



NEW ZEALAND SIRES' STAKES BOARD

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Deadline Looms: July 1st, 2025 — Secure Your Place in New Zealand's Richest Age-Group Racing

Breeders and owners looking to **maximise the value of their bloodstock** have until **July 1st, 2025**, to stake their claim in **New Zealand's premier age-group racing**.

Foal nominations and yearling sustaining payments are now due for **Series 44 & 43**, along with key entries for the **Nevele R Fillies Series, Caduceus Club Fillies Series**, and **3YO sustaining payments**.

Whether you're **prepping for the NZB Standardbred Yearling Sales** or **retaining to race**, there's **over \$2.5 million in stakes** on the table. Now's the time to lock in your horse's eligibility.

With the powerful partnership between New Zealand Sires' Stakes and Harness Racing New Zealand, the future is brighter than ever.

40+ Years of Premium Stakes Racing

For over four decades, the **New Zealand Sires' Stakes Board** has led the way in **elite harness racing**, supporting breeders and owners with rich racing opportunities for both pacers and trotters. This season alone, an estimated **\$2 million** will be distributed across top-level **2YO and 3YO** races.

A New Era of Racing Is Here—and Thriving

With **three full seasons of programming reform behind us**, the results are undeniable.

Despite a smaller foal crop over the past 10 years, **juvenile race numbers are up**, proving the value of the extended calendar.

"Our trainers and owners didn't just adapt—they thrived," says **Martin Pierson**, NZSS Board Manager. "Field sizes are stronger than ever across our heats and Group 1 finals. The extra time to develop is giving more horses their moment."

New Races. More Opportunities. Bigger Pathways.

While everyone dreams of **winning the Sires' Stakes Final on Cup Day**, only one can take the trophy. That's why we've created **broad, meaningful pathways** for a wider range of horses, including:

- **Harness 7000**
- **Uncut Gems Series (4YO & Older)**
- **Aged Trotters Classic**
- **Aged Mares Classics (North & South)**
- **Southern Solstices (3YO's)**
- **Caduceus Club Fillies \$7,000 regional bonuses (from 2026)**
- **3YO Sophomore**
- **2 & 3YO Trotting Filly Classique's both at Group level**

These additions offer **lifetime opportunities** to race for serious stakes—even for those who don't peak at two or three.

"Horses like *Warloch* show just how far eligibility can take you," says Pierson. "He won the **Kaikoura Sales Series Aged Pace** as an eight-year-old—proof that Sires' Stakes opens doors for years."

"And our fillies? They now graduate into **\$50,000 Mares Classics**, adding valuable black type for the breeding barn."

🔑 **Don't Leave Your Horse Behind**

From potential champions to slow burners, **every foal and yearling deserves a shot** at the stakes-rich path Sires' Stakes offers.

📅 **Deadline: July 1st, 2025**

📄 **Foal Nominations, Yearling & 3YO Sustaining Payments**

💰 **Over \$2.5 million in stakes across our suite of Series**

You've got to be in it to win it. **Give your horse the ticket to opportunity**—nominate today.

Martin Pierson

NZ Sires' Stakes Executive

