

Harness Racing Victoria advises participants national ratings are now live.

As of May 1, horses have been allocated their national rating in accordance with their current assessment as per the below table:

### Cutover Table

Class	Points
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3C0/3C1	50
3C2/ C0	50

Horses assessed no faster than M1	C1	55
	C2	60
	C3	65
	C4	70
	C5	75
	C6	80
	C7	85
	C8+	90

Horses assessed M2 or better	M2	95
	M3	100
	M4	105
	M5	110
	M6	115
	M7+	120

For the purposes of cutover only, each horse’s rating was adjusted by applying their last five racing performances against the Ratings Points Matrix (below). The adjusted value is only retained if it is less than that of the Cutover Table.

**Rating Points Matrix**

Race Stake \$	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6 <sup>th</sup> - Last
0 - 2,500	2	0	0	0	0	0
2,500 - 4,999	3	1	0	0	0	-1
5,000 - 8,499	4	1	0	0	0	-1
8,500 - 14,999	5	1	0	0	0	-1
15,000 - 49,999	6	2	1	0	0	-2
50,000+	7	2	1	0	0	0

**Example A:**

Class (1 May): M0 C1 55

Last 5 starts		
Race Stakes	Place	Points
\$4,500	4 <sup>th</sup>	0
\$7,000	3 <sup>rd</sup>	0
\$7,000	9 <sup>th</sup>	-1
\$4,500	5 <sup>th</sup>	0
\$7,000	6 <sup>th</sup>	-1
Accrued variance:		-2

Adjusted Rating: 53\*

Cutover rating: 53

\*Adjusted rating is less than that of the table so that value applies.

**Example B:**

Class (1 May): M0 C4 70

Last 5 starts		
Race Stakes	Place	Points
\$10,000	5 <sup>th</sup>	0
\$7,000	1 <sup>st</sup>	4
\$7,000	6 <sup>th</sup>	-1
\$20,000	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1
\$7,000	3 <sup>rd</sup>	0
Accrued variance:		+4

Adjusted Rating: 74\*

Cutover rating: 70

\*Adjusted rating is greater than that of the cutover table so it reverts back to that original value.

The cutover applied to all 3YO+ horses currently registered in Australia that have raced in the previous 2 years.

Current 2YOs will have their national rating calculated by applying their racing performances for the season against the Ratings Points Matrix as at midnight 30 June. These are calculated progressively and are also currently available in line with the rest of the horse population.

(Reminder: 2YOs commence racing at 40 points and upon turning 3YO are brought up to a minimum of 50)

The initial national rating allocated was a direct correlation of each horse's class at the time of cutover, not on their overall record or achievements on the racetrack.

For the months of May and June:

- Racing will continue under the class system as per normal (M/C/R)
- Each horse's national rating is now live and will accrue via racing performances in accordance with the Ratings Points Matrix.
- National ratings and classes operate totally independent of each other

Ratings racing environment will commence 1 July.

The national rating for each horse is visible on HarnessWeb and the national website adjacent to where the class appears.

National Rules for the Ratings Based Handicapping System in their entirety will be issued in the coming weeks.