



27 July 2021

On Tuesday July 20, 2021, the HRNZ board approved the following changes to the Handicapping Ratings system:

Action	Action	Date effective
Maiden winner	<p>That when a horse assessed as a maiden, wins its first race, its rating will move from MR to R for the level it was on e.g., MR50 will move to R50, MR46 to R46.</p> <p>Effectively the horse will start in the Ratings system at its current level.</p>	Immediately
Race Winners Matrix	The race winner's matrix to reflect the value of the stakes the horse is racing for. <u>Refer attached matrix.</u>	2 August 2021
5 <sup>th</sup> placing	<p>Create larger differential between 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and the also ran stake. 5<sup>th</sup> placing is now an also ran stake and attracts a -1 point in the handicapping ratings system. The also ran percentage will reduce from 2% to 1.75%. <u>For clarification refer to examples of stakes attached.</u></p> <p>Group and listed races remain unchanged except the also ran percentage will change from 2% to 1.75%.</p>	2 August 2021
2YO and 3YO concessions	<p>2YO and 3YO horses maintain their current concessions throughout the transition period (1 August – 31 December). The ratings caps will be removed for the transition period with the Handicapper given the ability to re-rate horses on 1 January 2022, that have been disaffected by the removal of the rating caps or that have climbed to an artificially inflated rating for performing in age group races.</p> <p>There will be additional 2YO and 3YO races programmed over the transition period to encourage this age group to race in their age groups. <u>Refer</u></p>	2 August 2021

	<p><u>attached transition programme</u>. Please note that these races will be programmed only if there are enough nominations.</p> <p>The 2YO and 3YO concessions are being reviewed as part of the change of birthday and any change to these for a new racing calendar of January 1 thru December 31. Any changes will be decided by the Board at the November meeting.</p>	<p>If changes then effective January 1, 2022</p>
<p>Penalty free race per season</p>	<p>Horses 4YO and older, up to rating 70, will be entitled to one free penalty free win per racing calendar year rather than per lifetime.</p> <p>This is to align with the change of horse's birthday.</p>	<p>January 1, 2022</p>
<p>Junior Concessions</p>	<p>Junior concessions are to be introduced for junior drivers to encourage owners/trainers to give juniors more opportunity. The concessions will be based on levels according to the number of wins a junior has driven. It will be possible for a junior to outdrive their claim.</p> <p>Research is being done on options: dropping a grade by the number of points; or only earning a reduced number of points. These will be considered at the November Board meeting for implementation for the new racing calendar year.</p>	<p>January1, 2021</p>

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