



NZTR RACE MEETING TRACK PREPARATION POLICY

This NZTR Track Preparation Policy sets out the obligations on racing clubs when preparing a racing surface for a race meeting.

NZTR recognises the preparation of the racing surface is not always capable of precise control, particularly having regard to weather conditions leading up to and on the race day itself, taking into account the particular characteristics of the track e.g. soil type, soil moisture, grass cover and quality of the irrigation system.

The purpose of this Policy is to set minimum expectations as to how a prudent racing club and track manager manages those issues.

Application of this Policy

Racing clubs must adhere to this Track Preparation Policy. For each race meeting, the host racing club is responsible for adhering to this policy.

Annual Track Management Plan

A Track Management Plan **must** be submitted to NZTR in relation to each racing venue by 1 April each year. The Track Management Plan must follow the Track Management Plan template provided in the Appendix to this Policy.

Race Day Track Preparation Process – Mandatory Requirements

Clubs **should** aim to produce a GOOD₃ rating (track with good grass coverage and cushion) for the majority of the race meeting. This may result in a track reading in the Dead range being declared on race morning.

A Club **must** advise NZTR on Nomination Day on the Race Meeting Track Information Sheet details regarding rainfall and irrigation over the previous seven days, and any machinery used in the preceding 14 days.

A Club **must** submit fully completed Race Meeting Track Information Sheets to NZTR ahead of each meeting as per the times outlined at the bottom of that document.

The Club **must** ensure that the Racecourse Manager or their delegate has inspected the track in person both 48 hours and 24 hours before the start of the race meetings and again by 6.45 am on race morning.

The club is encouraged to arrange track gallops on the course 48 hours prior to the race meeting.

A Club **must** arrange for a track gallop on the course on the morning of the race meeting to reconfirm the declared track rating, unless this is not practical.