

# RATINGS - BANDED RACES AND BUSINESS RULES

- All horses intending to run in a Ratings banded race in the Northern Territory must have a rating formalized by the official handicapping panel assigned to the Northern Territory (TRSA Handicapping Panel) prior to nomination closing time.
- Only ratings issued by the TRSA handicapping panel for the Northern Territory will be recognized.
- Horses domiciled in the Northern Territory competing in other states will need to be re-rated on return to the Northern Territory. It cannot be assumed the interstate ratings will be directly correlated to the Northern Territory template rating or other templates.
- Horses will be eligible to nominate for races which have a rating qualification, if at the time of nomination they qualify in the specified Rating Band. Horses eligible at nomination time shall be permitted to compete regardless of any subsequent rating by virtue of re-handicap in that race even if that rating exceeds or drops below the top or bottom rating band in that race. Such penalized horses will be penalized in accordance with NT 127.
- Horses shall receive a handicap in a race according to their rating at close of Nomination time in line with the NT RBH template. Provided that any horse racing between the time of close of nominations and declaration of weight time may be re-rated by the handicapper in accordance with performances in this period.
- Fillies and Mares allowed a 2.0kg sex allowance. 2 & 3yo's allowed an allowance the same as the maiden scale.
- Set weight maiden scale is as follows:

## August-November

4yo and up geldings and entirees - 59.0kg;  
 4yo and up mares - 57.0kg;  
 3yo colts and geldings - 56.5kg;  
 3yo fillies - 54.5kg.

## December-March

4yo and up geldings and entirees - 59.0kg;  
 4yo and up mares - 57.0kg;  
 3yo colts and geldings - 57.5kg;  
 3yo fillies - 55.5kg;  
 2yo colts and geldings - 56.5kg;  
 2yo fillies - 54.5kg.

## April-July

4yo and up geldings and entirees - 59.0kg;  
 4yo and up mares - 57.0kg;  
 3yo colts and geldings - 58.5kg;  
 3yo fillies - 56.5kg;  
 2yo colts and geldings - 57.5kg;  
 2yo fillies - 55.5kg.

- All races are subject to AR167 and any rules that pertain to minimum and maximum weights, (notwithstanding re handicapped horses, see point 4).
- A horse running in a higher class event, than which they are eligible, may not automatically decrease in rating for an unplaced performance.

10. A horse running in a higher class event than which they are eligible and winning will be rated from the minimum weight, not their pre-race rating.

11. An open class horse will not be eligible to run in a 0-58 Rating race. (effective 1.02.09)

12. Superior performances ie. significant winning margin, will be treated accordingly at the discretion of the handicapper.

13. The Handicapper will use as a guide the following penalty scale:

FIELD SIZE	1ST	2ND	3RD
6 horses or less	+1.5kg	level	-0.5kg
7 horses or more	+2.0kg	+0.5kg	level

14. Any horse racing at the top of a Ratings Band (0-58, 0-62, 0-64, 0-66, 0-70, 0-76) for which it is eligible and runs a place will not be re-rated to push it out of that Band, however, if a horse is running in a higher Band and runs a place it may be re-rated out of a Band depending on performance. **NB:** Clause 14 does not apply to Benchmark 54 races.

15. A maiden horse which wins a race in the NT will be rated as follows: a set weights maiden winner – 56; the winner of a 0-64 ratings race and below, or a Class 2 – between 56 and 58; the winner of any other race – at the discretion of the Handicapper.

16. All maiden horses shall receive an interim rating by the handicapper to allocate a weight and to establish a ballot order.

17. All unraced horses nominated for their first start will receive a rating of 54.

18. Apprentices will be permitted to claim in maiden races.

*Date of Effect: 1st October 2018*

## NEW SAND / DIRT TRACK RATINGS SCALE

The following sand/dirt track ratings come into effect on 1st March 2015.

### RATINGS - DESCRIPTION FOR RATING

<b>Firm</b>	Compact /firm and at optimal efficiency
<b>Good</b>	More loosened surface than fast, some kickback may be evident
<b>Soft</b>	Surface looser than good, kickback evident
<b>Wet Fast</b>	Rain affected, track has surface water but base is solid and surface is compact (accounting for times similar to fast track)Rain