

CHANGE IN NOMS/DRIVERS PROCEDURE

The Utilisation Reference Group (URG) recommended that the day and timing of acceptances and nominations be changed. In September the HRNZ board accepted the recommendations of the URG.

Part of the move towards a National Racing Bureau was to revise various processes relating to race fields and their production.

In an effort to streamline the release of fields each week, effective 02/12/2024, nominations and acceptances will be mirrored to the following deadlines:

Race day	Nominations	Acceptances Close
Tuesday	Thursday prior, 12.00pm	Thursday prior, 2.00pm
Wednesday	Friday prior, 12.00pm	Friday prior, 2.00pm
Thursday	Monday, 12:00pm	Monday, 2.00pm
Friday	Monday, 12:00pm	Monday, 2.00pm
Saturday	Tuesday, 12:00pm	Tuesday, 2.00pm
Sunday	Tuesday, 12:00pm	Tuesday, 2.00pm
Monday	Wednesday, 12.00pm	Wednesday, 2.00pm

This change will ensure fields are released on the same day as acceptances. It is noted that certain race days around various holidays, e.g. two day meetings will require flexibility around their second day.

Furthermore, the practice of publishing “last start drivers” next to horses when fields are released will also be discontinued, effective 02/12/2024. Trainers will have the option of listing a driver when they nominate, otherwise the expectation will be that a driver is notified by the deadline specified. This ensures that with the TAB releasing fixed odds markets rapidly, information available from a wagering perspective is accurate.