

**Report of the**  
**GRADED STAKES COMMITTEE**

**Group & Listed Race  
Schedule for  
2007/2008 Season**

**following Review of  
2006/07 Season**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Graded Stakes Review for races run in the 2006/07 season has been completed by the Committee established for that purpose. The schedule of Group, Listed and Prestige Jumping Races to be run in the 2007/08 season has now been confirmed.
2. The information set out in the Introduction (Section 1) and Guiding Principles (Section 2) is similar to previous reports.
3. The Committee note the increases in the Minimum Stakes Levels for Group and Listed Races adopted by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) and set out below:

<b>Status</b>	<b>Minimum Stake</b>
Group 1	\$200,000
Group 2	\$100,000
Group 3	\$75,000
Listed	\$55,000

*\* Note that there is no change for Group 2 events.*

4. During the 2004/05 season, a Strategic Review of the Pattern of Racing was commissioned by the Board of NZTR. A Committee was appointed with the requirement to report to the Board by November 2004.

Arising out of that Review, the Board of NZTR established a Pattern of Racing Annual Review Committee during the 2006/07 season.

The outcomes of the 2004 Strategic Review and the 2006/07 report of the POR Annual Review Committee are highly relevant to the Committee's considerations in preparing this report for the 2007/08 season.

5. In the schedule of Black Type races for 2007/08, there has been one additional race included at Listed status (Swap Group 2000, conducted by Racing Matamata), and two have been downgraded from Group 3 to Listed (Lion Red Plate [*Arawa Stakes*] and First Sovereign Trust Rotorua Plate [*Rotorua Challenge Plate*]). Additionally, two races have been delisted (Ford Champagne Stakes [*ORC Champagne Stakes*] and LivingSpace Stakes [*Waikouaiti Cup*]). The total number of Black Type flat races and Prestige Jumping Races are 146 and 13 respectively (the Inter-Island Steeplechase to be conducted twice in 2007/08).
6. The Committee is of the view that to maintain flexibility for future deliberations, 1<sup>st</sup> Warnings will be issued at the earliest sign of any decline in the quality of a race. There are currently 45 races with 1<sup>st</sup> Warnings compared to 37 on the previous list, and 29 races with 2<sup>nd</sup> Warnings compared with 19 previously. There is one race that has had its Warning removed.

**SECTION 1****INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1** The Committee appointed to review the Graded Stakes races conducted in 2006/07 was as follows:

Chairman:	Mr Peter Fennessy, Dunedin
NZTR Nominees:	Mr Paul Bittar, Wellington Mr Tom Jamison, Otaki Mr John Rattray, Wellington
NZTBA Nominees:	Mr Michael Martin, Auckland Mr Peter Hutt, Timaru Mr Stephen Till, Waikato
Other:	Mr Chas Amon, Arion Pedigrees, Auckland (as a representative of the Bloodstock (Sales) Agents)

- 1.2** The 2007 review was undertaken in accordance with the provisions of Rules 607-612 of the Rules of Racing. Attention is drawn to the Guiding Principles set out in Section 2.

- 1.3** The objective of the Committee was to produce a list in five categories (namely Group 1, Group 2, Group 3, Listed and Prestige Jumping Races) of the best races in New Zealand for horses of different ages, sex and aptitudes, in terms of the quality of the horses contesting those races.

One of the main purposes of the list is to protect the international reputation of New Zealand's thoroughbred bloodstock by demonstrating that performance is measured according to the specifications of the International Cataloguing Standards Committee for inclusion in Part 1 of the International Cataloguing Standards Handbook.

- 1.4** A feature of the operation of the Graded Stakes Committee is the two-year warning process. Warnings have been a part of the report of the Committee since 1995 and the Committee believes the warning system is working well.

- 1.5** Although there is no appeal process available to any party against the decisions of the Committee in respect of any race or races, application may be made to a Review Panel for a review of the Committee's List of Black Type races. In considering any such application for review, the Review Panel shall have regard to the following:

- (a) whether the Committee has adequately carried out its functions as defined in Rule 610(1);
- (b) whether adequate notice has been given to the Club concerned in terms of Rule 610(3) prior to the downgrading or delisting of any particular race or races;
- (c) whether the changes relied upon by the Committee for downgrading or delisting a race pursuant to Rule 610(3)(c) justify such actions;
- (d) whether new information or changed circumstances have arisen since the Committee made its determination in respect of any particular race or races.

The Review Panel may confirm the List produced by the Committee or set aside the List and prescribe the terms for referring it back to the Committee for reconsideration.

Parties that can request a review are the Board of NZTR, individual racing clubs, the New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Association or any branch thereof, and the Bloodstock Agents' Federation.

All requests for a review must be lodged with the Chief Executive of NZTR not later than 28 days after the date of publication of the List.

It should be noted that applications to the Review Panel for a review of the Committee's List of Black Type races can only be made in respect of races downgraded or deleted from the list. The review process does not apply in respect of warnings.

- 1.6** During the 2004/05 season, a Strategic Review of the Pattern of Racing was commissioned by the Board of NZTR. A Committee was appointed in early 2004 with the requirement to report to the Board by November 2004.

The key outcome sought from the Review was that the Black Type structure should recognise and help define the strength of the New Zealand thoroughbred, particularly in the International context. Therefore, any proposed changes need to be viewed as being designed to produce an overall benefit to the New Zealand racing industry.

Recommendations:

The Committee established by NZTR to conduct the review made the following eight key recommendations, which were subsequently endorsed by the NZTR Board:

1. *That* the industry takes a proactive series of steps to re-emphasise the New Zealand industry's strength in middle distance and staying races and programmes races accordingly, and that NZTR notes the importance of adopting patterns, schedules and funding of races to ensure that the New Zealand industry can regain its former position of strength.
2. *That* NZTR adopts the philosophy that Group 1 and 2 races are regarded as National targets, whereas Group 3 and Listed races are generally regarded as Regional targets.
3. *That* NZTR adopts the philosophy that Easter Saturday be ignored in the Dates Calendar for Clubs hosting Black Type events on that day.
4. *That* NZTR supports the proposed Auckland March Carnival and the associated re-positioning of feature races as proposed by the Review Committee.
5. *That* the industry commits to an investment in track maintenance and upgrading, and in research and assessment of tracks, so that track surfaces are presented at their optimum.
6. *That* the Graded Stakes Committee be instructed that changes in conditions of individual races to help develop the new pattern will not affect the current Black Type status of those races for a period of two years from the commencement of the 2005/06 racing season.
7. *That* NZTR establishes an independent group whose obligation it will be to keep under review the pattern of racing in New Zealand. The group would be expected to work with the Graded Stakes Committee.

8. *That* NZTR develops some criteria, in respect of early entry races, to regulate the direct cost to owners including limiting the type of race, (e.g. Group 1 and 2 only), determining the total proportion of the stakes budgeted to be contributed by horses that do not start in the race, and supervising the timing and the number of payments.

In line with Recommendation 7 above, the Board of NZTR established the Pattern of Racing Annual Review Committee in 2006/07.

The GSC notes that the POR Annual Review Committee has met during 2006/07 and endorsed the eight key recommendations of the 2004 Strategic Review of the Pattern of Racing outlined above.

The POR Annual Review Committee has provided a report to the NZTR Board. The Executive Summary of the report of the POR Annual Review Committee, which includes a number of additional recommendations, is attached as Appendix 1.

The GSC notes that the NZTR Board endorsed all Recommendations of the POR Annual Review Committee with the exception of the recommendation around "ownership of Black Type races".

The GSC has been cognisant of the aims expressed within the recommendations of both the 2004 Strategic Review and the report of the POR Annual Review Committee, when conducting the 2007 Graded Stakes review.

**SECTION 2****GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- 2.1** The primary consideration in assessing the standing of races is the quality of horses competing. The quality of the field precedes the gaining of Black Type rather than the reverse. The Committee looks for consistency over time in the quality and depth of the field, taking into account the performances of the horses involved, principally in Group and Listed races. The Committee also places emphasis on the timing and place of the race within the pattern of racing on the annual calendar and the prizemoney offered.
- 2.2** In order to accommodate the changes arising from the Strategic Review of the Pattern of Racing, the following decisions were made:
- a) any changes in the Black Type status of individual races that are not judged to be impacted upon by the 2004 Pattern of Racing Review will be assessed on a case-by-case basis; and
  - b) the fate of warnings on any races impacted upon by the 2004 Pattern of Racing Review will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, with the exception that where there are significant changes in the conditions of a race, such that a new race is constituted, then current warnings will be removed and no new warnings added during the 2005/06 and 2006/07 reviews.

The two-year POR moratorium has concluded as at the end of the 2006/07 racing season, meaning that races that were subject to the moratorium will be assessed on their performance in the 2007/08 season.

- 2.3** Maintaining continuity of races on the Black Type List is regarded as desirable, so long as the continuity is credible.
- 2.4** Group and Listed races run at stakes below the Minimum Stakes Levels set by NZTR will be automatically downgraded.
- 2.5** For a race to be upgraded into or within the Black Type schedule, it must have been run under the same terms and conditions, distance and timing, for two consecutive runnings, before consideration is given to upgrading. This may be deviated from in exceptional circumstances. The quality of the field precedes the gaining of Black Type rather than the reverse.
- 2.6** The Committee has assessed the races and issued its report on the basis of information supplied by the clubs in July 2007. Where any significant change is proposed to the race in terms of one or more of the distance, the date, stake money, venue, club conducting the race, or the conditions of the race, clubs should be aware under Rule 610(3)(c) that the status of the race shall be liable for immediate review in the 2007/08 season. Each change or combination thereof is considered on a case-by-case basis. The race rated by the Committee is the event conducted by the club under the advertised conditions.

The following principles apply in the event of changes to conditions of Black Type races:

- a) Where a Group, Listed or Prestige Jumping Race is scheduled and a Club declines to programme such a race, then the NZTR Board has the power to re-allocate the race to another Club willing to run the race within the current pattern.
- b) Where a Group, Listed or Prestige Jumping Race is programmed but the Club declines to run the race prior to entries being called, then the NZTR

Board has the power to re-allocate the race to another Club willing to run the race within the current pattern.

- c) Where a Group, Listed or Prestige Jumping Race is programmed and nominations are called for, then the race must be run, regardless of the number of acceptors.

- 2.7** The Committee makes recommendations where it feels that the pattern of racing could be improved with the introduction of a particular type of race or races. In this respect, the Committee notes NZTR has appointed a group to consider the implications of the 2004 Pattern of Racing Review on an annual basis.

The Pattern of Racing Annual Review Committee comprises Messrs Peter Fennessy (as Chairman), Colin Jenkins, Greg McCarthy and Steve Till. The POR Annual Review Committee also invited Mr. Michael Martin to contribute to its discussions.

- 2.8** The personnel appointed to the Graded Stakes 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.

- 2.9** All Group and Listed races for two and three-year-olds are to be run at set weights. In the overall pattern, weight-for-age races are given a higher priority than set weight races, which in turn are given a higher priority than handicap races.

- 2.10** As a target, the Committee restricts the number of Black Type races in total to approximately 5% of the estimated number of races run during the season. This is in line with international guidelines and is considered appropriate for New Zealand conditions.

The Graded Stakes Committee endeavours to establish and maintain the internationally accepted "pyramid" approach in order to ensure international credibility with regard to the allocation of New Zealand Black Type races. This is based on the Pyramid Model used by most Part 1 countries as recorded by the International Cataloguing Standards Committee.

The Committee notes that the current NZ pyramid does not conform with the Internationally accepted breakdown (as per the findings of the POR Annual Review Committee) and that this matter will be addressed.

The Committee is reviewing the approach to international assessment of races, in line with recent changes to assessment calculation methodology.

- 2.11** The annual review is not restricted to those races on the existing list and those for which submissions have been received. All 'Open' races on the calendar conducted for a stake of \$40,000 or more are entitled to, and many are given, consideration by the Committee.

- 2.12** When a race is being considered for demotion or delisting, a written warning will be given to the club and the race will not be demoted or delisted until the race has been run with a second warning. Where clubs have already had a first warning in respect of a race, the warning may be maintained, lifted or replaced with a 2<sup>nd</sup> Warning. Where a 2<sup>nd</sup> Warning has been issued, this may be maintained or lifted, or reverted to a 1<sup>st</sup> Warning, or the race downgraded or delisted.

The warning period is not applicable where a race has undergone changes in respect of either distance, timing, reduction in stake money, venue, club conducting the race and/or conditions from the original race, or when the race has been abandoned or not renewed, except in respect of changes due to the Pattern of Racing Review outlined under 2.2.

Because a club is entitled to have two further runnings of a race after the 1<sup>st</sup> Warning is given, to maintain flexibility for future deliberations the Committee intends to issue and maintain 1<sup>st</sup> Warnings at the earliest sign of any decline in quality of a race.

- 2.13** 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 1.5 in the Introduction. An application for a review does not apply in respect of a warning.
- 2.14** Registered Race Names have been introduced to enable a race to be identified over a period of years, regardless of the changes that may be made to its raceday name. The Registered Race Names provide the historical link to the current race name and sponsor.

**SECTION 3****COMMENTS**

- 3.1** The Committee was cognisant of the key findings of the POR Annual Review Committee, namely the issues surrounding the entire two-year-old pattern; the decision to allow Group 3 and Listed events to change conditions from Weight-For-Age to Set Weights with Penalties; the current state of the NZ pyramid; and the need to develop suitable penalty free races as lead-ins to major Carnival features.
- 3.2** The Committee spent considerable time during its review reflecting on the depth and quality of fields being attracted to open staying races, with particular reference to recent runnings of the 3200m handicaps. In the final analysis the Committee determined to issue 2<sup>nd</sup> Warnings on the Wellington and Avondale Cups (Group 1) and also on the New Zealand Cup (Group 2).
- The Committee also determined to issue 1<sup>st</sup> Warnings on the following Group 1 events - Captain Cook Stakes [*Captain Cook S*] (1600m), Zabeel Classic [*Galaxy S*] (2000m), Whakanui Stud International Stakes [*International S*] (2000m) and Starcraft NZ Stakes [*Second Century S*] (2000m).
- 3.3** One of the key recommendations of the Strategic Review of the Pattern of Racing was that the industry takes a proactive series of steps to re-emphasise the strength of the New Zealand industry in middle-distance and staying races and programme races accordingly. The Committee notes that NZTR is now dealing with this issue through programming and added stakes initiatives.
- 3.4** As a result of the 2004 Strategic Review of the Pattern of Racing, there were eight races, which had their warnings removed due to significant changes to their conditions. These races are not subject to warnings until after their 2007/08 running and are listed under Section 6.8.
- 3.5** It is the responsibility of the club to notify the GSC where a significant change in conditions 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.
- 3.6** For the 2007/08 season, the Committee supports the Minimum Stakes Levels adopted by NZTR and set out below:

<b>Status</b>	<b>Minimum Stake</b>
Group 1	\$200,000
Group 2	\$100,000
Group 3	\$75,000
Listed	\$55,000

- 3.7** Appreciation is expressed to those involved with making submissions, the majority of whom follow the guidelines advised to clubs, which in turn assists the Committee with its deliberations.
- 3.8** When considering the four Listed 2YO races (Great Northern Foal Stakes, Triton Stakes, Northland Breeders Stakes and Ryder Stakes) run subsequent to 1 May each season, the Committee consider subsequent 3YO form up to 31 October

and then provide a supplementary report detailing the status of these four races for the current season, by 30 November each season.

- 3.9** The Committee noted from available data that the number of individual two-year-old and three-year-old starters had decreased significantly during the last racing season. The Committee has requested additional data on the number of trial starters and the number of registrations so that it can assess these trends.
- 3.10** The Committee noted that the New Zealand Bloodstock Karaka Millions will be conducted at Ellerslie on Sunday 27 January 2008. The Committee will assess the impact on the Group 2 Wakefield Stakes at Trentham (eight days earlier) as part of its next review.

## SECTION 4

## SUMMARY

- 4.1** As a result of the review, the number of Black Type races for 2007/08 compared with previous seasons is as follows:

Status	07-08	06-07	05-06	04-05	03-04	02-03	01-02	00-01	99-00	98-99	97-98	96-97
Group 1	24	24	24	23	23	22	22	21	21	21	21	21
Group 2	23	23	22	21	21	22	21	22	22	22	21	21
Group 3	29	31	32	34	34	37	38	39	37	37	41	41
Listed	70	69	70*	69	68	70	72	70	71	72	70	69
Total	146	147	148	147	146	151	153	152	151	152	153	152
Prestige Jumping Races	13	11	12	12	12	12	14	13	13	13	13	13

\* The Inter-Island Steeplechase was not conducted in 2006/07, and will be conducted twice in 2007/08 (September 2007 and July 2008)

- 4.2** The 2007/08 list includes the following changes to the previous season:

**Promotions/Relegations**

**Upgrade** Swap Group 2000 [*Registered Name TBA*] included as Listed race

**Downgrade** Lion Red Plate [*Arawa Stakes*] from Group 3 to Listed  
First Sovereign Trust Rotorua Plate [*Rotorua Challenge Plate*] from Group 3 to Listed

**De-listed** Ford Champagne Stakes [*ORC Champagne S*]  
Living Space Stakes [*Waikouaiti Cup*]

- 4.3** There were 2,734 flat races run in the 2006/07 season with more scheduled (approximately 2,850) in the 2007/08 season. The number of Black Type races for each season equates approximately to the 5% guiding principle.
- 4.4** There are 45 (2006/07 - 37) races currently with 1<sup>st</sup> Warnings and 29 (2006/07 - 19) races with 2<sup>nd</sup> Warnings.

## SECTION 5

## PROMOTIONS & RELEGATIONS

### 5.1 Promotions

#### Promotion to Listed status

##### **Swap Group 2000 [Registered Name TBA]**

This race conducted by Racing Matamata has now had two strong runnings. It is conducted over 2000m and is utilised as a lead-up to the Group 1 Auckland Cup.

Given its place in the pattern, and the view of the GSC that it will continue to develop, it has been determined to include it as a Listed event in 2007/08.

### 5.2 Relegations

#### Downgrade from Group 3 to Listed

##### **Lion Red Plate [Arawa Stakes]**

This race was conducted under a 2<sup>nd</sup> Warning in both 2005/06 and 2006/07. The Committee formed the view that the race had not improved and ultimately determined that the overall quality and performance of the race in recent years did not warrant a continuation of the Group 3 status that it had been afforded. Accordingly, this race will be conducted as a Listed event in 2007/08.

##### **First Sovereign Trust Rotorua Plate [Rotorua Challenge Plate]**

This race was conducted under a 1<sup>st</sup> Warning in 2005/06 and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Warning in 2006/07. Similar to the previous race, the GSC is of the view that the quality of the race had diminished and it has been determined that it will be conducted as a Listed event in 2007/08.

#### De-Listed

##### **Ford Champagne Stakes [ORC Champagne Stakes]**

The quality and depth of this race over recent runnings was in decline and had failed to improve after being issued with a 2<sup>nd</sup> Warning. As a consequence, the GSC has determined to delete the race from the Listings for the 2007/08 season.

##### **Livingspace Stakes [Waikouaiti Cup]**

This race has been conducted under a 2<sup>nd</sup> Warning since 2004/05. The Committee is not satisfied that the overall quality of the race has improved and has determined that it does not warrant its Listed status. Accordingly, the race has been deleted from the Listings for the 2007/08 season.

## SECTION 6

**WARNINGS SUMMARY****6.1 Summary of Warnings**

Status	2nd Warnings Maintained	2nd Warnings Issued	Reverted to 1st Warnings	1st Warnings Maintained	1st Warnings Issued	1st Warnings Removed	POR * Warnings Removed
Group 1	0	2	0	0	6	0	1
Group 2	0	3	0	1	4	1	3
Group 3	1	2	2	2	6	0	2
Listed	10	11	2	13	6	0	2
Prestige Jumping Races	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>

\* Pattern Of Racing

**6.2 2<sup>nd</sup> Warnings Maintained**

G3	White Robe Lodge Stakes	<i>White Robe Lodge S</i>	Otago RC
LR	Pacific Sheet & Coil Dunedin Guineas	<i>Dunedin Guineas</i>	Otago RC
LR	ILT Ascot Park Hotel Southland Guineas	<i>Southland Guineas</i>	Southland RC
LR	Christchurch Casino Winter Classic Stakes	<i>Winter Classic</i>	Canterbury Racing
LR	Cambridge Thoroughbred Sales Wanganui Cup	<i>Wanganui Cup</i>	Wanganui JC
LR	The Trusts Charitable Foundation Timaru Stakes	<i>Timaru H</i>	Canterbury Racing
LR	Dunedin Casino Gold Cup	<i>Dunedin Cup</i>	Otago RC
LR	Valachi Downs Canterbury Breeders' Stakes	<i>Canterbury Breeders' S</i>	Canterbury Racing
LR	Cambridge Thoroughbred Lodge Breeders' Stakes	<i>Wairarapa Thoroughbred Breeders' S</i>	Wairarapa RC
LR	Valachi Downs South Island Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes	<i>South Island Thoroughbred Breeders' S</i>	Canterbury Racing - Hororata S
LR	New Zealand Bloodstock Warstep Stakes	<i>Warstep Stakes</i>	Canterbury Racing

**6.3 2<sup>nd</sup> Warnings Issued**

G1	First Sovereign Trust Avondale Gold Cup	<i>Avondale Cup</i>	Avondale JC
G1	Century City Developments Wellington Cup	<i>Wellington Cup</i>	Wellington RC
G2	Lawnmaster Awapuni Gold Cup	<i>Awapuni Gold Cup</i>	Manawatu RC
G2	Christchurch Casino New Zealand Cup	<i>New Zealand Cup</i>	Canterbury Racing

G2	Davmet Hawkes Bay Gold Cup	<i>Hawkes Bay Cup</i>	Hawkes Bay RI
G3	Lindauer 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Stakes	<i>Alison S</i>	Auckland RC
G3	Coupland's Bakeries Central Trial	<i>Cuddle S</i>	Wellington RC
LR	New Zealand Bloodstock 2yo Fillies Stakes	<i>Avondale Fillies' Classic</i>	Avondale JC
LR	Stella Artois Bonecrusher Stakes	<i>Great Northern Guineas Trial</i>	Auckland RC
LR	Liquorland Gore Guineas	<i>Gore Guineas</i>	Gore RC
LR	New Zealand Bloodstock Insurance Stakes	<i>ORC Breeders' S</i>	Otago RC
LR	New Zealand Bloodstock Air Freight Stakes	<i>Inglewood S</i>	Canterbury Racing
LR	New Zealand St. Leger Stakes	<i>New Zealand St. Leger</i>	Wellington RC
LR	Mason Appliances 4yo Stakes	<i>Mason Appliances 4yo</i>	Taranaki RC
LR	First Sovereign Trust Stakes	<i>Counties Bowl H</i>	Counties RC
LR	Protech Roofing Levin Stakes	<i>Levin S</i>	Levin RC
LR	Dunedin Casino Invercargill Gold Cup	<i>Invercargill Cup</i>	Southland RC
LR	Cornwall Handicap	<i>Cornwall Handicap</i>	Auckland RC

#### 6.4 Reverted to 1<sup>st</sup> Warnings

G3	Christchurch Casino Easter Cup Stakes	<i>CJC George Adams (Tattersalls) H</i>	Canterbury Racing
G3	First Sovereign Trust Rotorua Cup	<i>Rotorua Cup</i>	Racing Rotorua
LR	Jim and John Evans Ltd Classic	<i>Jim and John Evans Metric Mile</i>	Counties RC
LR	Yesberg Insurance Services Pegasus Stakes	<i>Pegasus S</i>	Canterbury Racing

#### 6.5 1<sup>st</sup> Warnings Maintained

G2	Gasmate Stakes	<i>Lady Norrie S</i>	Waikato RC
G3	Gold Club Metropolitan Trophy	<i>Metropolitan H</i>	Canterbury Racing
G3	Lindauer Stewards' Stakes	<i>Stewards' S</i>	Canterbury Racing
LR	Life Members Wellesley Stakes	<i>Wellesley S</i>	Wellington RC
LR	Ford Welcome Stakes	<i>CJC Welcome S</i>	Canterbury Racing
LR	Murdoch Newell Stakes	<i>Counties Challenge S</i>	Counties RC
LR	Fairview Ford Slipper	<i>Matamata Slipper</i>	Racing Matamata
LR	Selwyn River Stud South Island 2yo Stakes	<i>CJC Champagne S</i>	Canterbury Racing
LR	Carters-Gib Wanganui Guineas	<i>Wanganui Guineas</i>	Wanganui JC
LR	Ray Coupland Stakes	<i>John Grigg S</i>	Ashburton RC

LR	Wanganui Racehorse Owners' Association Stakes	<i>Trudy Thomson Memorial</i>	Wanganui JC
LR	Christchurch Casino Spring Classic	<i>Easter Classic</i>	Canterbury Racing
LR	Coupland's Bakeries Cup	<i>Timaru Cup</i>	Timaru RC
LR	Fast 'N' Famous Marton 1600	<i>Marton 1600</i>	Marton JC
LR	Amcor Kiwi Packaging Kiwifruit Cup	<i>Owens Trophy</i>	Racing Rotorua
LR	Rotorua Stakes	<i>Rotorua Stakes</i>	Racing Rotorua
PJR	Wellington Steeplechase	<i>Wellington Steeplechase</i>	Wellington RC
PJR	Inter-Island Steeplechase	<i>Inter-Island Steeplechase</i>	Paeroa RC

### 6.6 1<sup>st</sup> Warnings Issued

G1	Captain Cook Stakes	<i>Captain Cook S</i>	Wellington RC
G1	Zabeel Classic	<i>Galaxy S</i>	Auckland RC
G1	Whakanui Stud International Stakes	<i>International S</i>	Waikato RC
G1	Starcraft NZ Stakes	<i>Second Century S</i>	Auckland RC
G1	Waiwera Infinity Railway Handicap	<i>Railway H</i>	Auckland RC
G1	New Zealand Bloodstock Breeders' Stakes	<i>NZ Thoroughbred Breeders' S</i>	Racing Te Aroha
G2	Ford Wakefield Challenge Stakes	<i>Wakefield Challenge S</i>	Wellington RC
G2	Robin, Duke of Bedford Matamata Breeders' Stakes	<i>Matamata Breeders' S</i>	Racing Matamata
G2	Eagle Technology Counties Cup	<i>Counties Cup</i>	Counties RC
G2	Waikato Times Gold Cup	<i>Waikato Cup</i>	Waikato RC
G3	Ford 2yo Classic	<i>Taranaki 2yo Classic</i>	Taranaki RC
G3	The Oaks Stud Manawatu Classic	<i>Manawatu Classic</i>	Manawatu RC
G3	Ezibuy Eulogy Stakes	<i>Eulogy S</i>	Manawatu RC
G3	Pure NZ Pure Nobile Trentham Stakes	<i>Trentham S</i>	Wellington RC
G3	LJ Hooker Manawatu Cup	<i>Manawatu Cup</i>	Manawatu RC
G3	ZM Thompson Handicap	<i>Thompson H</i>	Wellington RC
LR	Fairview Ford Stakes	<i>Star Way 1000</i>	Waikato RC
LR	Ancare Feilding Gold Cup	<i>Feilding Cup</i>	Feilding JC
LR	Te Rapa Supa Centa Sprint	<i>Westminster H</i>	Waikato RC
LR	ABN Amro Craigs Eclipse Stakes	<i>James Hazlett S</i>	Otago RC
LR	Taumarunui Cup	<i>Taumarunui Cup</i>	Taumarunui RC
LR	Windsor Park Stud Manawatu Breeders' Stakes	<i>Manawatu Breeders' S</i>	Manawatu RC
PJR	McGregor Grant Steeplechase	<i>McGregor Grant Steeplechase</i>	Auckland RC

**6.7 1<sup>st</sup> Warnings Removed**

G2	NRM Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes	<i>Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders' S</i>	Counties RC
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**6.8 Races with Warnings Removed in 2005 (due to Pattern Of Racing Review)**

G1	Otaki-Maori WFA	<i>Otaki-Maori WFA</i>	Otaki-Maori RC
G2	Sky City Avondale Guineas	<i>Avondale Guineas</i>	Avondale JC
G2	Speights Great Northern Guineas	<i>Great Northern Guineas</i>	Auckland RC
G2	Mercedes Championship Stakes	<i>Championship Stakes</i>	Auckland RC
G3	Devan Plastics Lowland Stakes	<i>Lowland Stakes</i>	Masterton RC
G3	Desert Gold Stakes	<i>Desert Gold Stakes</i>	Wellington RC
LR	Champagne Stakes	<i>Great Northern Champagne Stakes</i>	Auckland RC
LR	Fairdale Stud Howbaddouwantit Flying Handicap	<i>Flying Handicap</i>	Manawatu RC

**APPENDIX 1****Executive Summary of the 2006/07 Report of the Pattern of Racing Annual Review Committee****Executive Summary**

The NZTR Board has established the Pattern of Racing Annual Review Committee to monitor the New Zealand Pattern of Black Type races, giving particular reference to the outcomes of the 2004 Strategic Review of the Pattern of Racing.

The Committee held its inaugural meeting in late June to enable a Report to be provided to the NZTR Board.

Given the timing involved between the establishment of the Committee and the submission date for this Report, in preparing this initial Annual Review, the Committee has:

- adopted the Terms of Reference of the 2004 Review;
- considered the Strategic Criteria and Recommendations of the 2004 Review and provided observations and further recommendations;
- considered the changes to the Pattern within the individual categories, and in some cases made further recommendations;
- considered other relevant issues and made recommendations.

The Committee has determined a process for future Annual Reviews, which will enable a more comprehensive review to be undertaken, and any recommended changes to the Pattern to be adopted and implemented for the following racing season.

The following recommendations are contained in this report:

1. The Committee recommends that NZTR notes that the Committee has significant concerns re the two-year-old category and that it will endeavour to address the two-year-old pattern in its entirety in time for the 2008/09 season.
2. The Committee recommends that NZTR develop and adopt a uniform scale for Set Weight with Penalties races for use in selected regional Group 3 and Listed races.
3. The Committee recommends that a greater portion of any additional funding that is made available should be directed towards the Stayers' category, to further assist the development of middle distance and staying events.
4. The Committee recommends that the contribution to stakes through owners' fees should be capped at a set percentage to be determined by NZTR - to be substantially less than current levels.
5. The Committee recommends that the NZTR Board takes appropriate steps to empower the Graded Stakes Committee to enable it to address the pyramid structure of Black-type races within a specified timeframe.
6. The Committee recommends that NZTR ensures that a NZ official attends all International Classifications meetings to ensure the quality of New Zealand racing is appropriately represented and promoted in all such forums.
7. The Committee recommends that NZTR confirms the principle that clubs hold ownership of Black Type races, and that the Graded Stakes Committee is the appropriate body to deal with any issues arising from a change in conditions of a Group or Listed race.

8. The Committee recommends that NZTR work with the Regional Programming Committees to ensure that suitable penalty free entry races, conducted for an appropriate stake, are programmed as lead up events to major Carnival features.