



RNSW Benchmark Programming & Handicapping

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Enhancements to the system from 1 November 2010

The new benchmark programming and handicapping model was introduced in October 2009. As per its commitment at the time of launching, Racing NSW conducted a comprehensive review of the new and innovative system in 2010.

After considering industry feedback and consultation some enhancements were made to the system which took effect 1 November 2010:-

For country racing:-

- the reintroduction of Class 3 races,
- an increase to 59kg minimum topweight for handicap races to create a better spread of weights (maidens and two-year-olds excluded)
- the introduction of win restricted races to separate multiple winners from lightly-raced horses
- a discretionary weight allowance of 0 to 3kg to be applied by handicappers for country horses competing in metropolitan races

For all sectors:-

- an extra 1kg allowance for three-year-olds in staying races against older horses 1800m+
- the spreading of weights at acceptance time if the topweights don't accept for the race (maidens and two-year-olds excluded)
- the publishing of benchmarks for maiden horses after 10 starts (moved back from 3 starts)

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