

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Revised Guiding Principles – 11 May 2017

The following revised Guiding Principles of the Ratings Handicapping System are the result of recent resolutions recommended by the Handicapping Sub-Committee, which were latterly ratified by the HRNZ Board. The following changes to the Guiding Principles are effective immediately.

RACE WINNERS (2YO) – Section B

12. 2YO pacers winning a totalisator race will receive a maximum of five (5) points for races of \$14,999 or less (advertised stake) but shall move to a Rating of at least R52 for their first win. 2YO fillies will not receive any further concession. Handicapper discretion downwards may be applied.
13. 2YO trotters winning a totalisator race will receive a maximum of four (4) points for races of \$14,999 or less (advertised stake) but shall move to a Rating of at least R52 for their first win. 2YO fillies will not receive any further concession. Handicapper discretion downwards may be applied.
14. 2YO horses (pacers and trotters) winning a race with an advertised stake of \$15,000 or greater will have the standard Guiding Principles applied.
15. Fillies and Mares racing their own sex (excluding non-win and 2YO only races) in races up to \$19,999 will receive at least a 2-point concession, from the standard principles as outlined above.
- ~~16. 2YOs racing their own age group in 2YO only races (pacers and trotters) under \$15,000 will receive four (4) points for races up to and including \$9,000 and five (5) points for races \$9,001-\$14,999.~~
- ~~17. 2YOs will still be eligible for the above concession if nominated for a 2YO race and are transferred to another race, providing the race originally nominated for is not run.~~

PLACED OR UNPLACED HORSES – Section C

1. Any horse placing second, third, fourth or fifth that earns a stake of \$2,000 or more in an Official Race will be subject to an increase in Rating by a minimum of one (1) point, at the discretion of the Handicapper. A horse placing fifth in a race with an advertised stake of \$20,000 or greater, that earns less than \$2,000, will remain on the same Rating, subject to the discretion of the Handicapper.
2. Any horse placing second or third in race worth more than \$9,000 (advertised stake) will be subject to an increase in Rating of one (1) point, at the discretion of the Handicapper.
3. In races up to and including \$9,000 (advertised stake) a horse will increase one (1) Rating point for placing second or third, at the discretion of the Handicapper. However, no horse shall be re-rated higher than the Rating it received following its last winning start or subsequent highest Rating, unless rated R54 or below.
4. A race-winning horse placing second or third in a race, from a Rating of R54 or below will receive a one (1) point Rating increase.

Andrew Morris
Handicapper