



**Wednesday 6 June 2012**

### **Notice of Proposed Amendments – Rules of Racing**

The Integrity Committee of New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) has approved for further industry consultation the following proposed amendments to the Rules of Racing.

These proposed amendments seek to amend Rules of Racing regarding:

1. Pregnant mares (Rule 652)
2. Remounting during a race, entering a race track during the running of a race and pulling up (Rules 603, 636 & 640)
3. Renaming the 'Graded Stakes Committee' the 'New Zealand Pattern Committee' (Rules 104 & 506)
4. Decisions of the Judicial Committee (Rule 920 (3) (c))
5. Drug & alcohol testing of all those involved in safety sensitive activities in the preparation and presentation of horses (Rules 104, 208, 322, 344 (new), 656-7, 803, 812 (new) & 902)

For further details, [click here](#) to view the full article (requires Adobe Acrobat reader).

**Submissions on these proposed changes must be forwarded to Simon Cooper on or before Monday 11 June 2012.**

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### **Additional South Island Races for Oamaru and South Canterbury**

NZTR has approved an additional flat race being added to the advertised programmes at both the Oamaru Jockey Club meeting on Thursday 21 June and the South Canterbury Racing Club meeting on Friday 13 July 2012.

At the Oamaru JC meeting on 21 June, the additional race added to the programme is an \$8,000 Rating 75 Benchmark 2200m Handicap. At the South Canterbury meeting on 13 July a \$7,000 Rating 65 Benchmark 2100m Handicap has now been programmed.

The changes have been made to support Club and South Island Regional Programming opportunities through this period.

There are four jumping races scheduled to be run at both the Oamaru and South Canterbury meetings. In accordance with NZTR policy if there are not sufficient entries for any of the jumping races at either of these meetings, that race may be deleted at nomination time. Along with the decision to programme the two additional flat races, NZTR will also consider dividing a Maiden or one of the other races on the programme if there are sufficient nominations should the number of jumping races on the day be reduced.

### **EstarOnline Winter Cup**

EstarOnline are the new sponsors of the Canterbury Jockey Club Winter Cup, the 115<sup>th</sup> running of which is set to take place on Saturday 4 August.

The \$100,000, Group 3, EstarOnline Winter Cup will herald in the new racing season and underpin also its first Premier raceday on the first day of the New Zealand Grand National Racing Carnival.

Canterbury Jockey Club Chairman Jeff McCall welcomed EstarOnline and acknowledged their leadership in ecommerce, something reiterated by their Chief Executive, Stuart Clark.

“There is no doubt that the web and mobile devices will continue to revolutionise retail commerce. EstarOnline specialises in building and supporting online stores for some of Australasia’s leading retailers. Customers including JB Hi-Fi, EziBuy, Country Road, Briscoes and Rodd & Gunn trust EstarOnline to deliver secure, reliable and scalable ecommerce solutions”.

Mr McCall said his Club looked forward to working with EstarOnline to present the race and also recognised the role of previous sponsor Aussie Browne’s Pharmacies.

“Mr Browne has sold down his shareholding in the Pharmacies so this ends a partnership of eight seasons with this race and over twenty five years of sponsorship support for the Club – Aussie will remain a sponsor but it is fitting to acknowledge his contribution in this announcement”.

### **Cheltenham Dream Series 2012**

Following the running of the McGregor Grant Steeplechase and K S Browne Hurdle at Ellerslie on Monday the points table for the leading contenders in the Cheltenham Dream Series 2012 is:

33	Morpheus Sir Heelan
27	Myths And Legends
26	Ho Down
25	Borrack
24	Volkswagin
23	At The Top
20	Kid Columbus Lautenschlager
19	Arose
13	Dubhdara
12	Zagata
10	O'Connor Barado Big Brownie Tom's Myth

The next events in the series are the Otago Hunt Club Steeplechase and Ron Williamson Otago Hurdles on Sunday 10 June, and the FMG Manawatu Steeplechase and Manawatu ITM Awapuni Hurdle on Saturday 16 June.

### **NZTR Videos Online**

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing, in conjunction with the social media company Socialize, has released a number of short videos on the NZ Racing website – [www.nzracing.co.nz](http://www.nzracing.co.nz).

The videos can now be seen directly at the NZ Racing Homepage.

Originally produced for the NZ Racing Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/nzthoroughbredracing/](http://www.facebook.com/nzthoroughbredracing/)), these videos offer a rare behind the scenes insight into the lives of some of New Zealand racing’s leading personalities including:

- James McDonald
- Lisa Allpress
- John Bary
- Trelawney Stud
- Tribute to Climbing High

## Cambridge Trials - 12 June, Now Relocated to Paeroa RC

Following consultation between Cambridge JC, Paeroa RC, the Northern Region Programming Committee & NZTR, the trials programmed for Cambridge JC on Tuesday 12 June have been relocated to Paeroa RC.

Nominations will still close with the National Racing Bureau at 12 noon, Monday 11 June 2012.

## Trial Meeting Cancellation – Avondale JC - 19 June

Following consultation between Avondale JC, the Northern Region Programming Committee & NZTR, the trials programmed for Avondale JC on Tuesday 19 June have been cancelled.

## Turnover Information for the Period ending 3 June 2012

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								11-12	10-11
28/5	Otaki-Maori (1)	16,230		327,154		70,439		66	
29/5	Rotorua (2)	29,566		437,682		100,430		77	
30/5	Feilding (3)	26,802		427,355		79,498		69	
31/5	Counties (4)	45,848		691,934		137,875		127	
1/6	Canterbury (5)	16,433		431,063		88,104		73	
2/6	Auckland (6)	111,699	2.0%	1,326,248	7.2%	268,766	21.6%	106	11.6%
2/6	Wanganui (7)	112,956	9.5%	1,020,359	11.4%	208,337	13.7%	121	2.5%
3/6	Otago (7)	34,502	19.3%	561,994	32.6%	99,800	5.6%	89	13.6%

- (1) Otaki-Maori RC; no equivalent meeting last year. 7 races this year.
- (2) Racing Rotorua; no equivalent meeting last year. 7 races this year.
- (3) Feilding JC; this meeting last year was a Racing Tauranga meeting. 7 races this year.
- (4) Counties RC; this meeting last year was a Feilding JC meeting. 10 races this year.
- (5) Canterbury Racing; this meeting last year was a Whakatane RC meeting. 8 races this year.
- (6) Auckland RC; 9 races this year, compared to 10 races last year.
- (7) Wanganui JC; 9 races this year, compared to 10 races last year.
- (8) Otago RC; 8 races this year, compared to 10 races last year.

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/-	Variance +%/(-%)
Races	2,657	2,649	+8	+0.30%
Starters	28,161	28,450	(289)	(1.02%)
Avg Field Size	10.60	10.74	(0.14)	(1.31%)
Off-Course Turnover	276,842,133	292,219,649	(15,377,516)	(5.26%)
On-Course Turnover	31,425,939	34,774,058	(3,348,119)	(9.63%)
Total Totalisator Turnover	308,268,072	326,993,707	(18,725,635)	(5.73%)
Fixed Odds	61,785,507	50,887,452	+10,898,055	+21.42%
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	370,053,579	377,881,159	(7,827,580)	(2.07%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	139,275	142,650	(3,376)	(2.37%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	13,141	13,282	(142)	(1.07%)

Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,171,323,421	1,155,971,189	+15,352,232	+1.33%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	203,559,046	157,313,157	+46,245,888	+29.40%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,374,882,467	1,313,284,346	+61,598,121	+4.69%

Overall turnover was up 6.3% (+\$1.87m) last week on the same week last year, +4.7% season to date.

Racing turnover was up 4.6% (+\$1.17m) for the week, with Domestic racing up 3.6% (+\$497k).

Domestic thoroughbreds turnover was up 11.6% (+\$713k) (tote + fob) with two additional meetings and ten more races (+18.2%), with horse starts up 31.4%.

Note: NZRB supplied On-course Turnover total represents On-course turnover placed on NZ thoroughbred meetings from all on-course venues. 'Total' NZ Thoroughbred turnover figure includes Off-course (including Pick 6), On-course (NZRB figure as commented above) and all Fixed Odds Turnover. All Turnover figures are supplied by the NZRB.

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