton nominated by the Canterbury Jockey Club (South)
3. Mr John Wheeler nominated by Taranaki Thoroughbred Racing (Central)

4. Mr Paul Humphries nominated by the Manawatu Racing Club (Central)

Accordingly, no elections are required.

The following three Sector Members have been nominated by their respective sector organisations:

1. Mr John Fokerd (Breeders)
2. Mr David Haworth (Trainers and Jockeys)
3. Mr Neil Oldfield (Owners)

The other five members of the NZTR Members' Council continue in office: Mr Wayne Guppy (Chairman and Central), Mrs Karyn Fenton-Ellis (North), Mr Danny Moss (North), Mr Murray Acklin (South) and Mr Howard Clarke (South).

The Members' Council will conduct interviews for vacancy(ies) on the NZTR Board in October. Advertisements will be appearing in all the major papers and websites this weekend.

NZTBA OFFICE

The NZTBA's new Cambridge office which is a shared space with Arion Pedigrees in the old National Hotel in Alpha Street. The NZTBA's new Office Manager, Nicola Griffiths, is on 07 827 7727 and her mobile number is 021 338 581. Her email is Nicola@nzthoroughbred.co.nz. The NZTBA's postal address in Cambridge is: PO Box 1058, Cambridge, 3450. Chief Executive, Michael Martin's mobile remains 021 338 500 and his email is michael@nzthoroughbred.co.nz.

RACING SAFETY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Applications for the next round of the Racing Safety Development Fund (RSDF) close on 30 September 2014. Application forms are available from <http://www.dia.govt.nz>. The RSDF application form outlines the criteria to be used to assess applications, and the supporting information that is required. Clubs are also encouraged to contact NZTR directly to discuss applications before submitting.

STAKES INCREASES FOR RICH HILL STUD TARANAKI BREEDERS' STAKES

The Egmont Racing Club has announced Stakes increases for its feature Rich Hill Stud Taranaki Breeders Stakes raceday on Saturday 11 October 2014 at Hawera.

While the Group Three feature Fillies and Mares race remains at \$80,000, the other feature the Kaponga Hotel Egmont Cup has increased to \$35,000 including the winner being exempt from ballot in the Christchurch Casino New Zealand Cup.

All supporting races other than the maidens have minimum stakes of \$20,000.

This 11-12 October weekend is more than just a raceday; it has an Ambrose Golf Tournament on the Friday prior, a meet and greet at the South Taranaki Club, a bubbly breakfast Saturday morning plus a new \$2,500 1st prize Punting Challenge.

Details for all events from the office 06 757 5759.

SOCIAL RACING'S AOTEAROWER FINISHES SECOND BY A HEAD

Social Racing's Aotearower, now fully subscribed, finished second by a head in race 7 at Te Rapa yesterday. The weather held and the track suited her better than the soft track at Taupo, as did the extra 200m of the race.

This was a very encouraging performance given the strength of this maiden field as expected for a \$12,000 stake with a Pearl series bonus.

Our thanks to the Waikato Racing Club which made all Social Racing members welcome on the day in the Flemington Lounge.

MINOR ALTERATIONS TO GORE RC THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER & OTAGO RC SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

NZTR in conjunction with the Southern Regional Programming Committee have programmed a Benchmark Rating 65 2000m race at the Gore RC meeting, Thursday 18 September. This has been added following the deletion of the Benchmark Rating 65 2200m that was scheduled for the Otago RC Saturday 27 September meeting. Following this deletion, there has also been a Maiden SW 1400m race added to the Otago RC Saturday 27 September meeting in the attempt to remain an 8 race programme for the Otago RC.

Confirmation of the following meeting alterations at Gore 18 September and Otago 27 September:

Benchmark Rating 65 2000m \$7,000 – **added** to Gore RC Thursday 18 September.

Benchmark Rating 65 2200m \$8,000 – **deleted** at Otago RC Saturday 27 September.

Maiden SW 1400m \$7,000 – **added** at Otago RC Saturday 27 September.

All other races remain unaltered.

THE CHRISTCHURCH CASINO 19TH ANNUAL SOUTH ISLAND RACING AWARDS ON FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2014

The awards will be presented at a Cocktail Function at the Tea House, Riccarton Park Racecourse from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm on Friday 19 September 2014 prior to The Canterbury Jockey Club Spring Racemeeting on Saturday 20 September 2014.

SOUTH CANTERBURY RC - MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2014 – STAKE INCREASE

The South Canterbury RC has increased the stake of the Benchmark Rating 75 Hcp 1600m race at their Monday 22 September meeting from \$8,000 to \$10,000.

2013-2014 OTAGO RACING AWARDS - 6:30PM SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2014

The Otago Racing Awards this year take place on the evening following South Otago Cup Day, Saturday, 27 September 2014. Tickets are \$30 for a buffet meal and a cash bar. RSVP to charlotte@wingatui.co.nz if you would like to come along.

TARANAKI – SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER - ADDITIONAL RACE PROGRAMMED

The following race has been added to the programme for the Taranaki TRI race meeting on Saturday 27 September 2014: Maiden SW 990m - \$10,000 stake. All other races on the programme remain unaltered. This race will appear in the September edition of the TRM.

TAB ROLLING OUT EARLY QUADDIES

In October the TAB will be rolling out early quaddies on NZ Thoroughbred racing (in addition to existing quaddies). Each of the 28 NZ Thoroughbred meetings in October will have a \$40,000 Early Quaddie and a \$60,000 Quaddie

DATES FOR NZTR REGIONAL MEETINGS & RACING CLUB CONFERENCE/AGM

September 2014 Regional Meeting will be held as follows. All industry participants are welcome to attend.

Monday 22 September: 12pm – AUCKLAND at Ellerslie / 5.30pm – HAMILTON at Te Rapa
Tuesday 23 September: 11.30am - INVERCARGILL at the Ascot Park Hotel / 5.30pm – DUNEDIN at Wingatui
Wednesday 24 September: 12pm – CHRISTCHURCH at Riccarton Park
Friday 26 September: 10.30am – PALMERSTON NORTH at Awapuni / 4.00pm – NEW PLYMOUTH at Pukekura Park

Other dates for the diary:

6 November 2014: Racing Club Conference and NZTR AGM, Room 4, Shed 6, Queen's Wharf, Wellington.

TURNOVER INFORMATION

Date	Club	On-Course (Tote & FOB combined)		Totalisator (Off & on-course combined)		Fixed Odds (Off & on-course)		Races		Starters	
		14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14
3-Sep	Counties RC	-	41,107	-	514,682	-	174,661	-	7	-	63
4-Sep	Otaki-Maori RC	25,061	32,318	549,817	644,542	203,711	193,492	7	9	74	84
5-Sep	Tauranga, Racing	35,383	-	509,455	-	213,564	-	8	-	66	-
6-Sep	Auckland RC	291,708	270,229	1,750,709	1,519,951	519,623	393,251	11	10	121	101
6-Sep	Wanganui JC	103,557	103,917	1,304,965	1,149,504	529,539	289,109	9	10	107	113
6-Sep	Canterbury Racing	77,979	48,778	704,159	568,093	265,073	148,567	9	9	91	70

NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/0	Variance +%/(%)
Meetings	31	34	(3)	(8.82%)
Races	249	261	(12)	(4.60%)
Total Starts	2,477	2,606	(129)	(4.95%)
Avg Field Size	9.95	9.98	(0.04)	(0.37%)
Number of races less than 8 starters	43	43	0	0.00%
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	33,279,132	33,881,832	(602,701)	(1.78%)
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	2,232,543	2,255,829	(23,286)	(1.03%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	35,511,675	36,137,661	(625,986)	(1.73%)
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	26,036,367	28,782,745	(2,746,378)	(9.54%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	9,475,308	7,354,917	+2,120,392	+28.83%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	142,617	138,458	+4,159	+3.00%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	14,337	13,867	+469	+3.39%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	150,656,672	142,225,896	+8,430,776	+5.93%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	38,636,088	21,877,523	+16,758,565	+76.60%

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NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 31 Aug)	23,880,275	23,377,257	+503,018	+2.15%
Total Races (to 31 Aug)	205	203	+2	+0.99%
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	116,489	115,159	+1,330	+1.16%

Meeting details:

- Counties RC Wednesday meeting was abandoned this season due to heavy rain resulting in an inconsistent surface. The equivalent meeting ran 7 races last season.
- Otaki-Maori RC Thursday meeting ran 7 races in FY15, 9 in FY14.
- Racing Tauranga Friday meeting ran 8 races this season, no direct equivalent last season.
- Auckland RC Saturday meeting ran 11 races in FY15, 10 in FY14.
- Wanganui JC Saturday meeting ran 9 races this season, 10 races last season.

Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is down 1.7% year to date.
- 3 less meetings and 12 less races have been run than to the same date last season.
- Turnover per race is up 3.0%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 129, 5.0% less.
- Average field size is 9.95 in FY15, down slightly from 9.98 in FY14.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is the same (43) as the season prior.
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 9.5%) is partly offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 28.8%).
- Export turnover per race (\$NZ) is up 1.2% to 31 August.