

Weights

Race Name	Eligibility	Weights
Maiden Hurdle or Maiden Steeplechase	For horses that have not won a Hurdle or that have not won a Steeplechase.	Set Weight: Geldings & Entire's 68kg Mares 66kg
0-1 Win Hurdle or 0-1 Win Steeplechase	For horses that have not won more than one Hurdle or more than one Steeplechase at a totalisator meeting.	Set Weights: Geldings & Entire's 67kg Mares 65kg Penalty of 1kg to be applied to winners of the respective discipline.
Novice Hurdle or Novice Steeplechase	For horses eligible for a Maiden Hurdle or for a Maiden Steeplechase on a specified date.	Set Weights: Geldings & Entire's 67kg Mares 65kg Penalty of 1kg to be applied to winners of the respective discipline.
Restricted Open HCP/ Open Hurdle HCP or Restricted Open HCP/ Open Steeplechase HCP	Open to all horses eligible to run in a Hurdle or a Steeplechase.	Handicap: Minimum Weight 65kg
Restricted Open SWP/ Open Hurdle SWP or Restricted Open SWP/ Open Steeplechase SWP	Open to all horses eligible to run in a Hurdle or a Steeplechase.	Set Weights & Penalties: Geldings & Entire's 66.5kg Mares 64.5kg Maiden Allowance 1.5kg Winners of 2 jumping races in the applicable discipline since 1 January two years prior to season – 1.5kg Winners of 3 jumping races in the applicable discipline since 1 January two years prior to season – 3kg Winners of 4 jumping races in the applicable discipline since 1 January two years prior to season – 4.5kg Winners of 5 or more jumping races in the applicable discipline since 1 January two years prior to season – 6kg An additional 1.5kg penalty to be applied if the horse has won a race in the applicable discipline with a total race value of \$50,000NZD or higher since 1 January two years prior to season. Penalties not cumulative.

Prestige/Feature Hurdle or Prestige/Feature Steeplechase	Open to all horses eligible to run in a Hurdle or a Steeplechase.	Handicap: Minimum Weight 65kg Maximum Weight 72kg
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Handicap racing

In all handicap races, the minimum weight given to any horse cannot be less than 65kg. Mares are entitled to a 2kg allowance providing it does not fall below 65kg.

In Restricted Open Handicap Races and Open Handicap races, there is no maximum top weight. The full spread of weights used in any race is to be determined by the handicapper however, where possible, the handicapper will endeavour to create a minimum spread of 4kg.

In races with a single horse on a much higher rating than the remainder of the field, the handicapper may opt to spread the weights out from the bottom up to avoid severely compressing much of the field.

In Feature and Prestige Jump races, the maximum top weight that can be assigned to any horse is 72kg. This does not mean such weight must be applied. Again, where possible, the handicapper will endeavour to have a minimum spread of 4kg.

In deciding what top weight to apply to a race, the following factors shall be used - Overall quality of the field, a horse's historical ability and performances at carrying weight and prize money of race.

Whilst ratings are still used in jump races, they do not necessarily relate to the weight a horse may carry or the relative weights between horses in a race. Weights are assigned by the handicapper on a discretionary basis with the intention of providing the most equitable outcome possible.

Generally, horses will move up in weight in a progressive manner as they win and place in races. Alternatively, horses who struggle to be competitive when carrying weight will have their weight reduced where possible.

Ratings

Unraced horses with a flat rating of 71 or lower will begin on a jump rating of 50, those with a flat rating of 72 or higher will begin on 52. Hurdle ratings and Steeplechase ratings are completely separate and have no bearing on each other.

Points System for Maiden Hurdle and Maiden Steeplechase:

Raceday 2nd – horse to receive rating of 59, if presently higher stays as is.

Raceday 3rd – Horse to receive rating of 57, if presently higher stays as is.

Raceday 4th – Horse to receive rating of 55, if presently higher stays as is.

Raceday 5th – Horse to receive rating of 52, if presently higher stays as is.

Horses unplaced (including pulled-up, ran off, lost rider and fell) to lose points as determined by the handicapper.

In almost all cases, a horse winning their Maiden jump race, whether it is in a Maiden race, 0-1 Win race, Novice race or Restricted Open race will receive a rating of 69. Winners of Feature or Prestige Jump races are likely to receive a higher rating, as determined by the handicapper.

The factors used to determine the points given to winners and place-getters in all other races are as follows – quality of field, overall career profile, relative position in the ratings to other horses both in the race in question as well as throughout NZ and prize money of the race.

All jump ratings are indicative so therefore the handicapper has the discretion to alter a horses jump rating at the time of nominations to create the optimum weight spread.