

December 2021

## Official Notice

### APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO SAFETY NUMBERS FOR APPROVED TRACKS REGULATION

On 2 December 2021, the HRNZ Board Special Committee approved the following changes to the Safety Numbers for Approved Tracks Regulation:

**1. GORE – Distance added of 2750m**

The rationale of adding the starting distance of 2750 for standing starts was to create more space at the starting point than what is provided by the 2700 metre starting point, based on a recommendation by John Denton during track inspections of the venue.

**2. GORE GRASS – Move 1800m mobile start point to 1750m**

Following the installation of the new plastic running rail, the mobile gate will no longer be able to pick the horses up from previous assembly point due to a lack of room. Therefore, a recommendation was supported to move the mobile starting position from 1800m to a new start point of 1750m. Horses will now gather in the chute at the top of the straight.

**3. RANGIORA – Change of starting limit from 2600m standing start to 14(8+6)**

Based on the recommendation of John Denton to place pylons around the entire circumference of the track, this necessitated the change in safety number for the 2600m start point from 15(9+6) to 14(8+6). This change is viewed as being temporary with the plan long term to remove the running rails, which will allow the safety number to revert to 9+6. The overall limit remains 15.

**4. TIMARU – New 2050 metre starting point added**

The addition of a 2050m start point for stands and mobiles (same limits as 2000m) will create a longer run to the first bend, producing better, fairer racing. This was also supported by the RIB Stewards.

A copy of the amended Safety Numbers for Approved Tracks Regulation (with changes marked up) is attached. These amendments are effective 2 December 2021.

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**SAFETY NUMBER FOR APPROVED TRACKS as at 2 December 2021**

These safety limits are prescribed by the Board pursuant to the Rules of Harness Racing.

Ashburton	AW – 1500, Field limit all distances & overall 16 (10+6), 2YO limit 15 (stand 10+5), mobile 9+5 Distances run – mile, 1700 (mobile), 2400, 3200
Auckland (Alexandra Park)	AW – 1000, Field limit 14 (8+6), overall limit 15, 2YO limit 13 (stand 8+5), mobile 8+5; 1188 (mobile) one line limit & field 8 Distances run – 1188 (mobile), mile, 1700, 2200, 2400, 2700, 3200
Avondale	Grass – 2000, Field limit 14 (9+5), overall limit 15, mobile 8+5 Distances run – Mobile: 2100, 2500 Stand: 2200, 3000
Balfour	Grass – 1600, Field limit 1800m – 12 (7+5); 2400 – 15 (10+5); 2600, 2700, 2800 – 13 (8+5), overall 15, 2YO limit 12 (7+5), mobile 8+5 Distances run – 1800, 2400, 2600, 2700, 2800
Blenheim (Waterlea)	Grass – 1609, Field limit all distances 14 (8+6), overall limit 16, 2YO limit 13 (8+5), mobile 8+6 Distances run – 2400, 2600, 1850, 2850
	AW – 1506, Field limit all distances 15 (9+6), overall limit 16, 2YO limit 14 (9+5), mobile (9+5), <u>except mobile mile (8+6)</u> Distances run – mile, 2000, 2300, 2400, 2700, 3200
Cambridge	AW – 1000, Field limit; mile – 12 (stand 7+5)(mob. 8+5), all other distances & overall 14 (8+6), 2YO limit 12 (8+4), mobile 8+5 Distances run – mile, 1700, 2200, 2700, 3200
Christchurch (Addington Raceway)	AW – 1200, Field limit; mile – 10 (stand 10-0)(mob. 6+4), 2400–13 (8+5), all other distances & overall 16 (10+6), 2YO limit 14 (stand 9+5)(mobile 8+5), mobile 9+5 Distances run – mile, 1950, 1980, 2000, 2400, 2600, 3200
Cromwell	Grass – 1625, Field limit 14 (9+5), overall 15, mobile 8+6 Distances run – 1800, 2020 (stand only), 2400, 2600
Dunedin (Forbury Park)	AW – 1000, Field limit; 1200 mobile 9(7+2), mile mobile 12(8+4), <u>1700 – 14 (8+6) mobile 13(8+5)</u> , 2400 – 13 (8+5) mobile(8+3), all other distances & overall 14 (8+6), 2YO limit 13 (8+5), mobile 8+6 Distances run – mile, 1700, 2200, 2400, (2600 trials), 2700, 3200
Ellerslie	2200 mobile, 12 (8+4)
Foxton	Grass – 1811, Field limit 15 (10 +5), overall 16, 2000, 2800 stands, 2000 mobiles 14 (9+5)
Gate Pa (Tauranga)	Grass – 1800, Field limit 14 (9+5), mobile 8+5, overall 16 Distances run – 1950 (mobiles), 2000, 2100, 2500, 2600, 3000
Geraldine (Orari)	Grass – 1678, Field limit; mile 12 (7+5), 1950 – 16 (10+6), 2400, 2500, 2600 – 15 (9+6), 2850 – 14 (8+6), 3000 - 13 (8+5), 3200 – 13 (8+5), overall 16, 2YO limit 12 (7+5) Distances run – mile, 1950, 2000, 2400, 2600, 3000, 3200. Mobiles: 1850 (9+5)
Gore	AW – 1000, Field limit; mile 12 (8+4 stand, 7+5 mobile), all other distances & overall 14 (8+6), 2YO limit 12 (stand 8+4) (mobile mile, 1700, 2200 7+5), mobile 8+6 Distances run – mile, 1700, 2200, 2400, 2600, 2700, 3200
	Grass – 1600, Field limit; 14 (8+6) mobiles, stand & overall 14 (8+6), 2YO mobile 1800 12(7+5). Distances run: Mobile: <b>1750</b> , 1800, 2600 Stand 2600, 2700, <b>2750</b>
Hawera	Grass–1800, Field limit; mile, 2000 (10+5), 2400 – 13 (8+5), 2100, 2300, 3200 – 14 (9+5), 2600, 3000 – 15 (10+5), overall 18, 2YO limit 13 (8+5), mobile 8+6 Distances run – mile, 1900, 2000, 2100, 2300, 2400, 2600, 3000, 3150, 3200 Inside Track – (Trials only- Grass) - Stands: 2350 : 14 (9+5) Mobiles: 2250: 13(8+5), 1609 13(8+5)
Hawkes Bay (Hastings)	Grass – 1700, Field limit all distances & overall 14 (9+5), mobile 8+5, Distances run – 1900, 2700, 3000
Hokitika	Grass - *****, Field limit & overall 13 (8+5) Distances run - *****

Invercargill (Ascot Park)	AW – 1000, Field limit all distances & overall 14 (8+6), 2YO limit 12 (stand 8+4)(mobile 8+4), mobile mile 8+4, other mobiles 8+6 Distances run – mile, 1700, 2200, 2400, 2700, 3200
	Grass – 1886, Field limit all distances 13 (7+6), mobile 13 (7+6), overall 15 Distance run - 2050
Kaikoura (South Bay R'Course)	AW – 1100, Field limit; mile, 3200 – 13 (8+5), 2400 – 14 (8+6), overall 16, 2YO limit 13 (8+5), mobile 1900 & 2400 (8+5) Distances run – mile, 1900, 2400, 3200
Kumeu	AW – 810, Field limit; 2400 – 8, 2550 – 9, overall 11, 2YO limit 9 (6+3), mobile 7+4 Distances run – 2150, 2550
Methven (Mt Harding R'Course)	Grass – 1400, Field limit; 1700 stand 14 (8+6), 1800 – 16 (11+5), 2300, 2400 – 15 (10+5), 3000 – 14 (9+5), overall 18, mobile 9+5 Distances run – mile, 1700, 1800, 2300, 2400, 3000
Motukarara	Grass – 1800, Field limit 2170 14(8+6) , 2810 15 (10+5), overall 18, 2YO limit 13 (8+5), mobile 9+5 Distances run – 2000 mobile, 2170, 2810 stands
	AW – 1000, Field limit; mile – 8 (one line), 1700 stand 12 (8+4) mobile 10 (8+2) , all other distances & overall 14 (9+5), 2YO 12 (8+4 stand & mobile), mobile 8+5 Distances run – 1700, 2200, 2400, 2600
Nelson (Richmond Park)	AW – 1450, Field limit – 15 (9+6), overall 16, 2YO limit 13 (8+5), mobile 9+5 Distances run – 1609, 2000, 2200, 2400, 3000, 3200
New Plymouth	Grass - 1600 Distances run 1700, 1750, 1800, 2600 mobile, mobiles 14 (8+6) Stands 14 (9+5) overall 16
Oamaru	Grass – 1800m, mobile 2000 14 (9+5), Stand mile, 2000, 3000 15 (10+5), overall 18
	AW – 1200, Field limit & overall 15 (9+6), 2YO limit 13 (8+5), mobile 9+5, 2400 stand (7+6) Distances run – 2000, 2400, 2600, 3200
Omakau	AW – 1200, Field limit 14 (8+6), overall 15, 2YO limit 14 (stand 8+6, mobile 8+5), mobile 8+6 Distances run – mile, 2000, 2400, 2600, 3200
Omoto	***** - ***** Field limit all distances & overall 13 (8+5) Distances run - *****
Otaki	Grass – 1800, Field limit all distances 14 (9+5), overall 16, 2YO limit 13 (stand 10+3, mobile 12 7+5), mobile 8+6 (track width problem) Distances run – mobiles 2000, 2100, stands 2200, 2700, 3000
Palmerston North (Manawatu R'way)	AW – 900, Field limit all distances 13 (8+5) & overall 15, 2YO limit 12 (8+4 stand & mobile), mobile 12 (7+5) except mobile mile 11 (6+5) Distances run – mile, 2000, 2400, 2500, 3000, 3200
Pirongia	Grass - ****, Field limit 13, 2200, 2400 stand (8+5)
Pukekohe	Grass - ****, Field limit 13, overall 15, mobile 2150 13 (8+5), stands 2300 13 (8+5)
	AW – 900, Field limit all distances & overall 13 (8+5), 2YO limit 10 (mobile 7+3), mobile 2050 & 2500 8+4 other distances 7+4 Distances run – mile, 2050, 2400, 2500, 2600, 3200
Rangiora	Grass – 1800, Field limit; mile 14 (9+5), distances 1950, 2000 stands 15 (9+6), distance 2600 stand 14 (8+6), distances 2400, 3200 15 (10+5), overall 15, 2YO limit 14 (stand 9+5, except 2600 stand 13 (8+5); mobiles 8+5), mobile 9+5 Distances run – mile, 1950, 2000, 2400, 2600, 3200
	AW – 1200, Field limit; 1390 & mile 10 (6+4), all other distances & overall 15 (9+6), 2YO limit 14 (stands 9+5, mobiles 8+5), mobile 9+5 Distances run – 1390 (mobile), mile, 2000, 2600, 3200
Reefton	Grass – 1149, Field limit all distances 15 (9+6), mobile 2450 14 (9+5), overall 16, 2YO limit 13 (8+5) Distances run – 2000, 2450, 2500, 2600, 3200
Riverton	Grass - ****, Field limit all distances & overall 16 (11+5), Distances run – 2000

Rotorua (Arawa Park)	Grass – 1600, Field limit; 1700 – 13 (8+5), all other distances except 2600 14 (9+5), overall 16, 2YO limit 13 (8+5 m & s), mobile 8+5 except mobile mile 8+4 Distances run – mile, 1700, 1800, 2100, 2400, 2600, 3200 – 2600 (stand only) 12 (7+5)
	Grass (Inside track) – 1470, Field limit all distances & overall 13 (8+5), 2YO limit 12 (mobile 8+4), mobile 8+4 Distances run – 1700, 2500, 3100
Roxburgh	AW – 1000, Field limit; mile, 2600, 2700 – 14 (9+5), 2180, 3200 – 12 (7+5), 2400 – 13 (8+5), overall 14, 2YO limit 12 (7+5), mobile 2180 only 12 (7+5) Distances run – mile, 2180, 2400, 2600, 2700, 3200
Ruakaka	AW – 1000, Field limit all distances & overall 14 (9+5), 2YO limit 13 (8+5), mobile 8+5 <u>except</u> mobile mile 8+4 Distances run – mile, 1700, 2200, 2400, 2600, 2700, 3200
	Grass – 2000, 2650 Stands 12 (7+5) Overall 14 : 2100 Mobiles 13 (8+5)
Stratford	Grass – 1600, Field limit all distances 15 (10+5), overall 18, 2YO 13 (8+5), mobile 8+6 Distances run – mile, 1800, 2000, 2400, 2600, 3200
	AW – 800, Field limit; 2200 – 13 (8+5 mobile), 2000 – 14 (9+5 stand), 2400, 2600 & 2YO limit 6
Tauherenikau	2000 mobiles, 14 (8+6)
Te Aroha	Grass – 1880, 2000, 2200, 2850 stands 14 (9+5), overall 16; 2100, 2250 mobiles 13 (8+5)
Te Awamutu	Grass- 1630, Field limit all distances & overall 14 (9+5), mobiles 13 (8+5) Distances run - Stands: 2100, 2200, 2450, 2600. Mobiles: 1800, 2600.
Thames (Parawai)	Grass – 1609, Field limit 2600 – 13 (8+5) overall for 2600 only, (mobile 8+5), 1700 mobiles – 12 (7+5), 2YO limit 12 (7+5), mobile 12 (7+5) Distances run – 1700, 2600
Timaru	AW – 1217, Field limit; mile 10 (6+4 mobile), 2400 – 13 (8+5), all other distances & overall 15 (9+6), 2YO limit 14 (9+5 stand)(8+5 mobile), mobile 9+5 Distances run – mile, 2000, 2050, 2400, 2600, 2700, 3200
Waikouaiti	Grass – 1550, Field limit; mile – 13 (8+5), 1900, 2400 – 14 (8+6), 2600 – 14 (8+6), 2700 13 (8+5), 3200 – 14 (8+6), overall 15, 2YO limit 13 (8+5), mobile mile, 1800 - 13 (8+5), <u>mobile 2600 – 14 (9+5)</u> Distances run – mile, 1800, 1900, 1950, 2400, 2600, 2700, 3200
Waimate	Grass – 1600, Field limit; 1700, 2000: 14 (8+6), 2600 – 14 (8+6), overall 16, 2YO limit 14 (8+6), mobiles 1700, 2600 14 (8+6) Distances run – 1700, 2000, 2600
Wanganui	Grass – 1600, Field limit all distances 14 (9+5), overall 18, 2YO limit 13 (8+5), mobile 14 (8+6) Distances run – 1800, 2000, 2650, 3200 - Stand 1800, 2650 14 (9+5)
Wellington (Trentham)	Grass – 1800, Field limit all distances & overall 15 (10+5), mobiles 9+5 <u>except</u> mobile mile 8+4 Distances run – 2000, 2400, 2600
Westport (Patterson Park)	Grass – 1206, Field limit all distances & overall 16 (10+6), mobile 2000 & 2600 14 (9+5), 2YO limit 14 (9+5) Distances run – 2000, 2600, 3200
	AW – 1150, Field limit all distances & overall 10 (7+3 stand & mobile), Distances run – 2400
Winton (Central S'thland R'way)	AW – 1500, Field limit; mile 13 (8+5) stands & mobiles, 1700 (7+5 stands)(7+5 mobile), 2400 – 14 (8+6), 3200 – 14 (8+6), overall 16, 2YO limit mobile 13 (8+5), mobile 8+6 Distances run – mile, 1700, 2000, 2400, 3200
Wingatui	Grass – 2007, Field Limit stands 15(10+5) & overall, Mobiles 14 (9+5) Distance run: 2200

Wyndham (Young Quinn R'way)	AW – 1500, Field limit standing start distances 14 (8+6), overall 16, 2YO limit 13 (8+5), mobile 8+6 Distances run – mile, 1700, 2400, 3200
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These are the maximum number of horses that may start off any one mark but for the purpose of setting the maximum that may start in one line (5) must be deducted from the above figures, e.g. if the safety number for any one mark is shown at 15 not more than 10 shall start from any one line with five (5) on the second line, unless otherwise shown. Please note Rules 860A(2) and (3) which permits more than five to start off the second line.