



Terms of Reference for the New Zealand Pattern Review Panel

The panel will review the current pattern and performance of black type racing in New Zealand, with particular emphasis on Group 1 and Group 2 race races, and recommend any changes to the New Zealand pattern that will improve the quality and performance of New Zealand racing, including without limitation:

1. Reviewing the existing pattern of Group 1 and Group 2 racing in New Zealand and recommending any changes that will improve the performance of the pattern;
2. Reviewing the current structure of New Zealand carnivals and recommending any changes to the structure that would optimise the performance of the pattern
3. Reviewing the venues at which existing Group 1 and Group 2 races are conducted and recommending any changes to the same that will improve the performance of the pattern;
4. Reviewing the number, timing, type and location of pattern races in each of the following categories:
 - 2 year olds only (including sex based 2YO events);
 - 3 year olds only (including sex based 3YO events);
 - Fillies and mares races;
 - WFA and handicaps;

and make recommendations on how to improve the quality, timing and type of pattern races in each category and consider whether there are appropriate pattern race opportunities for different types of horse at different times of the year (such as, for example, 3 year old sprinters and milers, fillies and mares, and staying horses) and whether pattern racing is being conducted at the appropriate venues.

5. Identifying specific races or categories of races which NZTR and race clubs should target for development as pattern races to improve the performance of the pattern in New Zealand;
6. Considering the relationship between pattern races in New Zealand and the major carnivals in Australia, and make recommendations on whether changes may need to be made to the New Zealand pattern to:

- Maximise opportunities for New Zealand horses to compete successfully in Australia;
 - Reflect and support the pattern in Australia;
 - Provide opportunities for New Zealand trained horses to qualify for the Melbourne Cup.
7. Reviewing races that are potentially at risk of a future downgrade under the new APC Ground Rules and recommending steps that could be taken to reduce the risk of those races being downgraded.
 8. Reporting on any other matter relevant to the performance of the pattern in New Zealand that the Panel feels is necessary or desirable.