



**Tuesday 4 September 2012**

## **New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) Horse Welfare Guidelines**

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR), in its role to promote best practices for horseracing, has adopted guidelines for racehorse welfare from the International Group of Specialist Racing Veterinarians' (IGSRV) – *New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Horse Welfare Guidelines*.

These Guidelines ([click here](#)) provide a benchmark for welfare standards deemed acceptable by NZTR and aim to provide clarity and accountability around racehorse welfare before, during, and also after racing.

The key tenets of these Guidelines include the following:

- Reasonable steps should be taken to prevent unnecessary pain and distress of racehorses in breeding, racing and training by ensuring adequate care, a suitable diet, the ability to exhibit normal behaviour, appropriate housing, and protection from injury and disease.
- While horseracing carries risks, reasonable steps should be taken to prevent avoidable risks and research should be undertaken to reduce risks, and to share this information between participants in horseracing.
- In the context of these responsibilities it is recognised that properly conducted euthanasia can be a humane option for racehorses; for example for individual horses with severe or chronic injuries, or where care would be inadequate, and long term pain and distress is likely to be the result.

Matthew Goodson, NZTR Chairman, points to NZTR's 2012-14 Business Plan, which sets out a number of actions to ensure the maintenance of high levels of horse welfare in thoroughbred racing and stated: "Last year we began the process of developing and introducing consistent welfare standards and practices for thoroughbred racing by assessing other equine welfare models from around the world and by consulting with welfare agencies and industry partners."

"The NZTR Horse Welfare Guidelines are the first step in a number of planned measures to ensure the maintenance of high levels of animal welfare in our sport. NZTR has also applied for and been accepted as a partner in the Australian Racing Incident Database which will provide a detailed record of all Rider and horse incidents on racedays and at trials when it comes on-line later this year. The advantage of this would be the creation of a larger data set for analysis of horse and Rider incidents for the RIU and NZTR."

"Further details of this and other animal welfare initiatives in the pipeline will be announced as we work with the industry to bring them to the point of introduction."

These Guidelines will be subject to review on an ongoing basis.

The Rules of Racing, held by NZTR, contain a number of specific conditions covering horse welfare, notably Rules 650-655.

## **2012 Annual General Meeting of New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing – Friday 23 November**

The 2012 Annual General Meeting of New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Incorporated (NZTR) will be held at 3.30 pm on Friday, 23 November 2012 in Wellington.

The AGM will be combined with a racing club conference starting at 9.30 am, with the AGM to follow at 3.30 pm.

Any enquiries concerning the AGM should be addressed to Simon Cooper [simon.cooper@nzracing.co.nz](mailto:simon.cooper@nzracing.co.nz)

### **Massey Equine Research – Thank You**

We would like to thank all the people that took time to respond to the 'research information needs' survey that was sent out earlier this year in May.

We were interested to hear the views of people involved in the industry to find out what information they would like to know about in order to assist them with their business or role within the industry.

The survey also aimed to find out the best ways to tell people about the projects we are doing within Massey Equine Research.

A great response was received from the industry, with over 600 completed survey responses.

The data is being analysed and it is hoped that the information gained from the survey will help us to spread the results of research projects to people throughout the racing and breeding industry.

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### **Back Copies of NZ Turf Registers**

A keen racing enthusiast wants to purchase the following back copies of the NZ Turf Register:

1968/69; 1971/72; 1974/75; 1976/77; 1977/78; 1981/82.

If anyone is able to assist with this request, please contact Allan Child [allan.child@nzracing.co.nz](mailto:allan.child@nzracing.co.nz)

### **Flair Amateur Rider's Series**

With just the 2 races remaining at the Rotorua-Bay of Plenty Hunt meeting on 19 September and at National Jumps Day at Waikato on 30 September, the points table in the Flair Amateur Rider's Series is as follows:

47	Scott MacNab
37	Linda Wheeler
31	Scott Wenn
28	Michelle Northcott
15	Danny Frye
14	Aaron Kuru
11	Michael Roustoby, Taui Johnson
10	Kelvin Peterson
7	Kerry King, Claire Anderton
5	John Boyack
5	Karen Bruce
4	Jacob McKay
3	Rebecca Black, Michael Gibbs, Marita Frith
2	Kurt Hillis, Corrie Auchterlonie, Graeme Hughes, Alysha Hutton
1	Nicola Brown, Jane Hunt

### **Spring Splurge \$50k Bonus Quaddies across September/October**

A feature will be that all of the Thoroughbred Bonus Quaddies will be Turbo Quaddies, operating across two races from each of the NZ Thoroughbred meetings.

1 September	Hastings, Tauranga
8 September	Ellerslie, Wanganui
15 September	Whangarei, Awapuni
22 September	Hastings, Riccarton Park
29 September	Ellerslie, New Plymouth

And...each Wednesday and Thursday from 19 September through to 25 October, there will be a **Terminating Turbo Bonus Quaddie** starting around 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm running across four Australian races.

### Turnover Information for the Period ending 2 September 2012

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								12-13	11-12
27/8	Whakatane (1)	11,606		337,365		116,896		58	
29/8	Matamata (2)	24,362		641,268		201,070		82	
30/8	Egmont (3)	18,899	39.7%	407,839	30.0%	108,081	6.4%	56	39.8%
31/8	Ashburton (4)	23,801		668,418		163,354		92	
1/9	Hawke's Bay (5)	210,017	8.8%	2,008,259	4.2%	577,550	29.1%	109	1.9%
1/9	Tauranga (6)	143,630	30.2%	797,400	20.8%	214,554	26.9%	64	28.9%

- (1) Whakatane RC; no equivalent meeting last year; this year there were 7 races.
- (2) Matamata RC; last year this was a Whangarei RC meeting at which there were 11 races; there were 8 races this year.
- (3) Egmont RC; last year there were 10 races; compared to 7 races this year.
- (4) Ashburton RC; last year this was an Otago RC meeting at which there were 10 races; this year there were 9 races.
- (5) Hawke's Bay RI; last year there were 10 races; compared to 9 races this year.
- (6) Racing Tauranga; last year there were 9 races, compared to 8 races this year.

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/-	Variance +%/(-%)
Races	220	250	(30)	(12.00%)
Starters	2,179	2,441	(262)	(10.73%)
Avg Field Size	9.90	9.76	+0.14	+1.44%
Off-Course Turnover	22,769,365	25,064,293	(2,294,928)	(9.16%)
On-Course Turnover	1,732,035	2,106,678	(374,643)	(17.78%)
Total Totalisator Turnover	24,501,400	27,170,971	(2,669,571)	(9.83%)
Fixed Odds	5,743,284	4,583,861	+1,159,424	+25.29%
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	30,244,684	31,754,832	(1,510,147)	(4.76%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	137,476	127,019	+10,457	+8.23%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	13,880	13,009	+871	+6.70%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	124,323,557	111,955,719	+12,367,838	+11.05%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	24,759,360	24,715,394	+43,966	+0.18%
Total NZRB Turnover	149,082,917	136,671,113	+12,411,804	+9.08%

Overall turnover was **up** 18.8% (+\$5.23m) last week on the same week last year.

Racing turnover was **up** 13.7% (+\$3.2m) for the week, with Domestic racing **up** 5.6% (+\$0.65m).

Domestic thoroughbreds turnover was **up** 4.2% (\$272k) (tote + fob) with one extra meeting and three races less (-5.9%), horse starts down 11.7% (avg. field size down 0.6 starters a race).

Note: NZRB supplied On-course Turnover total represents On-course turnover placed on NZ thoroughbred meetings from all on-course venues. 'Total' NZ Thoroughbred turnover figure includes Off-course (including Pick 6), On-course (NZRB figure as commented above) and all Fixed Odds Turnover. All Turnover figures are supplied by the NZRB.

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