

**Report of the
NEW ZEALAND PATTERN COMMITTEE**

**Group & Listed Race
Schedule for
2019/20 Season**

**Following review of
2018/19 Season**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Pattern Review for races run in the 2018-19 season has been completed by the NZ Pattern Committee. The schedule of Group and Listed Races to be run in the 2019-20 season has been finalised.
2. Two changes have been made to the schedule of Pattern races for the 2018-19 season.

The Wellington RC, Telegraph Handicap has remained at G1 following a submission by the NZPC and a vote on its status by the Asian Pattern Committee (APC). The race is only 1 of 2 G1 sprints run at 1200m but has consistently failed to meet its benchmark in recent seasons. It last met the G1 tolerance threshold back in the 2012/13 season. However, it has consistently attracted strong fields with the 4 highest rated starters in 2018/19 rating above the G1 benchmark. 2 unplaced runners were multiple G1 winners elsewhere in the season. In recent years the race has suffered from the first 4 placegetters frequently being lower rated horses. The race will change to WFA conditions from 2019/20 onwards.

The Auckland RC, Eclipse Stakes for 2 year olds has been upgraded from G3 to G2. The last three editions rated comfortably above the G2 benchmark and actually met the G1 tolerance threshold. The race has become both a mid-summer target in its own right and a key stepping-stone to the Karaka Million, which given its restricted entry conditions can only be rated as Listed.

The Canterbury JC, Canterbury Stakes for 3 year olds has been upgraded from Listed to G3. The race has rated comfortably above the required benchmark and in the view of the NZPC will only strengthen as a key lead-up to the 2000 Guineas, given its timing, track conditions and new status.

3. Under the revised schedule, the total number of Pattern flat races is unchanged at 150. Given a decline in races run in recent seasons, this is a relatively high 5.8%. Every country has unique aspects to its racing structure. The NZPC acknowledges that NZ has very few non-tote races and a large number of competitive trials relative to some peers. That said, we see no scope for the percentage to rise further given that it is at the upper end of global norms and we would have greater comfort with a lower percentage.

The rating of each race clearly justifies its status, but this sets a very high bar to any potential promotions, with the NZPC needing to be satisfied that any upgraded race will both comfortably hold its new status and fit well in the overall context of the Pattern.

The NZPC also highlights that only 1 Listed race is currently on a warning, meaning there are unlikely to be any gaps for promotion in the year ahead.

This is far from ideal and the NZPC is reviewing the bottom grouping of Listed races relative to the top grouping of unlisted races to ensure that the integrity of the Pattern is preserved. This may result in the downgrade of weaker Listed races if there are unlisted races that are materially

stronger from a ratings perspective and would improve the overall Pattern if promoted. It could also see a moderate net reduction in the number of Listed races, with one option being to use a higher tolerance level than APC benchmarks. Any decisions are some distance from being made and any changes would only occur following significant consultation. The NZPC has raised with NZTR the issue of prizemoney being tied to a race's Pattern status and therefore being reduced if a race is downgraded. This may not be appropriate in all circumstances such as if a downgraded race is a major regional target, has considerable historic importance or wide public appeal.

4. The NZPC views the ideal shape of the Pattern as being a pyramid. While still being some distance from this ideal, the shape continues to gradually improve with there being 21 G1, 27 G2, 44 G3 and 58 Listed races in 2019/20.
5. This was the seventh year that the NZPC has operated under the APC Ground Rules, which were approved by NZTR in consultation with the NZPC and the industry.

The NZPC has decided to change its warning system from 2019/20 onwards to make it more consistent with the APC Ground Rules. The APC Rules specify that a race is placed on Warning if it fails to meet its tolerance level for two consecutive editions and may be downgraded if it fails for a third time. Conversely if it meets its tolerance level, the Warning may be removed.

From 2019/20, any NZ race failing to attain the minimum rating threshold for the first time is likely to be issued with an Alert. In most cases, a Warning will then be issued if the minimum rating has not been achieved in the next edition. If the race meets the required threshold in its next edition, it may then be moved back to having no Alert or Warning.

Changes to the Ground Rules in 2017 now mean that if G1 and G2 races fail to meet their tolerance threshold in three consecutive editions, the merits of the race are considered and voted upon by the APC. Any downgrade must be approved by a simple majority of countries (previously a majority of two). The affected country cannot vote. G3 and Listed races are automatically downgraded unless a material change in conditions is proposed. Voluntary downgrades by a country may still occur. Any upgrade to G1 must be voted on by APC member countries. Special factors may be considered and the NZPC has chosen to recognise these at times. These include the ratings of the top 4 rated starters as opposed to the first 4 finishers; the number of G1 winners in the preceding 18 months; unusual track conditions; and the effect on the shape of the Pattern.

6. The race rating is determined by the peak World Best Racehorse Ranking (WBRR) that season for the average of the first four finishers in the race. Note that the WBRR has no relationship with the points-based domestic NZ handicap rating and the two measures should not be confused.
7. In recent seasons, G1 races have been allowed a 5 point tolerance relative to their threshold level, while G2 and lower have had a 3 point

tolerance. Potential changes to these tolerance thresholds had been under discussion for some time and finalised outcomes by the APC differed somewhat to initial proposals. The tolerance threshold for G2 and lower races has remained at 3 points rather than moving to 2 points. The threshold for G1 races has moved to 3 points as expected but has been applied retrospectively to prior seasons, over-riding the earlier tolerance of 5 points that had been applied to those seasons. This conflicted with the NZPC's warning system and led to the uncomfortable outcome of moving the G1 Telegraph Handicap straight to second warning and issuing late warnings to a number of G1 races. The lower tolerances may create some future pressure on the lower end of NZ G1 races, particularly for older horses.

8. The NZPC has a degree of concern with the WBRR ratings assigned to some NZ 2yo and 3yo races. As a starting point, these ratings tend to be at the bottom end of global norms unless the horses perform well overseas in the same season. Further, many NZ horses are exported following their 3yo season and at times achieve markedly higher ratings as older horses, implying an improbable degree of improvement. This issue is beginning to be recognised but requires further attention. The NZPC is a strong supporter of the APC Ground Rules but it is a difficult task to apply them across different jurisdictions. Critical review and evaluation can only lead to improvement and increased confidence in their accuracy across the region.
9. The WBRR Race Ratings used to evaluate race quality are appended as Section 6 of this Report.
10. There are currently 10 races on Alert (14 last year) and 6 races on Warning (4 last year).
11. The Pattern Committee also considered a request from Cambridge Jockey Club to change the registered name of a Group 2 race from "Dulcie Stakes" to "Travis Stakes". The committee accepted the reasons provided for the change and supported the change. The race will now be known as the Travis Stakes.

SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 CONSTITUTION & CONVENTION

The New Zealand Pattern Committee (NZPC) is constituted in Rule 506 of the Rules of Racing. It is an independent committee jointly convened by New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Association Inc. (NZTBA) and New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Inc. (NZTR). The secretariat of the NZPC is provided by NZTR.

1.2 COMPOSITION & SCHEDULE

1.2.1 The NZPC is comprised of eight voting members, viz. a Chairman who is appointed by NZTR after consultation with NZTBA, three nominees of NZTBA, three nominees of NZTR and one nominee of NZTBA to represent the thoroughbred auction companies. The personnel appointed to the Pattern Committee are expected to have the expertise and experience to exercise flexibility and discretion whilst continually maintaining a review of appropriate levels of Black Type opportunity for horses of different age, sex and aptitudes, throughout the total New Zealand racing scene. Committee appointments are made in December each year and take effect for the following calendar year.

1.2.2 The NZPC meets twice per year, usually in the second or third week of August when primary statistical data becomes available and (by teleconference) in early November to review the prestige jumping races. Each year the NZPC conducts a robust review of its procedures and criteria and holds a frank discussion of all matters considered relevant.

1.2.3 A NZPC member has a conflict of interest with respect to the review process when that member, or their spouse, partner or immediate family member, is an office-bearer or management employee of a New Zealand racing club or of an organisation currently sponsoring a black-type race. Any member having disclosed a conflict of interest will not be debarred from participating in any discussion during the review. If consensus amongst committee members is not apparent regarding a particular race under review and the Chairman calls for a vote, then any member having a conflict of interest relating to that race will forfeit their right to vote on that particular race and may be asked to leave the room during the voting process.

1.2.4 The NZPC for the past season comprised :

Chairman:	Mr Matthew Goodson, Auckland
NZTR Nominees:	Mr Bruce Sherwin, Cambridge
	Mr Neville McAlister, Wellington

Mr Jeff McCall, Christchurch
NZTBA Nominees: Ms Michelle Saba, Karaka
Mr Andrew Stewart, Cambridge
Mr Mark Freeman, Wellington
Auction House: Mr Danny Rolston, Cambridge

1.3 OBJECTIVES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The function of the NZPC is to annually review the best races in New Zealand for horses of different ages, gender and aptitudes and to produce a list of races worthy of black type status in sales catalogues in line with international standards, and to rate those races as (in descending order of importance) G1, G2, G3 and Listed. Further, it is to produce a list of Prestige Jumping Races in NZ.

It is the responsibility of the NZPC to conduct that review in a manner that conforms to international standards and utilises clear and consistent criteria. It also has a duty to communicate its findings in an Annual Report to be circulated to interested parties in September each year.

The NZPC must remain aware that the integrity and international credibility of our Pattern system is crucial to the national thoroughbred industry. The NZPC makes recommendations to Clubs where it feels that the pattern of racing could be improved with the introduction of a particular type of race or races.

1.4 INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

The NZ list of Pattern races and their groupings are required to conform to the APC Ground Rules drawn up by the Asian Pattern Committee. The list is then submitted through the Asian Racing Federation (ARF) to the International Grading and Race Planning Advisory Committee (IRPAC), who in turn recommends the list to be ratified by the Society of International Thoroughbred Auctioneers (SITA). The list is then published along with all other approved national lists in the annual International Cataloguing Standards and International Statistics booklet ("Blue Book"). Retention of New Zealand's inclusion in Part One of the Blue Book is considered crucial to the national thoroughbred industry.

1.5 REVIEW PROCESS

There is no appeal process available against the decisions of the Committee in respect of any race or races. However, application may be made to a Review Panel for a review of the Committee's list as outlined under Rules 506 (9)-(12) of the NZ Rules of Racing. An application for a review does not apply in respect of a warning.

SECTION 2

HISTORY

2.1 BLACK TYPE

Pattern (or stakes or black type) races are those that differentiate prestige races from others. The purpose of Pattern races is to confer additional status (and therefore implied value) to the placegetters in those races. The first three finishers in designated Pattern races receive bold typeface in sales catalogue pedigrees. The appearance of black type in catalogues had its origins in North American catalogues in the 1950s. It was first adopted outside of North America by New Zealand in 1970. In the early 1970s Europe adopted the black-type system for their Pattern races and other countries followed.

2.2 GROUP DESIGNATIONS

Black type races are rated (in descending order of importance) with the designations Group 1, Group 2, Group 3 and Listed. Group designations grew out of the European Pattern Race System in the early 1970s. It was quickly adopted in North America and then gradually adopted throughout the rest of the thoroughbred world, including New Zealand in 1984-85.

2.3 INTERNATIONAL UNIFORMITY

In 1981 the International Cataloguing Standards Committee (ICSC) was formed to oversee the publication (Blue Book) of all lists of black type races worldwide and promote uniformity of standards. In 2007 ICSC transferred responsibility for this role to the International Grading and Race Pattern Committee (IRPAC). In 2012, the Asian Pattern Committee (APC) was granted an overseeing governance role over all the domestic graded stakes jurisdictions in the Asian Racing Federation (ARF) region, including New Zealand.

2.4 NEW ZEALAND DEVELOPMENTS

Originally, New Zealand's black type races were determined by the senior pedigree compiler at the then sole auction house. From about the mid-1970s, the task was done by a committee of representatives of NZTBA, the auction house and the New Zealand Racing Conference (NZRC), the predecessor of NZTR. The Committee was overseen by the NZRC. In 1995, a complete review of the process was undertaken, resulting in the current structure of the NZPC being implemented. In 2012, the Committee was renamed from New Zealand Graded Stakes Committee to New Zealand Pattern Committee.

2.5 REGISTERED RACE-NAMES

In 2001, Registered Race-names were introduced to enable a race to be identified over a period of years, regardless of the changes that may be made to its race-day name. The Registered Race-names provide the historical link to the current race-name and sponsor. The APC also prescribes that all Group races must have a permanent element within the race-name.

SECTION 3

OPERATING PROCEDURES

3.1 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

The NZPC compares New Zealand's list of Pattern races to those of other countries in Part 1 of the Blue Book in order to ensure the international credibility of the black type in our sales catalogues.

3.1.1 Number of Pattern races

As a target, the NZPC aims for the number of Pattern races in New Zealand to be approximately 5% of the estimated number of flat races run during the season. This is in line with most other racing jurisdictions and is considered appropriate for New Zealand.

3.1.2 Pyramid model

With regard to the allocation of group designators to New Zealand's Pattern races, the NZPC endeavours to establish and maintain the widely accepted "pyramid" model used by most countries in Part 1 of the Blue Book. The ideal pyramid has more Group 2 races than Group 1 races, and the total number of Group 3 races ideally exceeds the combined total of Group 1 and Group 2 races.

3.1.3 Category opportunities

The NZPC oversees the full range of horse categories (age, gender, distance aptitude) so that all horses might have adequate opportunities to compete for black type status.

3.2 CRITERIA

3.2.1 Quality

The paramount criterion applied by the NZPC is established quality of the field over time.

3.2.2 Race conditions

In the overall pattern, weight-for-age is given higher priority than set weights, which is given higher priority than set weights and penalties, which is, in turn, given higher priority than handicap conditions.

All black type races for 2YOs and 3YOs are to be run at set weights or set weights and penalties.

In line with international trends, it is unlikely that further handicap races will be elevated to G1 status.

Races for which entry is restricted to horses sold at a particular sale or sales are not eligible for group status. Furthermore, to be granted (R) Listed status, such a race must achieve a standard of quality equivalent to a group race.

3.2.3 Prizemoney

Black type races must be run for a stake that meets or exceeds minimum levels that are subject to annual review by NZTR. This may not apply for the first year in which a race is promoted or if NZTR determines that the stake of a race which is upgraded should not be changed.

3.2.4 The Pattern

The NZPC considers each race's timing and place within the pattern of racing.

3.2.5 Continuity

Continuity on the list and with a particular Pattern grading is considered desirable, so long as that continuity is credible and does not compromise the integrity of the Pattern.

3.2.6 Miscellaneous

Other criteria may be considered if deemed to be relevant, e.g. historical importance, regional factors, impact of adverse weather, opportunities for various aptitude categories, etc.

3.3 ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGIES

3.3.1 World Best Racehorse Rankings (WBRR)

The NZPC has adopted the end of season World Best Racehorse Rankings (WBRR) as its primary statistical assessment tool. This rating averages the first four finishers in a race, as rated for their peak performance during the season, after taking into account the additional 4lb allowance if fillies or mares fill any of those placings. The NZPC may also choose to consider the average rating of the four highest rated starters in the race if it considers that circumstances deem that to be appropriate.

A race's Rating for the season is evaluated by the NZPC in conjunction with that race's Pattern Race Rating (PRR). This is an average of the three most recent renewals' Race Ratings.

3.3.2 New Zealand handicap ratings

The NZPC also has at its disposal the NZ race day handicap ratings for the starters in all races reviewed. Given their different basis of

determination and use, the NZPC did not consult these in the season under review.

3.3.3 Full field results

The NZPC also has the official result files of all races reviewed, along with the number and quality of black type performers (covering the current and previous season) in each race.

3.4 UPGRADING / DOWNGRADING

The following guidelines should be read in conjunction with the APC Ground Rules which are available at:

[https://loveracing.nz/OnHorseFiles/Downloads/Resources/Revised%20APC%20Ground%20Rules%20\(February%2026%2C%202019\).pdf](https://loveracing.nz/OnHorseFiles/Downloads/Resources/Revised%20APC%20Ground%20Rules%20(February%2026%2C%202019).pdf)

3.4.1 Conditions for gaining black type

(A) For a race to gain entry to the Pattern, a position must be available within the desirable number of Pattern races for New Zealand. The race must have achieved in its recent renewals a level of quality higher than that of the lower rating races already on the list catering for a similar category of horse.

(B) It must also have been run under the same terms and conditions, distance and timing for two consecutive previous renewals. (This may be deviated from in the most exceptional circumstances).

It is not necessary for a host club to make a submission for entry to the black type system. The NZPC maintains a “watch list” of all unrestricted races, along with selected age group races and reviews that list every year.

3.4.2 Conditions for maintaining status

Other than continuing to meet the field quality criterion, some other conditions must also be maintained. A race may be subject to re-assessment by the NZPC if there are changes proposed in terms of one or more of:

- (a) The distance (100m or more for races below 1600m and 200m or more for races of 1600m or above)
- (b) The date - more than 2 weeks (previously 2 months)
- (c) The stake
- (d) The venue
- (e) The host club
- (f) The race conditions

Each change or combination thereof is considered on a case-by-case basis and must be notified by the host club to the NZPC at the earliest opportunity. The NZPC reminds clubs of the importance of this requirement if they wish to retain their race's black type status.

To assist clubs with this requirement, the NZPC has requested that NZTR put in place a clear process for clubs to follow, including a timetable that fits with programming requirements.

If a scheduled black type race is not programmed by its host club, or, if having programmed it, the host club declines to run the race prior to the calling of nominations, then NZTR may at its discretion re-allocate the race to another club willing to run the race under the same terms and conditions within the current pattern. If a black type race has had nominations called for, then the club must run the race, regardless of the number of acceptors.

3.4.3 Conditions for downgrading a race (Warning Process)

- (a) The warning process is changing slightly from the 2019/20 season onwards to make it more consistent with the APC Ground Rules. Those Rules specify that a race may be placed on Warning if it fails to meet its tolerance threshold for two consecutive editions and it may then be downgraded if it fails for a third time. Conversely if a race under Warning meets its tolerance level, the Warning may be removed.
- (b) When a race is being considered for downgrading, a written Alert (previously a First Warning) will typically be given to the host club in the first instance where the race fails to meet its rating threshold. Except in exceptional circumstances, the race will not be downgraded until it has been run with a Warning (previously a Second Warning).
- (c) Where a club has already had an Alert in respect of a race, the Alert may be maintained, removed or progressed to a Warning.
- (d) Where a club has already has a Warning in respect of a race, the Warning may be removed or the race may be downgraded.
- (e) Under the APC Ground Rules, as revised in 2018, races that are G3 and lower are automatically downgraded if they are more than 3lb below their required parameter in each of the last three seasons, unless a material change in conditions is proposed, in which case, the relevant Racing Authority (that is the NZPC) may choose to give it one final year in which it must achieve its Annual Race Rating. Voluntary downgrades by a country may still occur. The NZPC warning system is consistent with these requirements.
- (f) Changes to the Ground Rules in 2018 now mean that if G1 and G2 races fail to meet their tolerance threshold in three consecutive editions,

the merits of the race are considered and voted upon by the APC. Previously, any downgrade had to be approved by a majority of two or more countries, but this now requires a simple majority of one country. The affected country cannot vote. Any upgrade of a race to G1 must be approved by a simple majority. Special factors may be considered and the NZPC has chosen to recognise these at times. These include the ratings of the top 4 rated starters as opposed to the first 4 finishers; the number of G1 winners in the preceding 18 months; unusual track conditions; and the effect on the shape of the Pattern.

(g) The APC recently promulgated changes to the threshold tolerances that were applied retrospectively from the 2016/17 season onwards. These require G1 races required to be within a tolerance threshold of 3lb (formerly 5lb) of their benchmark, while G2 and lower are unchanged at the same 3lb threshold despite earlier expectations of a move to 2lb.

(h) Stayers' moratorium. Following global concern at the downgrading of staying races and the subsequent impact on the breed, the APC has followed global peers and implemented a downgrade moratorium on all Pattern distance races for 3-year-olds at 2400m plus and older horses at 2600m plus. This moratorium will be reviewed by the APC during the current season. The NZPC will request that this moratorium be amended to apply to 2400m plus races for all age groups as this will better reflect the pattern of staying races in NZ and Australia and the limitations associated with potential starting points on our courses.

(i) Pattern races scheduled for the early part of the season and carrying a Warning that have already been advertised in Thoroughbred Racing Monthly (TRM) prior to the August meeting of the NZPC, will carry disclaimers in TRM noting that the club and NZTR each reserves the right to alter the conditions of the race including the stake and/or the black type status of the advertised race if it is downgraded by the NZPC.

(j) Pattern races run for a stake below the minimum prescribed level will be automatically downgraded for that running irrespective of any warning level attached to the race. This may not apply for the first year in which a race is promoted or if NZTR determines that the stake of a race which is upgraded should not be changed.

(k) The required warning period is also not applicable where a race has undergone significant change (as detailed in 3.4.2 above). Such a change may be approved by the NZPC at its discretion with or without the imposition of a (greater) warning level.

3.4.4 Conditions for upgrading a race

(a) For a race to be considered for upgrading, the NZPC must be satisfied that a vacancy exists in the relevant category above;

- (b) It must have achieved in its recent renewals a level of quality higher than that of the lower rating races in the category above catering for a similar category of horse; and
- (c) It must also have been run under the same terms and conditions, distance and timing for two consecutive previous renewals. (This may be deviated from in the most exceptional circumstances);
- (d) Under the APC Ground Rules, races shall be eligible for promotion if the race under consideration achieves both a Pattern Race Rating (average of last 3 years) and an Annual Race Rating for the last year equal to or above the required parameter. Note that being eligible for promotion does not require the NZPC to make such a promotion given the other factors above. This is particularly the case where a race serves as an established lead-in to another race with a higher Pattern rating.
- (e) For a race to be upgraded to G1, it must be approved by a majority of of the APC. The proposing country cannot vote.

The NZPC invites clubs to make submissions for their races to be upgraded, but a submission is not a prerequisite for upgrading and the NZPC will upgrade races without submissions where appropriate.

3.4.5 Rules governing Group 1 and Group 2 races

- (a) Decisions relating to Group 1 and 2 races are ultimately taken by the Asian Pattern Committee (APC).
- (b) A race may be eligible for promotion to Group 1 or 2 if the race under consideration achieves both a Pattern Race Rating (average of last 3 years) and an Annual Race Rating for the last year equal to or above the required parameter.
- (c) The upgrading/downgrading of a race to/from Group 1 must be approved by a majority of the APC. The affected country may not vote.
- (d) The downgrading of a race from Group 2 must be approved by a majority of the APC. The affected country may not vote.
- (e) If the Annual Race Rating of a Group 1 race is more than 3lb (previously 5lb) below its parameter for each of the previous three years, the APC will consider the merits of the race, and vote on whether the race will be permitted to retain its Grade, or whether it will be downgraded.
- (f) If the Annual Race Rating of a Group 2 race is more than 3lb below its parameter for each of the previous three years, the APC will consider the merits of the race, and vote on whether the race will be permitted to retain its Grade, or whether it will be downgraded.

Previously, the changes to G2 races were automatic rather than subject to a vote.

3.4.6 Other factors

In assessing upgrades, admissions, downgrades or deletions of races to or from the schedule of Pattern races, the following factors may also be taken into account by the NZPC:

- (a) The ratings of the four highest rated horses to start (as well as the first four to finish).
- (b) The number of starters to have won a Group 1 race in the prior 18 months. Note that this criterion was previously over the two previous seasons. The NZPC has voted to change this from 2017/18 onwards to be consistent with the APC Ground Rules.
- (c) The iconic or historical significance of some races of national importance including, but not necessarily restricted to, the national three-year-old Classics.
- (d) The effect on the overall pattern of racing and the shape of the “pyramid” (ref. 3.1.2, above).

SECTION 4

**COMMENTS &
RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1** Historically, the NZPC has believed that the New Zealand “pyramid” has been somewhat top-heavy and has not met international expectations. The 2019/20 season will see a pyramid of 21 G1 races; 27 G2; 44 G3 and 58 Listed. While still not entirely satisfactory, it is gradually moving towards an acceptable shape and will likely continue to evolve in this direction.
- 4.2** It is the responsibility of a Club to notify the NZPC where a significant change in conditions is contemplated. Changes in one or more of the distance, timing and conditions can result in an entirely different race being conducted. Although the NZPC is sympathetic to programming and other issues, the integrity of the system is paramount.
- 4.3** For the 2019/20 season, the Committee supports the Minimum Stakes Levels adopted by NZTR and set out below:

<i>Status</i>	<i>Minimum Stake</i>
Group 1	\$200,000
Group 2	\$100,000
Group 3	\$70,000
Listed	\$50,000

- 4.4** Appreciation is expressed to those involved with making submissions, the majority of whom follow the guidelines advised to clubs. Those submissions assist the Committee with its deliberations, particularly where they contain new information and context about the race performance.
- 4.5** The NZPC is fully aware of concerns regarding the Pattern Race Ratings and downgrades of NZ’s staying handicaps which have great historical significance, public appeal and linkages to the type of horse bred by the NZ breeding industry. That said, it is critical for the international credibility of the NZ Pattern that our races conform to international norms as governed by the APC on behalf of IRPAC. In recent years, NZ’s traditional staying handicaps have struggled to meet these norms and have been under considerable downgrade pressure.
- The NZPC supports the APC’s decision to introduce a downgrade moratorium for all races of 2600m+, while for 3-year-olds, this applies to all races of 2400m+. Critically, it was agreed that such races should

also demonstrate that a clear strategy is in place to improve their ratings (eg prizemoney and programming). The NZPC holds some concern that such strategies are not immediately obvious for affected races in NZ.

The NZPC believes that the pattern of staying races combined with restrictions on starting points at many racecourses in NZ and Australia would better suit a moratorium on all races of 2400m+ and will be submitting accordingly to the APC.

The APC believes that a globally consistent approach is required and that IRPAC is the appropriate body to oversee this.

- 4.6** No new races were introduced into the schedule of Pattern races for 2019/20. A number of unlisted races met the theoretical requirements for promotion but the NZPC wishes to see that they establish a consistently high rating over time and that they meet a gap in the Pattern before being considered for promotion.

While the total number of flat races programmed is projected to be steady in 2019/20, it has fallen in recent years meaning that the ratio of Pattern races has risen to be above the ideal target of 5%.

Consequently, any new events introduced to the Pattern will need to be offset by deletion of the weakest Listed races. With only 1 Listed race being on Warning in the 2019/20 season, this will likely be a process that evolves at a very slow pace if left to itself.

This is far from ideal and the NZPC is reviewing the bottom grouping of Listed races relative to the top grouping of unlisted races to ensure that the integrity of the Pattern is preserved. This may result in the downgrade of weaker Listed races if there are unlisted races that are materially stronger from a ratings perspective and would improve the overall Pattern if promoted. It could also see a moderate net reduction in the number of Listed races, with one option being to use a higher tolerance level than APC benchmarks. Any decisions are some distance from being made and any changes would only occur following significant consultation. The NZPC has raised with NZTR the issue of prizemoney being tied to a race's Pattern status and therefore being reduced if a race is downgraded. This may not be appropriate in all circumstances if, for example, a downgraded race is a major regional target, has considerable historic importance or wide public appeal.

- 4.7** Fillies & mares (3YO & older) as a group are not particularly well catered for, especially through the summer period. In total, they have only 13 black type opportunities excluding races limited to 3yo fillies only. They have only two black type opportunities beyond a mile, both in the autumn. They also have only two black type opportunities at less than 1600m between late November and mid-May. It is noted by the Committee that other comparable racing jurisdictions seem to provide many more black type opportunities for the fillies and mares category

and the NZPC would like to see every major carnival in NZ programme at least one race for this category with a view that some may grow into black type races. Promotions in the short term are problematic given the high overall percentage of Pattern races but this will likely evolve in the medium term.

- 4.8** In line with international expectations, the NZPC will continue to use horse ratings provided by the World Best Racehorse Rankings as our primary statistical assessment tool. This meets requirements by the APC, set out in their Ground Rules, which are available at:

[https://loveracing.nz/OnHorseFiles/Downloads/Resources/Revised%20APC%20Ground%20Rules%20\(February%2026%2C%202019\).pdf](https://loveracing.nz/OnHorseFiles/Downloads/Resources/Revised%20APC%20Ground%20Rules%20(February%2026%2C%202019).pdf)

- 4.9** The NZPC has a degree of concern with the WBRR ratings assigned to some NZ 2yo and 3yo races. As a starting point, these ratings tend to be at the bottom end of global norms unless the horses perform well overseas in the same season. Further, many NZ horses are exported following their 3yo season and at times achieve markedly higher ratings as older horses, implying an improbable degree of improvement. This issue is beginning to be recognised but requires further attention. The NZPC is a strong supporter of the APC Ground Rules but it is a difficult task to apply them across different jurisdictions. Critical review and evaluation can only lead to improvement and increased confidence in their accuracy across the region.

SECTION 5

SUMMARY

5.1.1 As a result of the review, the number of black type races for 2019-20 compared with previous seasons is as follows:

Status	2019/20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14
Group 1	20/21	21	21	22	22	22	22
Group 2	27/28	26	25	25	22	21	22
Group 3	44	44	44	38	40	39	36
Listed	58	59	60	63	63	65	65
Total	149/50	150	149	148	147	147	145
PJR	tbc	14	13	13	12	12	11

- *The number of Prestige Jumping Races will be confirmed at the NZPC meeting in late October.*

5.1.2 The 2018-19 list includes the following changes to the previous season:

Upgrades

Auckland RC, Eclipse Stakes 2yo, 1200m, G3 to G2 – the last three editions rated 108.5, 108.25 and 107, driving a Pattern race Rating (PRR) of 107.92. This is comfortably above the G2 benchmark of 105 and actually met the G1 tolerance threshold. The race has become both a mid-summer target in its own right and a key stepping-stone to the Karaka Million, which given its restricted entry conditions can only be rated as Listed.

Canterbury JC, Canterbury Stakes, 3yo, 1400m, L to G3 – the race has rated 104.75, 108 and 107 in the last three editions, driving a PRR of 106.5. This is comfortably above the required G3 benchmark for 3 year olds of 105. In the view of the NZPC, the upgrade will only strengthen the race as a key lead-up to the 2000 Guineas, given its timing and generally good track conditions relative to those available elsewhere at that time of year. While conscious that the race is a lead-up rather than a key target in itself, it was noted that similar such races in other jurisdictions in the lead-up to a G1 tend to have G3 or G2 status.

Downgrades

No downgrades this year.

Warnings/Alerts Removed

Canterbury JC, Welcome Stakes (L) – Alert removed as the race saw a strong edition relative to recent history that rated at 100.75 that exceeded both the 92 threshold and 95 benchmark. That said, field depth continues to be a little light.

Canterbury JC, NZ 2000 Guineas (G1) – Alert removed as the race rating of 112 just met the tolerance threshold that is also 112. The top four starters as opposed to placegetters averaged 113.5, with the race having solid depth. The race has consistently rated at the low end of G1 expectations but the NZPC believes that it is the clearest example of some NZ 3yo races being significantly under-rated with numerous past winners of this race receiving far higher future ratings when they perform well overseas or as older horses. Recent examples include Turn Me Loose, Jimmy Choux and Sacred Falls. This is concerning and the NZPC has requested that this concern be expressed to the APC.

Levin RC, Levin Classic (G1) – Alert removed as a solid edition rated 112.5 compared to the tolerance threshold of 112. The top 4 starters averaged 113.75. The NZPC remains concerned that this race is not ideally placed in the calendar and will struggle to retain its status in the medium term. In years where there are 5 Saturdays in January, it will only be one week removed from the Karaka 3yo race that now has a \$1m stake. The NZPC would carefully consider any submission from NZTR and the affected clubs to move this race to the mid-March date that is currently occupied by the G2 Wellington Guineas, 1400m. It would provide an autumn target for the numerous horses that do not target the Oaks or Derby.

Hawkes Bay RI, Hawkes Bay Guineas (G2) – Warning removed after a solid edition that rated at 111 compared to the 110 benchmark and 107 tolerance threshold.

Wellington RC, Wellington Stakes (G3) – Warning removed after a particularly strong edition that rated at 107 compared to the 105 benchmark and 102 tolerance threshold. The NPZC believes this race will continue to have volatile ratings as it is somewhat “out on a limb” in its current calendar position, being neither a target in its own right nor an obvious lead-up race to a G1 target.

Wanganui RC, Wanganui Guineas (L) – Alert removed after a slightly stronger edition that rated at 99 compared to the 100 benchmark and 97 tolerance threshold. The last two seasons have seen weaker editions of this race than those typically seen historically.

Canterbury JC, NZ 1000 Guineas (G1) – Alert removed following a solid race that rated at 108.75 versus the 110 benchmark and tolerance threshold of 107. The depth of the field was also pleasing.

Waikato RC, Waikato Sprint (G1) – Alert removed following a strong edition that rated at 115.75 versus the 115 benchmark and tolerance threshold of 112. The field did lack a degree of depth with the top 4 placegetters being the highest rated starters.

Manawatu RC, Manawatu Cup (G3) – Alert removed following a satisfactory race that rated at 103.25 versus the 105 benchmark and tolerance threshold of 102. The depth of the field was strong with the 4 highest starters averaging 108.5.

Marton JC, Marton Cup (L) – Alert removed following a strong edition that rated at 103.25 versus the 100 benchmark and tolerance threshold of 97.

Alerts/Warnings Imposed or Maintained

Canterbury JC, CJC Champagne Stakes (L) – Alert given with the rating of just 91.25 being well below the benchmark of 95 and tolerance threshold of 92. Overall, the field lacked depth.

Auckland RC, Championship Stakes (G2) – Alert given as the rating of 103 was well below the benchmark of 110 and tolerance threshold of 107. While the field had 15 runners, a consideration of the unplaced horses led to no material improvement in the rating of the race.

Southland RC, Southland Guineas (L) – Alert given as this year's edition was the weakest for quite some time, with a rating of just 93 versus the tolerance threshold of 97 and benchmark of 100.

Waikato RC, International Stakes (G1) – Warning imposed. This year's edition rated 110.25 which followed a rating of 108.5 the previous year when the race was run in unusual wet track conditions. This dropped the Pattern Race Rating to 111 versus the benchmark of 115 and tolerance threshold of 112. The top 4 starters did average an acceptable 114, with Danzdanzdance running 5th. It was further noted that Lizzie l'Amour and Madison County were scratchings although no race can be rated on horses that may have started. In the prior 5 seasons, the race had surpassed the tolerance threshold on each occasion. Given these circumstances and the significant \$400,000

prizemoney, the NZPC would be most reluctant to see this race downgraded in the event that it did experience another weak edition.

Wellington RC, Telegraph Handicap, 1200m, (G1) –following a vote on its status by the Asian Pattern Committee (APC). The race was 1 of only 2 G1 sprints run at 1200m but has consistently failed to meet its benchmark in recent seasons. This year, it rated 109.75 and had a PRR of 110.58. The G1 tolerance threshold is 112 and the benchmark is 115. It last met the required threshold back in the 2012/13 season. However, the race has consistently attracted strong fields with the 4 highest rated starters in 2018/19 averaging 115.75, which is above the G1 benchmark. 2 unplaced runners, Bostonian and Melody Belle, were multiple G1 winners elsewhere in the season. In recent years, the race has suffered from the first 4 placegetters frequently being lower rated horses. Given these circumstances combined with the race's historical importance, the NZPC argued that on balance the race should retain its G1 status and the APC vote supported this.

Wellington RC, Thorndon Mile (G1) – Warning imposed. This year's edition rated a weak 109.5 which followed a rating of 110.75 the previous year. This dropped the Pattern Race Rating to just 110.92 versus the benchmark of 115 and tolerance threshold of 112. While the field had solid depth with 16 starters, an assessment of the top four starters only showed a moderate improvement to 112.75. A consideration of the race record over the last few seasons shows it has consistently rated just under or over the 112 tolerance threshold, meaning it may be under considerable pressure to retain its status in the event that it does not meet the mark this coming season.

Auckland RC, Auckland Cup (G1) – Warning maintained. This race is subject to the APC distance race downgrade moratorium. While the field again had strong competitive depth, the highest rating in the race was a sex-adjusted 111 to the winner Glory Days. The NZPC is concerned that staying horses may not be attracting appropriate ratings when racing at their optimum distance as their ratings seem to be assessed with reference to the horse's performance over middle distances, where it will naturally rate lower than its best. This year, the race rated 108.75 and had a Pattern Race Rating of 108.17 – both well below the tolerance threshold of 112 and benchmark of 115. The race has not come close to the threshold in the last 7 seasons, so its continuation as a G1 event clearly requires a continuation of the moratorium. The NZPC notes that under the moratorium, steps are required to improve the race's status. Greater focus may be required here.

Canterbury JC, Couplands Bakeries Mile (G2) – Alert imposed. A weaker than usual edition that rated 106.75, which was just below the 107 tolerance threshold. While the winner, Te Akau Shark, rated very

highly, the large winning margin and the field's lack of depth weighed on the race's overall rating.

Auckland RC, Easter Stakes (G2) – Warning imposed. After recently being downgraded from Group 1 status two seasons ago, the 2018 edition was badly affected by very wet track conditions and rated just 100. The 2019 edition featured a field of great depth with 18 runners but rated 105.25 versus the 107 tolerance threshold. The top 4 starters averaged 111. The race has generally surpassed the threshold in recent seasons and the NZPC applauds the intention of the ARC to lift prizemoney in 2020. Given these circumstances, the NZPC has no choice but to impose a Warning but would argue strongly against a downgrade if the race saw another weak edition. The race's place in the calendar does mean its rating will occasionally be affected by wet tracks.

Canterbury JC, Stewards Stakes (G3) – Alert imposed. A weaker than usual outcome that rated 101.75, just dipping under the 102 tolerance threshold. The average of the top 4 starters was however a strong 109.75.

Canterbury JC, New Zealand Cup (G3) – Alert imposed. A slightly weaker than normal edition that rated 101, slightly below the 102 tolerance threshold. The race is subject to the downgrade moratorium for staying races but is likely to maintain its G3 rating on its own merits.

Racing Rotorua, Rotorua Cup (Gr 3) – Warning imposed. The quality of this race has declined in recent seasons and this year's rating of 99.25 followed a very low 96.5 in the prior season. The race now has a PRR of 99.5. This is well below the required 102 threshold. A strong edition is required in 2020 if it is to retain its current status.

Counties RC, Jim & John Evans Metric Mile (L) – Alert imposed. After rating extremely well in the prior two seasons due to some horses using it as a lead-in for Hastings, this year saw a weak outcome that rated 96.5, a touch below the 97 tolerance threshold.

Otago RC, Dunedin Gold Cup (L) – Alert imposed. A weak edition that rated 95.25 versus the 97 tolerance threshold. The race has met the threshold in recent seasons.

Riverton RC, Riverton Cup (L) – Warning imposed. While the race attracted 16 starters, its rating of 93.5 was well below the 97 tolerance threshold and the benchmark of 100. The PRR is below the mark at 95.58. A strong edition will be required in 2020 if the race is to retain its current Listed status.

Canterbury JC, CJC Great Easter Stakes (L) – Alert imposed. An unusually weak edition which rated just 90 whereas the race has typically exceeded its benchmark of 100 in recent seasons.

Canterbury JC, Canterbury Breeders Stakes (G3) – Alert imposed. A weak edition that rated 94.25 versus the tolerance threshold of 97. The NZPC notes that it is some years since this race exceeded the benchmark of 100 and that it has consistently underperformed several Listed races in the fillies and mares category.

Other Race Comments

Wellington RC, Wellesley Stakes (L) – this early season 2yo target is consistently rating at or around the required G3 benchmark of 100, with the last 2 editions being 101.5 and 102.75. A potential candidate for future upgrading if the race improved slightly more to give confidence that it could consistently meet an upgraded status.

Waikato RC, Star Way 1000 Wentworth Grange Stakes (L) – run in early May, this late season 2yo target has strengthened dramatically in recent years with the last 2 editions rating 101.25 and 102.75 versus the 100 benchmark for G3 races. Further demonstration of the race's consistency could see it be a candidate for upgrading.

Auckland RC, Soliloquy Stakes (G3) – this late October target for 3yo fillies has performed very well since its date change 2 years ago, rating 107 and 105.5 in the last 2 editions. The G2 benchmark for 3yo fillies is 105, so a further demonstration of consistent strength could see it be a candidate for upgrading.

Wellington RC, Desert Gold Stakes (G3) – this mid-January target for 3yo fillies has performed consistently well in recent years as a key plank in the Filly of the Year series. The last 3 editions have rated 109, 105.5 and 106.5 versus the G2 benchmark of 105. Prior to those last 3 years it had rated a little lower and there is a slight question regarding its performance in years with 5 Saturdays in January when it will move to be only 1 week apart from the Taranaki Racing Inc, Oaks Prelude.

Taranaki Racing Inc, Oaks Prelude (L) – this race has performed consistently well since being upgraded to Listed and the PRR of 102.83 exceeds the G3 benchmark of 100. However, it does rate below existing G3 races for 3yo fillies and may be impacted by the move of the Desert Gold Stakes to be just 1 week prior in years where there are 5 Saturdays in January.

Auckland RC, Alison Stakes (G3) – this Melbourne Cup day WFA race over 2000m has consistently attracted small fields but it has received very high ratings as the top 4 rated horses have typically finished in the first 4. The PRR of 113 is comfortably in excess of the G2 benchmark of 110 but the NZPC felt that greater field depth would be required and that there are already ample WFA opportunities at 2000m.

Wanganui JC, AG Challenge Stakes (L) – this early winter WFA race over 1600m has rated extremely well in the last 3 years despite typically being run on a heavy track. The PRR of 106.75 compares to the 105 benchmark expected for G3 races. A potential candidate for future upgrading.

Matamata RC, Kaimai Stakes (L) – this late February handicap over 2000m has become an increasingly important lead-up to the Auckland carnival. The PRR of 105.67 is slightly above the G3 benchmark of 105 so slightly stronger editions in the future may give the NZPC confidence that it could maintain an upgraded status.

Wellington RC, Lightning Handicap (L) – this autumn sprint handicap has had 2 extremely strong editions in a row, rating 108.5 and 108.75 in the last 2 years versus the G3 benchmark of 105. Prior to that, it was a little lighter so further strong editions would see it be a candidate to be upgraded.

Hawke's Bay RI, City Of Napier Sprint (L) – this mid-April sprint handicap has attracted a similar field to that of the WRC Lightning Handicap and rated very similarly, with the 2 most recent editions rating 108 and 108.75 versus the G3 benchmark of 105. Prior to that, it was a little lower so further strong editions would see it be a candidate to be upgraded.

Egmont RC, Evergreen Stakes (G3) – this mid-October WFA 1400m race for fillies and mares has rated well in recent years. The last 2 editions rated 107.25 and 105.75 versus the G2 benchmark of 105. A further demonstration of consistent quality could see it be a candidate for upgrading.

Other Decisions and Comments

The NZPC approved a joint request from the Auckland RC and Wellington RC to effectively swap dates between Wellington Cup day and Karaka Million day on years when there are 5 Saturdays in January. Sales timing constraints require that the Karaka Million day be held on the second last Saturday in January in those years. After considering the proposed dates for Pattern races, the NZPC felt that the nature of the Pattern races and overall Pattern would not be materially impacted by the date swap. Any potential knock-on effects with race spacing to the Taranaki meeting on the first weekend in February were discussed and will be monitored by the NZPC.

The NZPC noted that the APC handicappers intend to expand their review work from the current programme of examining all horses rated >115 to considering all ratings assigned to horses in G1 races. The

NZPC supports this move and believes it may assist in improving consistency across the region.

Where not specifically acknowledged in this report, the NZPC thanks those clubs who made submissions regarding their races.

The Pattern Committee considered a request from Cambridge Jockey Club to change the registered name of a Group 2 race from “Dulcie Stakes” to “Travis Stakes”. The committee accepted the reasons provided for the change and supported the change. The race will now be known as the Travis Stakes.

5.4 Summary of warnings and alerts

Status	Warnings Maintained	Warnings Issued	Alerts Issued	Warnings and Alerts Removed
Group 1	2	3	0	4
Group 2	-	1	2	1
Group 3	-	1	3	2
Listed	-	-	5	3
PJRs				
Total	2	5	10	10

5.5 Alerts Issued

G3	Canterbury Breeders Stakes		Canterbury JC
G2	Couplands Bakeries Mile		Canterbury JC
G2	Championship Stakes		Auckland RC
G3	New Zealand Cup		Canterbury JC
G3	Steward Stakes		Canterbury JC
L	Champagne Stakes		Canterbury JC
L	Southland Guineas		Southland RC
L	Jim and John Evans Metric Mile		Counties RC
L	Dunedin Gold Cup		Otago RC
L	CJC Great Easter Stakes		Canterbury JC

5.6 Alerts Removed

G1	NZ 2000 Guineas		Canterbury RC
G1	Levin Classic		Levin RC
G1	NZ 1000 Guineas		Canterbury RC
G1	Waikato Sprint		Waikato RC
G2	Hawke's Bay Guineas		Hawkes Bay RI
G3	Manawatu Cup		Manawatu RC
G3	Wellington Stakes		Wellington RC
L	Wanganui Guineas		Wanganui RC
L	Welcome Stakes		Canterbury JC
L	Marton Cup		Marton JC

5.7 Warning Maintained

G1	Auckland Cup		Auckland RC
G1	Telegraph Handicap		Wellington RC

5.8 Warning Issued

G1	International Stakes		Waikato RC
G1	Thorndon Mile		Wellington RC
G2	Easter Stakes		Auckland RC
Gr 3	Rotorua Cup		Racing Rotorua
L	Riverton Cup		Riverton RC

SECTION 6

2018-19 NEW ZEALAND CLASSIFICATIONS RACE RATINGS

(including F&M allowance, where relevant)

6.1 Two-Year-Olds		Current	Minimum expected
Ellerslie Sires Produce	G1	108.5	110
Manawatu Sires Produce	G1	109.25	110
Wakefield Challenge Stakes	G2	104.75	105
Matamata Breeders Stakes	G2	104	100
Eclipse Stakes	G3	107	100
Taranaki 2YO Classic	G3	103.5	100
Matamata Slipper	G3	100.75	100
Wellesley Stakes	L	102.75	95
CJC Welcome Stakes	L	100.75	95
Counties Challenge Stakes	L	95.75	95
Karaka Million	L	108.75	95
Great Northern Champagne	L	93.25	95
CJC Champagne Stakes	L	91.25	95
Star Way 1000-Wentwood Gr.	L	102.75	95
Great Northern Foal Stakes	L	95.5	95
Triton Stakes	L	97.0	95
Ryder Stakes	L	97.25	95
6.2 Three-Year-Olds			
NZ 2000 Guineas	G1	112	115
Levin Classic	G1	113	115
NZ Derby	G1	112.75	115
NZ 1000 Guineas	G1	108.75	110
NZ Oaks	G1	107	110
Hawke's Bay Guineas	G2	111	110
Sarten Memorial	G2	111.5	110
Great Northern Guineas	G2	110.25	110
Waikato Guineas	G2	111.25	110
Avondale Guineas	G2	111.75	110
Wellington Guineas	G2	109	110
Championship Stakes	G2	103	110
Eight Carat Classic/Ladies	G2	106.5	105
Royal Stakes	G2	106.75	105
Lowland Stakes	G2	107.75	100
Sir Tristram Fillies Classic	G2	107.5	105
Bonecrusher Stakes	G3	109.5	105

Northland Breeders Stakes	G3	106.25	105
John Griggs Stakes	G3	105	105
Wellington Stakes	G3	107	105
Mongolian Khan Trophy	G3	109.75	105
Manawatu Classic	G3	107.25	105
Cambridge Breeders	G3	108	105
Gold Trail Stakes	G3	104.75	100
Eulogy Stakes	G3	102.5	100
Desert Gold Stakes	G3	105.5	100
Sunline Vase	G3	104.5	100
Soliloquy Stakes	G3	105.5	100
Wanganui Guineas	L	99	100
Canterbury Stakes	L	107	100
Trevor Eagle Memorial	L	1000.5	100
Mufhasa Stakes	L	108.5	100
Northern Guineas Prelude	L	102.75	100
Uncle Remus Stakes	L	110.25	100
Gore Guineas	L	98.75	100
Karaka 3YO Mile	L	111.5	100
Dunedin Guineas	L	97	100
Southland Guineas	L	93	100
Sir Colin Meads Trophy	L	106.75	100
Trudy Thompson Memorial	L	97.75	95
Canterbury Belle Stakes	L	94.75	95
Oaks Prelude	L	102.5	95
NZ Bloodstock Insurance	L	94.75	95
NZ Bloodstock Airfreight	L	103.25	95
Warstep Stakes	L	102.25	95

6.3 Three Years & Older

Hawke's Bay Challenge Stks	G1	111.25	115
Horlicks Plate	G1	115.25	115
Ormond Memorial	G1	116.25	115
Captain Cook Stakes	G1	114	115
Galaxy Stakes	G1	114.5	115
International Stakes	G1	110.25	115
Waikato Sprint	G1	115.75	115
Otaki Maori WFA	G1	113.5	115
Second Century Stakes	G1	115.25	115
Railway Handicap	G1	114.5	115
Telegraph Handicap	G1	109.75	115
Thorndon Mile	G1	109.5	115
Auckland Cup	G1	108.75	115

NZ Thoroughbred Breeders	G1	109.25	110
Foxbridge Plate	G2	111	110
Thames Valley Stakes	G2	111	110
Manawatu Challenge Stakes	G2	109.5	110
Couplands Bakeries Mile	G2	106.75	110
ARC Rich Hill Mile	G2	108.75	110
Avondale Cup	G2	107	110
Japan/NZ International T.	G2	110.75	110
Awapuni Gold Cup	G2	108.25	110
Easter Stakes	G2	105.25	110
Auckland TB Breeders Stks	G2	108	105
Lady Norrie Stakes	G2	108.25	105
Westbury Classic	G2	103.75	105
Dulcie Stakes	G2	108.5	105
Arawa Stakes	G3	112.25	105
Alison Stakes	G3	112.75	105
Canterbury Gold Cup	G3	105.25	105
Winter Cup	G3	103.5	105
Marton Metric Mile	G3	105.25	105
G R Kelt Memorial	G3	112.25	105
Thompson Handicap	G3	104.75	105
Stewards Stakes	G3	101.5	105
New Zealand Cup	G3	101	105
Counties Cup	G3	105.25	105
Great Northern Challenge S.	G3	109.5	105
Concorde	G3	107.5	105
Waikato Gold Cup	G3	105	105
FC Johnstone Handicap	G3	104.75	105
Manawatu Cup	G3	103.25	105
City Of Auckland Cup	G3	104.75	105
Trentham Stakes	G3	102.75	105
Anniversary Hcp	G3	108.25	105
Wellington Cup	G3	104	105
Taranaki Stakes	G3	107.5	105
Darley Plate	G3	110.25	105
Rotorua Cup	G3	99.25	105
White Robe	G3	103.5	100
Canterbury Breeders Stakes	G3	94.25	100
Cuddle Stakes	G3	101.75	100
South Island Breeders Stks	G3	97.5	100
Manawatu Breeders Stakes	G3	99.5	100
Rotorua Stakes	G3	101.25	100
NZ St Leger	L	97.75	100
AG Challenge Stakes	L	106.75	100
Jim & John Evans Metric M.	L	96.5	100
Matamata Cup	L	103.25	100

Rotorua Challenge Plate	L	107.25	100
Spring Classic	L	101	100
Feilding Cup	L	105.25	100
Westminster Handicap	L	103.75	100
Metropolitan Trophy	L	100.75	100
Pegasus Stakes	L	103.75	100
Counties Bowl	L	109	100
Levin Stakes	L	102	100
Newmarket Hdcp	L	101.5	100
James Hazlett Stakes	L	103.75	100
Timaru Cup	L	101.5	100
Marton Cup	L	103.25	100
Timaru Stakes	L	97	100
Dunedin Gold Cup	L	95.25	100
Kaimai Stakes	L	106.75	100
Lightning Handicap	L	109.25	100
Flying Handicap	L	102.25	100
Riverton Cup	L	93.5	100
Hawkes Bay Cup	L	104.2	100
City of Napier Sprint	L	108.75	100
CJC Geo. Adams (Tattersall)	L	101.5	100
Anzac Handicap	L	102.75	100
CJC Great Easter Stakes	L	90	100
Marton 1600	L	103.75	100
Wanganui Cup	L	104	100
Opunake Cup	L	100.75	100
Wairarapa TB Breeders Stks	L	101	95
Tauranga Classic	L	102	95

Nb. The right-hand column (Minimum expected) is the expected rating figure for that grade of race. All races have a 3lb tolerance which must be attained at least once every 3 seasons to avoid down-grading.