

FRIDAY 24 APRIL 2015

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

The Cambridge Jockey Club will have their premier meeting this Saturday. The eight race card features 119 acceptances and \$330,000 in stakes. The \$100,000 Travis Stakes features last start Group One Manco Easter Handicap winner Pondarosa Miss. The exceptional High Chapparral mare will look to end her autumn campaign on a winning note. Te Awamutu trainer Peter Hollinshead will look to fulfil his Melbourne Cup dream with Pondarosa Miss targeting the historic two mile handicap at Flemington racecourse.

A number of kiwi participants will look to Queensland this Autumn. Huka Eagle for Tony Pike is contesting the \$125,000 Gold Coast Guineas for Three Year olds at 6.28pm. Our champion staying mare Silent Achiever will look to get back on track in the \$300,000 Hollindale Stakes for Roger James, the race is at 5.52pm.

Special mention for fans of New Zealand bred Criterion. The four year old entire was successful in the \$4,000,000 Queen Elizabeth Stakes last start and now contests the HK\$14,000,000 Queen Elizabeth II Cup at Sha Tin. His last performance in Hong Kong netted him a respectable 3rd placing in the HK\$20,000,000 Hong Kong Cup last December.

MANAWATU HUNT POINT TO POINT ON SUNDAY 10TH MAY 2015

The Manawatu Hunt is holding its Point to Point on Sunday, 10th May 2015 at the Levin Training Centre. Entries and queries to Leanne Elliot on 021 351972 or 06 3683946 or Leanne.elliott@xtra.co.nz

AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF RACING

NZTR has made the following changes to the Rules of Racing which come into effect on 1 May 2015. Deleted words are ~~struck out~~ and added words are shown in **bold**.

1. Rule 208 (g) - Appointment, Functions and Duties of Stipendiary Stewards and Investigators

Amendments to Rule 208 (g) to provide authority to Stewards to require any rider, who presents themselves to ride at any registered facility, to present a medical certificate of fitness. This provides a remedial mechanism for any club with concerns for a rider, who is suspected of not being medically fit to ride. The Rules are currently silent on authority for any organisation, including the Stewards, to require a rider (who is not riding in a race) to present a medical certificate of fitness relating to riding on a racetrack or training track.

208 Stipendiary Stewards and Investigators have the power:

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*(g) to require a Rider to undergo a medical examination by a Registered Medical Practitioner or an Emergency Medical Officer or similarly experienced **qualified** person if they consider on reasonable grounds that the Rider may be unfit to ride ~~in a Race~~ **a Horse at a Racecourse, Training Facility or Trainer's Premises** ~~he is proposing to ride in on that day~~ because of injury, illness or other disability; and*

2. Rule 301 – Licences (Trainers' Licences)

Amendments to Rule 301 to include reference also to a licence applicant's financial position in Rule 301 (3) (e). The Rules are currently silent on this.

301 (3) A Licence shall not be issued to any person:

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(e) who NZTR considers to be unsuitable to hold a Licence for reasons

of integrity, competence or otherwise (**including, without limitation, reasons relating to the applicant's financial circumstances**).

3. Rule 417 & Form SR24 – Notification of Death or Retirement of a Thoroughbred

Amendments to Rule 417 to provide for mandatory notification by the owner or Racing Manager to NZTR when their horse has been retired from racing and is not entering the Thoroughbred breeding population, from which time the retired horse will automatically cease to be registered and is ineligible to race unless it is re-registered, as follows:

NOTIFICATION ON HORSE'S DEATH OF RETIREMENT OR DEATH OF HORSE

417 (1) On the retirement of any registered horse from racing and/or breeding, the Owner or Racing Manager of the Horse (as the case may be) at the time of retirement shall, within one month of the date on which the horse was retired, notify NZTR of the retirement by completing the prescribed form and forwarding it to NZTR.

(2) On receipt of a notice of retirement of a horse under Rule 417(1), NZTR shall de-register the horse from racing and/or breeding (as the case may be) and update the appropriate register(s). Rule 411(3) shall apply to a horse that has been de-registered under this Rule.

~~(1) (3) On the death of any registered horse, the Owner or Racing Manager of the Horse (as the case may be) at the time of death shall, within one month of the date on which the horse died, notify NZTR in writing to that effect of the death of the horse by completing the prescribed form and forwarding it to NZTR.~~

NZTR has made consequential amendments to NZTR Form SR24 which notifies NZTR why the horse has been retired and plans for the horse post-racing (for example equestrian or live stock sale). This form is not required to be completed for horses retiring from racing and immediately entering the Thoroughbred breeding population.

4. Rule 423 - Change of Owner(s) or Lessee(s)

Amendments to Rule 423 to avoid the need for all owners/lessees to sign NZTR Forms SR16 and SR20 each time ownership/lease arrangements change (to be replaced by the person transferring an interest, the person acquiring an interest and the Racing Manager) and the addition of a new Rule 423 (9) to clarify that when a horse is sold subject to the terms of a registered lease, the lease remains in place and the new owner(s) is bound by its terms unless the new owner(s) and the lessee(s) notify NZTR otherwise.

CHANGE OF OWNER(S) OR LESSEE(S)

~~423 (1) Notice of any change in the legal or beneficial Ownership of a horse or in the lessees of a horse (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any change in the percentage interest held by any Owner or lessee of the horse) must be given to NZTR within seven days after any such change takes place, and before the horse is started in any Race, provided that where any such change takes place:~~

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~~(2) The notice of a change in the Ownership of a horse or in the lessees of a horse must be submitted by the new Owner(s), new lessee(s) or new Racing Manager (as the case may be) on the prescribed form to NZTR, with such further information as NZTR may require in its absolute discretion, and must:~~

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~~(c) be signed by each person:~~

~~(i) referred to in Rules 423(b)(i) and (ii) above;~~

~~(ii) named as an Owner of the horse on the register kept by NZTR in accordance with Rule 410; and~~

~~(iii) named as a lessee of the horse on the register kept by NZTR in accordance with Rule 410, where the interest being acquired is an interest as lessee in an existing registered lease, except:~~

~~(iv) in cases of death or incapacity;~~

~~(v) where such person has been absent from New Zealand for more than one month and is unable to be located, in which event the remaining persons comprising Owner(s) or lessee(s), as applicable, agree to indemnify NZTR from and in connection with any loss, claim or damage that may arise from their failing to obtain the absent person's signature on notice~~

of any change in the legal or beneficial Ownership of a horse or in the lessees of a horse; or
(vi) ~~if the relevant interest in the horse is no more than 20%, in which case if the horse has a Racing Manager then that Racing Manager, if duly authorised to do so, may sign on behalf of one or more Owner(s) or lessee(s); and~~

(i) each person who is selling, transferring or otherwise disposing of all or any part of any interest he or it has in that horse (whether as Owner, lessee or otherwise);

(ii) each person who is acquiring any interest in that horse (whether as Owner, lessee or otherwise); and

(iii) the Racing Manager, or by a person who has been authorised to sign the notice on behalf of any such person; and

(d) if applicable, specify whether the **new** owner/lessee is now registered under the Goods and Services Tax Act 1985, and if so specify its Good and Services Tax registration number.

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(9) If a horse in respect of which a lease has been registered is sold subject to the terms of that registered lease, the registered lease will remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the sale and the registration of a notice of change in the Ownership of the horse, and the new Owner of the horse shall be bound by the terms of the registered lease, unless the new Owner and the lessee(s) of the horse notify NZTR otherwise in writing.

5. Rules 602 & 902(2)(a)(ii): Control of Race Meeting On Race Day and Functions and Duties of Judicial Committee

Amendments to Rules 602 & 902(2)(a)(ii) to provide the RIU with responsibility for abandonment of race meetings. The current Rules require the matter to be put before the Judicial Committee for determination. The Rule, as it currently reads, has been the cause of comment and complaint over recent years, which has resulted in the Rule not being consistently applied particularly around the interpretation of the words 'any question.' This has been interpreted as 'the meeting's continuation is in question' and, as such, this falls within the Rule, and differences between various parties as to whether a meeting should continue or not. This Rule change replaces the responsibility for abandonment of a race meeting from the Judicial Committees to the RIU Stewards.

602 (1) From 7:30 am on Race day, the Stipendiary Stewards shall:

(a) have the control of the Race Meeting and be charged with the duty of ensuring that the provisions of these Rules are applied and enforced in respect of that Race Meeting;

(b) determine any question as to whether that day of racing or any part thereof should be postponed, abandoned or cancelled;

(2) A Club must follow any directives, policies, guidelines or practices of NZTR (including the National Racing Bureau) necessary for the administration and control of a Race Meeting or related to Races or racing, including any decision by NZTR to cancel a Race day, or a Race Meeting, which may be made prior to or after 7:30 am on a Race day of that Race Meeting.

902 (1) The Judicial Committee shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine all proceedings commenced pursuant to these Rules, which are not expressly stated by any of these Rules to be within the jurisdiction of any other person or body.

(2) The functions of a Judicial Committee shall be:

(a) from the commencement of the first proceeding which it commences to deal with on any day of a Race Meeting or one hour prior to the starting time of the first Race of that day until after the conclusion of the last proceeding which it commences to deal with on that day, or thirty minutes after the last Race run on that day (whichever is the later) to:

(i) hear all matters of a judicial nature which arise during and in relation to that day of racing and are submitted to it;

~~(ii) determine any question as to whether that day of racing or any part thereof should be postponed, abandoned or cancelled;~~

~~(iii)~~ **(ii) declare a Race null and void and if it thinks expedient order that such Race be run again; and**

~~(iv)~~ **(iii) exercise the powers, duties and functions conferred or imposed on Judicial Committees by these Rules and the Racing Act 2003;**

6. Rule 604 (2) – Control of Race Meeting on Race Day (Persons Warned Off)

Amendments to Rule 604 to provide more clarity and, in this regard, the addition of a new Rule 659 to define warning off. There has been confusion around the exact application of warning off. The power of racing clubs to warn off was taken out of the Rules (clubs can issue trespass notices if there is an individual about whom they are concerned).

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(2) All persons warned off a Racecourses by a ~~Club of~~ NZTR, or off a racecourses or racing ~~facility~~ **facilities** by Another Racing Authority shall be excluded from every Racecourse when any matter connected with racing is in progress.

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WARNING OFF

659 NZTR may warn a person off Racecourses if it considers, on reasonable grounds, that the presence of that person on a Racecourse may have an undesirable impact on the conduct or integrity of racing. A person warned off by NZTR may not enter any Racecourse when a Race Meeting, trial or jump-out is being held.

7. Rule 631 (8) – At The Start

An addition to Rule 631 to provide for horses starting from an incorrect barrier.

(8) If any horse starts from an incorrect stall position, the Judicial Committee shall have the discretion to confirm the Official Result of Placings, declare the race to be void or declare any horse in the Race to be a non-starter.

8. Rule 638 (3) – Running Races (Use of the Whip)

Amendments to Rule 638 (3) (b) so that whip offences can be more accurately recorded and reported, and reviewers can access relevant data quicker.

638 (3) A Rider shall not:

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(b) strike a horse with a whip in a manner or to an extent which is unnecessary, excessive or improper;

- (i) unnecessary
- (ii) or excessive
- (iii) or improper;

9. Rule 648(5) – Weighing-In (Riders Weighing-in Overweight)

Amendments to Rule 648 (5) which is currently generous in that it provides a Rider with an ability (without the fear of penalty) to weigh in 1 kg in excess of the weight at which he/she weighed out, particularly in light of Rule 620(2) which already permits a declared rider to ride up to 0.5 kg over the carded weight. The proposed amendments to Rule 648(5) would provide that a rider who weighs in at a weight of 0.5 kg or more in excess of the weight at which the rider weighed out is committing a breach of the Rules.

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(5) If the Rider of a horse weighs in at a weight of **0.5±kg** or more in excess of that ~~weight~~ at which ~~the Rider~~ **he** weighed out:

- (a) **that Rider; and**
- (b) **any other person who a Tribunal conducting an inquiry finds was at fault, ~~the Clerk of the Scales shall record the weight by which the Rider on weighing in exceeded the weight at which he weighed out and inform a Stipendiary Steward and that Rider commits a breach of these Rules.~~**

TURNOVER INFORMATION

Date	Club	On-Course (Tote	Totalisator (Off &	Fixed Odds (Off	Races	Starters
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		& FOB combined)		on-course combined)		& on-course)					
		14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14
15-Apr	Rotorua	34,458	28,324	523,616	533,803	265,754	175,179	10	8	94	77
16-Apr	Woodville	41,001	50,856	517,877	544,052	219,766	176,458	8	8	97	87
17-Apr	Dargaville	68,887	38,001	537,583	346,664	254,722	151,976	8	6	84	47
18-Apr	Auckland	150,606	171,481	1,538,559	1,702,283	724,564	595,034	10	10	118	115
18-Apr	Hawke's Bay	108,286	83,938	1,082,653	1,219,047	412,462	372,149	9	9	102	90
18-Apr	Canterbury	71,624	92,707	899,185	845,514	333,866	249,334	9	9	118	98

NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance /()	Variance %/(%)
Meetings	249	257	(8)	(3.11%)
Races	2,096	2,126	(30)	(1.41%)
Total Starts	21,688	22,027	(339)	(1.54%)
Avg Field Size	10.35	10.36	(0.01)	(0.13%)
Number of races less than 8 starters	354	355	(1)	(0.28%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	310,023,619	299,932,989	10,090,631	3.36%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	28,704,287	29,702,972	(998,685)	(3.36%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	338,727,907	329,635,961	9,091,946	2.76%
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	240,433,608	251,799,041	(11,365,433)	(4.51%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	97,867,494	77,836,904	20,030,590	25.73%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	161,607	155,050	6,557	4.23%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	15,618	14,965	653	4.36%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,248,571,220	1,120,735,091	127,836,129	11.41%
Subtotal NZ Racing Turnover	621,267,068	612,023,358	9,243,710	1.51%
Subtotal Imported Racing Turnover	627,304,152	508,711,733	118,592,419	23.31%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	287,038,568	198,947,088	88,091,480	44.28%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,535,609,788	1,319,682,179	215,927,609	16.36%
NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 12 Apr)	256,539,452	239,464,247	17,075,204	7.13%
Total Races (to 12 Apr)	2,042	2,075	(33)	(1.59%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	125,631	115,404	10,227	8.86%

Meeting details:

- Racing Rotorua Wednesday meeting ran 10 races this season, 8 last season.
- Woodville-Pahiatua RC Thursday meeting equivalent was run a month later in mid May FY14.
- Dargaville RC Wednesday meeting equivalent was run in early April by Whangarei RC. 8 races this season, 6 last season.
- Auckland RC Saturday meeting equivalent was run the Saturday prior last season.
- Canterbury Racing Saturday meeting equivalent was also run the Saturday prior in FY14.

Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is up 2.8% year to date.
- 8 less meetings and 30 less races have been run than to the same date last season.
- Turnover per race is up 4.2%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 339, 1.5% less.
- Average field size is 10.35 in FY15, down from 10.36 (0.1%) in FY14.

- The number of races with less than 8 starters is 1 lower than the season prior (354 v 355).
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 4.5%) has been offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 25.7%).
- Export turnover (\$NZ) is up 8.9% per race to 12 April.

Note: Turnovers are provided by the NZRB from various reports. On-course is totalisator turnover on the meeting and on intertrack meetings, plus FOB racing turnover on the meeting only (FOB intertrack is not provided from these reports at present). On-course self service turnover is also not currently included. Total NZRB racing turnover is all racing bet on through the NZRB. NZ racing turnover is NZ thoroughbred, harness and greyhound turnovers combined; imported racing turnover is all imported thoroughbred, harness and greyhound turnover. Combined with sports, the racing turnover provides the total NZRB turnover. NZ thoroughbred export turnovers are stated in \$NZ, generally up to a week or two behind other turnover numbers.