

NZTR REVISED PENALTY GUIDELINES FOR IMPROPER WHIP USE AND CARELESS RIDING

(Issued under Rule 106 of the Rules of Racing)

These revised guidelines come into force from 12:01 am on 9 December 2020.

Prevailing circumstances prompted NZTR to consider revising the penalties imposed on riders who are found guilty of contravening the whip guidelines and who are found guilty of careless riding. After consulting with the participants of the racing industry NZTR has decided to adjust the penalty guidelines for careless riding or misuse of the whip.

NZTR's position continues to be that the excessive or improper use of the whip during racing is unacceptable (particularly where repeated) and must be denounced and discouraged by way of a penalty. The proposed adjustments are the starting point for penalties and more severe penalties may still be imposed should the circumstances warrant it.

The revised penalty starting points for breaches of the whip Rules and careless riding Rules are as follows and supercede all previous guidelines in relation to these offences:

1. Whip Offences:

1 st offence	Starting point: \$300 fine
2 nd offence	Starting point: \$500 fine
3 rd offence	Starting point: \$2,000 fine and a 2-day suspension
4 th offence	Starting point: 5-day suspension

2. Careless Riding:

Low Range	Starting point: \$250 fine and a 4-day suspension
Mid-Range	Starting point: \$500 fine and a 5-day suspension
High Range	Starting point: 9-day suspension

3. Deferment:

If, at the time the suspension is imposed, the Rider is engaged to ride a horse or horses in a race(s) during the next 7-day period after the day on which the suspension is imposed, then the suspension will be effective as set out in Rule 1106(2)(b) or Rule 1106(3)(b), however if the Rider is engaged to ride a horse in a race during the 8th, 9th or 10th day after the day on which the suspension is imposed then the suspension will be effective from the earlier of:

- 3.1. the completion of such engagements within that period; or

3.2. from the day immediately following the 10th day after the day the suspension was imposed.

4. Resetting of penalties:

If a rider does not repeat a whip related offence for 6 months, previous offences should be disregarded for the purposes of determining the penalty.

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