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Increasing Participation To Remain a Focus – 2009 NZTR Fact Book

NZTR's funding policy over the past three seasons has focused on increasing returns to owners with the aim of growing participation in racing. This has been predominantly driven through an increase in stakes, but also Free Racing (removal of payment of nominations and acceptance fees on non Group and Listed races), an annual saving to Owners of over \$4m, and payment of riding fees by NZTR for all races up to and including Rating 80, providing further savings to Owners of \$3m per year.

This policy has reversed a 10-year decline in participation with an increase in both horses racing and total starts during 2008/09

	1999/00	2008/09	% Change
Races	2,945	3,088	4.9%
Starters	32,540	34,347	5.6%
Individual Starters	5,599	5,826	4.1%
Trial Starters	7,930	9,741	22.8%
Average Starts per horse	5.8	5.9	1.4%

The challenge for the 2009/10 season is to maintain current participation levels in the face of a cut in funding for 2009/10 and the general economic conditions. Funding in the thoroughbred code is down 17% compared to 2008/09. Returns to owners is forecast to fall to \$55.2m, or by 17%, for 2009/10 compared to 2008/09 in line with the decrease in funding available.

Despite this reduced funding, NZTR has maintained key initiatives that encourage participation, being Free Racing, payment of riding fees by NZTR for all races up to and including Rating 80, and a flexible racing programme that allows the programming of races to better suit the needs of the horse population.

The above statistics will be included in the 2009 NZTR FACT BOOK, which is due to be published in late September.

Transexamic And Aminocaproic

Recent media reports in both New Zealand and Australia have highlighted possible future use of two drugs, transexamic and aminocaproic.

Both impact on the cardiovascular system and, hence, are prohibited substances.

NZ Racing Laboratory Services (NZRLS) has been using the same detection methodology as Australian and UK laboratories.

NZRLS will maintain a level of analysis at the international standard and upgrade when necessary to maintain universal capability.

Ballantines Whiskey Jumps Star of the Season Points Table

Updated as at 5 September

Position	Horse	Points
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Steeplechasers

1st	Triplepan	239
2nd	Willie Winit	218
3rd	Climbing High	194
4th	Mikemendaad	189
5th	Bennyosler	174

Hurdlers

1st	Kidunot	313
2nd	High Season	234
3rd	Bennyosler	230
4th	Mr Charlton	194
5th	Birchwood Run	185

Trainers

1st	J Wheeler	1484
2nd	A Browne	913
3rd	B & S Anderton	448
4th	K Myers	446
5th	P Nelson	400

Jockeys

1st	R Eynon	1029
2nd	J Rathbone	959
3rd	I Lupton	864
4th	S Houston	850
5th	T Hazlett	760

Strong NZ Cup Meeting Nominations

Nominations for the major races over the New Zealand Cup Meeting in November are very strong, with significant Australian interest.

225 nominations, a record, have been received for the \$1,000,000 New Zealand 2000 Guineas to be run this season on the first day, 7 November.

They are headed by The Heckler from the New Zealand contingent. However the forty-one Australian entries have yet to be assessed. These include Onemorenomore who won the Group 1 Champagne Stakes as a 2YO and Trusting, recent winner of the Group 2 Warwick Stakes.

The New Zealand Bloodstock 1000 Guineas to be run on 14 November has attracted 179 nominations headed by Katie Lee and Seven Schillings. The thirty-two Australian fillies are also yet to be assessed.

Sculptor heads the 82 nominations for the Christchurch Casino New Zealand Cup, which has also attracted Australian interest including Fordee who was 4th in last season's Adelaide Cup.

The Coupland's Bakeries Mile, won last year by subsequent Horse of the Year Mufhasa, has eighty-three nominations. Amongst these are three Australians, including Teranaba, a previous Group 1 winner and third in the 2006 VRC Derby to Efficient.

Berkley Stud Supports Juvenile Feature

Berkley Stud has confirmed it has become naming rights sponsor to the South Island's feature spring two-year-old event, the Welcome Stakes.

The \$45,000, Listed, Berkley Stud Welcome Stakes will be run at Riccarton Park on Saturday November 14 2009.

Berkley Stud is Canterbury's leading thoroughbred nursery both in the presentation of stallions and the sales ring. Most recently they were again leading vendors at the 2009 New Zealand Bloodstock South Island Sale for the 5th year in succession. Progeny of their young Redoute's Choice sire, Coats Choice, were well received with him being leading Freshman Sire.

Change of Date and Venue for Winton September Meeting

The Winton Jockey Club meeting scheduled for Winton on Friday 18 September has been transferred to Riverton, and will now be run on Wednesday 16 September.

This transfer has been brought about by the Winton track not being ready to resume racing after a recent upgrade.

Revised Programme:

Rating 90 1400m
Rating 90 1200m
Rating 85 2147m (new race)
Rating 70 2147m (distance change)
Rating 70 1400m
Rating 70 1200m
Maiden 2147m (distance change)
Maiden 1400m (TBS bonus \$7,500)
Maiden 1100m (new race)

The originally programmed Maiden 1200m and Maiden 1000m have been deleted and replaced with a Maiden 1100m.

Nominations: Thursday 10 September 2009 at 12 noon with the NRB
Weights: Saturday 12 September 2009
Withdrawals: Saturday 12 September 2009 at 11 am with the NRB
Declaration of Riders: Monday 14 September 2009 at 1 pm

Waikato RC Friday 11 September – Increase in Stake in Maiden 1200m Race

The Maiden 1200m race at the Waikato RC meeting on Friday 11 September has had a stake increase and will now be run for a stake of \$8,000. (\$5,000, \$1,600, \$800, \$400, \$200).

Feature Race Nomination and Withdrawal Information - Hawke's Bay RI

Late Nominations for the Windsor Park Plate close at 12 noon on Tuesday 15 September with the National Racing Bureau.

Final Withdrawals for the Windsor Park Plate and 3rd Withdrawals for the Kelt Capital Stakes close at 11 am

Wednesday 16 September with the National Racing Bureau.

Thoroughbred Bonus Scheme – Recent Results

Taranaki Saturday 22 August

B Bonus
3rd Hez Dressedtokill (4g Black Tuxedo – Mazurann) \$675

Wanganui Saturday 5 September

B Bonus
1st Dare T'Live (4g Exploding Prospect – Adroit) \$5,475

Thoroughbred Bonus Scheme - Upcoming Bonus Races

Wed 9 Sep	RacingTaupo	Maiden 4YO+ 1200m	\$7,500
Fri 11 Sep	Waikato	Rating 70 1600m	\$7,500
Sat 12 Sep	Marton	Maiden 1600m	\$7,500

For eligible 4YO horses.

Bonus race information beyond these dates can be found on www.nzthoroughbred.co.nz or www.nzracing.co.nz websites.

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Turnovers for the period ending 6 September 2009

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								09-10	08-09
2/9	Paeroa (1)	57,929	N/A	948,588	N/A	75,859	N/A	114	N/A
3/9	Waverley (2)	46,539	52.2%	812,548	0.9%	53,772	246.2%	94	6.8%
4/9	Canterbury (3)	54,103	N/A	993,897	N/A	106,393	N/A	122	N/A
5/9	Auckland (4)	386,870	29.5%	1,685,756	33.9%	311,637	38.7%	108	18.7%
5/9	Wanganui (5)	138,006	11.8%	1,603,530	13.9%	288,648	39.6%	125	7.8%

Notes:

- (1) Paeroa RC; no equivalent meeting last year.
- (2) Waverley RC; raced at Hawera; 9 races this year, compared to 8 last year; 3 FO races this year, compared to 1 last year.
- (3) Racing Canterbury; no equivalent meeting last year.
- (4) Auckland RC; 10 races this year, compared to 9 last year; 10 FO races this year, compared to 9 last year.
- (5) Wanganui JC; 10 FO races this year, compared to 7 last year.

Thoroughbred Summary – 09/10 Year To Date 1 August 2009 – 6 September 2009

	Off Course		On Course		Fixed Odds		Total	
Turnover	\$32,955,542		\$3,058,338		\$4,380,387		\$40,394,268	
Variance v Last Year	6.2%		11.2%		39.4%		9.4%	
Races								
No of Races v Last Year	267	1.9%	267	1.9%	189	36.0%	267	1.9%
Avg. Turnover per Race v Last Year	\$123,429	4.3%	\$11,454	9.1%	\$23,177	2.6%	\$151,289	7.4%
Runners								
No of Runners v Last Year	2,791	5.6%	2,791	5.6%			2,791	5.6%
Avg. Turnover per Runner v Last Year	\$11,808	0.6%	\$1,096	5.3%			\$14,473	3.6%

Note: 'Total' figure includes On-course, Off-course, Fixed Odds, Pick 6 and Six Pack Turnover.

Turnover figures are supplied by the New Zealand Racing Board.

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