

Thursday 19 June 2014

NZRB BECOMES A FOUNDING MEMBER OF ASIAN-AFRICAN TOTE ASSOCIATION

The Asian-African Tote Association (AATA) was officially formed and held its first Executive Committee meeting last month. It aims to strengthen ties between leading wagering operators. The nine founding members of the AATA are:

- The New Zealand Racing Board
- The Hong Kong Jockey Club
- Tabcorp Holdings Limited
- Automatic Systems Limited
- The Macau Jockey Club
- Phumelela Gaming and Leisure
- Racing and Wagering Western Australia
- The Saigon Racing Club
- The Singapore Turf Club

The Japan Racing Association and the Korean Racing Authority have joined as observer organisations.

At its first meeting, The Hong Kong Jockey Club's Executive Director of Customer and Marketing, Richard Cheung, was elected AATA's inaugural President and Brendan Parnell, Chief Operating Officer of Tabcorp's Media and International Business was elected Vice President.

Members of AATA will work together to advance members' common interests on issues such as:

- Technology advancements in totalisator and wagering operations;
- Commingling standards and the harmonisation of betting rules;
- The sustainable funding of the racing industry;
- Providing responsible wagering services;
- Combating illegal and unauthorised wagering operators; and
- Customer and marketing initiatives.

2014/15 SCHEDULED TWILIGHT MEETINGS

Day	Date	Club	Time
Fri	21-Nov-14	Taranaki TRI	3.00pm
Sun	23-Nov-14	Cambridge JC	2.00pm
Fri	28-Nov-14	Winton	4.00pm
Wed	3-Dec-14	Counties RC	3.00pm
Fri	5-Dec-14	Canterbury Racing	3.00pm
Wed	10-Dec-14	Otago RC	2.00pm
Wed	10-Dec-14	Auckland RC	4.00pm
Thu	11-Dec-14	Hawkes Bay RI	3.00pm
Sun	14-Dec-14	Auckland RC	2.00pm
Wed	17-Dec-14	Matamata RC	3.00pm
Mon	22-Dec-14	Taranaki TRI	3.00pm
Fri	26-Dec-14	Otago RC	2.00pm
Sun	25-Jan-15	Auckland RC	5.00pm
Fri	30-Jan-15	Taranaki TRI	2.00pm
Thu	5-Feb-15	Tauranga, Racing	3.00pm
Wed	11-Feb-15	Auckland RC	4.00pm
Thu	12-Feb-15	Wanganui JC	2.00pm
Wed	25-Feb-15	Waikato RC	3.00pm
Thu	26-Feb-15	Marton JC	3.00pm

Thu 5-Mar-15

Canterbury Racing 2.30pm

CAMBRIDGE JC TRIALS 1 JULY TO BE REPLACED BY WAIPA RC TRIALS

The Cambridge trials scheduled for 1 July will no longer go ahead due to track renovations and poor weather that has affected the surface at Cambridge. As a result of this, the Waipa RC will run a full set of trials on 1 July. Nominations will close with the NRB at 12 Noon on 30 June.

Preference at the Waipa RC trials will be given to those heats that missed the opportunity to run at the Avondale trials due to excessive horse numbers and limited heats.

NEXT NEW ZEALAND BLOODSTOCK INSURANCE PEARL SERIES BONUS RACE

Avondale JC Wednesday 2 July Maiden Two Year Old SW 1200m
\$7K

2014/15 SEASON LICENCE RENEWALS

The "hard copy" licence renewal forms for the 2014/15 season are being posted from NZTR on Friday 20 June.

Note: this will NOT involve any Licence Renewal applications that have already been submitted/returned through use of the NZTR "online" process.

It would be appreciated if licence holders could complete and return the forms to NZTR as soon as convenient.

All questions must be answered, and the Renewal Application form signed. For any questions please contact licensing@nzracing.co.nz or phone 04 576 6279 to speak to one of the Licensing staff.

WAIMATE RC RACE MEETING LICENCES - SUNDAY 8 JUNE & MONDAY 7 JULY 2014

There are changes to the previously published Waimate RC programmes for its 7 July race meeting. This has been necessary following extensive damage to the Waimate venue following a storm.

The race meeting licence programmed for Monday 7 July has been relinquished and has not been replaced.

The Ashburton RC race meeting on Friday 4 July has however been upgraded from Tier 2 Feature to Feature status and, as a consequence, the following changes have been made:

Open Hcp	2100m was \$15,000, increased to \$25,000
Open Hcp	1400m was \$15,000, increased to \$25,000
Benchmark R75 Hcp	2100m was \$10,000, increased to \$17,500
Benchmark R75 Hcp	1600m was \$10,000, increased to \$17,500
Benchmark R75 Hcp	1200m \$17,500 *added to programme replacing Mdn 1600m below
Benchmark R65 Hcp*	2100m was \$8,000, increased to \$15,000
Benchmark R65 Hcp*	1400m was \$8,000, increased to \$15,000
Maiden SW	1600m *deleted & replaced by R75 1200m above
Maiden SW	1400m was \$7,000, increased to \$10,000

TURNOVER INFORMATION (FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 15 JUNE 2014)

Date	Club	On-Course (Tote & FOB combined)		Totalisator (Off & on-course combined)		Fixed Odds (Off & on-course)		Races		Starters	
		13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13
9-Jun	Otaki-Maori RC	22,068	22,197	428,939	379,166	180,846	138,496	7	7	77	75
11-Jun	Avondale JC	-	77,823	-	821,363	-	278,297	-	10	-	134
12-Jun	Wanganui JC	24,325	27,508	519,956	617,891	184,160	184,107	7	9	76	100
13-Jun	South Canterbury RC	15,835	16,989	368,793	442,169	149,896	153,227	7	8	58	79
14-Jun	Manawatu RC	89,167	105,208	1,058,960	1,033,985	302,668	272,247	9	8	102	88
14-Jun	Whangarei RC	80,246	110,345	1,232,444	1,157,051	464,900	256,349	10	7	107	83

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance /()	Variance %/(%)
Meetings	310	322	(12)	(3.73%)
Races	2,588	2,701	(113)	(4.18%)
Total Starts	26,936	28,037	(1,101)	(3.93%)
Avg Field Size	10.41	10.38	0.03	0.27%
Number of races less than 8 starters	422	390	32	8.21%
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	352,087,943	356,132,700	(4,044,757)	(1.14%)
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	33,070,901	34,702,559	(1,631,658)	(4.70%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	385,158,844	390,835,258	(5,676,415)	(1.45%)
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	293,614,508	308,720,613	(15,106,105)	(4.89%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	91,544,320	82,114,645	9,429,675	11.48%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	148,825	144,700	4,125	2.85%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	14,299	13,940	359	2.58%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,350,482,923	1,314,912,262	35,570,661	2.71%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	251,711,381	216,464,331	35,247,050	16.28%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,602,194,304	1,531,376,593	70,817,711	4.62%
NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 31 May)	273,573,733	320,204,074	(46,630,342)	(14.56%)
Total Races (to 31 May)	2,481	2,562	(81)	(3.16%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	110,268	124,982	(14,715)	(11.77%)

Meeting details

Otaki-Maori RC's Monday meeting equivalent was run by Waverley RC in FY13 due to the drainage work undertaken on the Course Proper at Otaki.

Avondale JC Wednesday meeting was abandoned due to storm damage to its horse stall facilities. The equivalent meeting was run by Whangarei RC last season, with 10 races.

Wanganui JC Thursday meeting held 7 races in FY14, 9 races in FY13.

South Canterbury RC Friday meeting held 7 races this season, 8 races last season.

Manawatu RC Saturday meeting ran 9 races in FY14, 8 races in FY13.

Whangarei RC Saturday meeting equivalent was run by Auckland RC last season; 10 races in FY14, 7 races in FY13.

Turnover summary notes:

Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is down 1.5% year to date.

With 113 less races than run over the same period last season, turnover per race has actually increased, up 2.9%.

Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 1,101, 3.9% less.

Average field size is up from 10.41 in FY13 to 10.38 in FY14, 0.03 starters per race (0.3%) more.

The number of races with less than 8 starters is now 32 higher than a season ago.

The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 4.9%) has been partly offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 11.5%).

\$NZ export turnover per race to 31 May is down (11.8%). The variance in the \$NZ/\$A exchange rate is responsible for a large proportion of this decline. The remainder, as well as the absence of any growth, appears to have resulted from the loss of coverage on Sky 1 in Australia for midweek races run after 2pm.