

**Supplementary Report of the
NZ PATTERN COMMITTEE**

Following 29 October 2013 Meeting

25 NOVEMBER 2013

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This Supplementary Report should be read in conjunction with the Annual Report of the NZ Pattern Committee, issued on 30 August 2013.
2. The 2013 NZ Pattern Committee (NZPC) has held its October meeting to review the Prestige Jumps Races (PJR) for 2013.
3. There is one change to the schedule of PJRs, with the Pakuranga HC Pakuranga Hunt Hurdle being upgraded to PJR status. There are now twelve races with PJR status for the 2014 jumps season.
4. The NZPC has resolved to adopt Race Ratings, based on peak domestic handicap (jumps) horse ratings, as its primary statistical assessment tool for PJR races.

COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** The NZPC once again draws the attention of industry participants to the correct use of the term “Prestige Jumps Races”. This correctly applies to the list of jumps races reviewed by the NZPC and published in the International Cataloguing Standards booklet (“Blue Book”) as qualifying for black-type in National Hunt catalogues world-wide. In recent years some confusion occurred when the premier jumping races identified by NZ Jumps Inc. as qualifying for additional NZTR funding also got mistakenly referred to as PJRs. These are now termed Significant Jumps Races (SJRs). All SJRs will be kept on a “watch list” by the NZPC for consideration should it be deemed that there is room for a new or replacement race on the PJR list.
- 2.2** The NZPC now reviews all juvenile black-type races at its August meeting each year.
- 2.3** It is the responsibility of the club to notify the NZPC where a significant change in conditions of a PJR is contemplated. Changes in one or more of the distance, timing and conditions can in fact result in an entirely different race being conducted. Although the Committee is sympathetic to programming and other issues, the integrity of the system is paramount.
- 2.4** The NZPC has resolved to upgrade the Pakuranga HC Pakuranga Hurdle (run as Pakuranga HC Tony Richards Toyota Hurdle) to the PJR list. The Committee felt there was room for one more PJR in the schedule following a deletion the previous year and that a hurdle race would improve the balance between hurdles and steeplechases on the list. The Pakuranga race serves as a successful lead-in to the Great Northern Hurdle and met the provisional benchmark race rating. The twelve races on the PJR schedule for 2014 represent a percentage of total jumps races programmed in NZ which is considerably above the 5% guideline figure for flat races, but the Committee noted that that was also the case in some other countries.
- 2.5** It was resolved in 2012 to adopt Race Ratings as the primary statistical assessment tool for judging the quality of PJR fields. Using the ANZ Race Ratings (utilised for judging flat races) as a template, it was decided to develop a PJR Race Rating based on the average of the first four finishers and using their peak domestic handicap (jumps) rating for the year concerned. The initial guideline benchmarks suggested are 93.00 to gain PJR status (subject to a space in the pattern being judged to be available) and 88.00 to retain PJR status. Suitability of these figures will be monitored in the coming years. The numbers of PJR winners and PJR wins, along with an overview of the entire field, will still be taken into account when assessing quality.

SUMMARY

3.1 As a result of the review, the number of Prestige Jumps Races for 2014 compared with previous years is as follows:

Status	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
PJR	12	11	12	12	12	12

3.2 Promotions/Relegations

The Pakuranga HC Pakuranga Hunt Hurdle is promoted to the PJR List.

3.3 Summary of warnings

Status	2nd Warnings Maintained	2nd Warnings Issued	Reverted to 1st Warnings	1st Warnings Maintained	1st Warnings Issued	1st Warnings Removed
PJRs	0	0	0	0	0	0

RACE RATINGS

4.0 2013 PJR Race Ratings

ARC Great Northern Hurdle H.	95.50
Waikato RC Waikato Hurdle H.	91.50
WRC Wellington Hurdle H.	91.00
CJC Grand National Hurdle H.	89.00
CJC Grand National S/chase H.	95.25
WRC Wellington S/chase H.	91.25
HBRI Hawke's Bay S/chase H.	91.25
ARC Great Northern S/chase H.	89.25
Waikato RC Waikato S/chase H.	89.25
Pakuranga Hunt Cup S/chase H.	88.00
ARC McGregor Grant S/chase H.	87.50

4.1 2013 SJR Race Ratings

Pakuranga HC Pakuranga Hunt Hurdle H.	94.00
CJC Sydenham Hurdle H.	93.50
HBRI Hawke's Bay Hurdle H.	89.75
Manawatu RC Awapuni Hurdle H.	87.75
ARC KS Browne Hurdle H.	86.50
Riverton RC Great Western Hurdle H.	72.50
CJC Koral S/chase H.	90.75
Riverton RC Great Western S/chase H.	85.75
Manawatu RC Manawatu S/chase H.	81.50