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SETTING OF PROGRAMMES AND STAKES FOR NT RACEMEETINGS

1. Setting of Programmes for NT Racemeeting

- a. Programming for the NT is in the main done by grouping the Clubs into 2 pools, as apart from the Cup Carnivals, very few horses move between Alice Springs and Darwin.
- b. The grouping is:
 - i. Darwin, Adelaide River, Pine Creek and Katherine
 - ii. Alice Springs and Tennant Creek
- c. Programming for a racemeeting is the most difficult task that has to be undertaken in racing.
- d. When programmes are being set it is imperative that they have continuity for horses by class and distance wherever possible.
- e. The success of a race meeting for a club in the NT does not depend on the class of horses that are racing, but more importantly on the number of horses in each race.
- f. If we offer continuity through each class and/or distance, there is a better chance of attracting a good number of runners.
- g. Therefore when the programmes are being put together, racedays within the two groupings must be looked at to ensure that the opportunities flow for each class of horse.
- h. Management draws up proposed programmes on a six-monthly basis (to fit in with the *Trackside* magazine production times). These are then discussed with the trainers and ROANT in both Darwin and Alice Springs. There are usually two or three drafts of the programme until there is agreement between the parties.
- i. The *Trackside* magazine will need to be published in May-June (1 August to 31 January) and early December (1 February to the 30 July, including the Darwin Cup Carnival) each year.
- j. To meet the publishing dates, the draft programmes will be circulated to Clubs for comment in mid-March and mid-October.
- k. Following the management's meeting with trainers and ROANT, the Clubs will be given two weeks to comment on the final programmes.
- l. These comments and any suggested changes will then be considered by the TRNT Board before being approved for publication.

2. Stakes

- m. The TRNT management prepares a draft stakemoney budget for consideration by the Board at their April meeting. This is then discussed and further consideration and work undertaken prior to the stakemoney levels being ratified at the June meeting of the TRNT Board, so that the *Trackside* magazine can be prepared. The NT Government needs to be informed of the outcome, including minimum number of wagering races to be conducted, no later than June 30.
- n. Ideally, the stakemoney budget for the 12-month period will be signed off at this time. However, with the *Trackside* magazine only being produced six-monthly, it may be that stakemoney for the second half of the season can be altered, but this would be an unusual occurrence and would need consideration by the Board.
- o. All Stakes will need to be confirmed by the TRNT Board before the *Trackside* magazine for the period is published.

3. Application procedure for change of programme and/or stakes

- p. If a Club wishes to amend their programme or level of stakes for any reason after the *Trackside* magazine is published, it must submit a request in writing to the TRNT Board for consideration.
- q. The TRNT Board, after discussing it with the Club and taking into account all factors including the impact such a change would make on racedays either side of that particular raceday, will then make their decision.
- r. The TRNT Board's decision will be final.

4. Travel (Freight) Rebates

- s. These are set by TRNT management and are to be ratified by the Board at the same time the stakemoney budget is approved (June).