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Black type status approval

The Australian Pattern Committee (AusPC) has approved Tasracing's application to move the black type status of the Premium Stakes (currently conducted as the tattsbet.com.au stakes) to the Conquering Stakes to be run in December.

The Premium Stakes did not reach the benchmark rating as set by the AusPC in 2015, particularly as it was competing against the \$200,000 WFA Australia Stakes at Moonee Valley run in the same week.

Tasracing chief executive officer Dr Eliot Forbes, said to protect the status of the race, Tasracing, after consultation with the Tasmanian Turf Club (TTC) and the Thoroughbred Advisory Network, applied to move the black type status to the Conquering Stakes.

"This race has achieved ratings in excess of the Listed benchmark for the past three years," he said.

The TTC Conquering Stakes, WFA will now be conducted for prize money of \$100,000 on Wednesday 9 December 2015.

Dr Forbes said the Conquering Stakes was ideally scheduled in between the Listed Newmarket Stakes and the Listed Tasmanian Stakes, allowing an ideal progression for those horses targeting the Hobart and Launceston Cups while also attracting the state's best sprinters / milers.

The Tattsbet.com.au stakes will continue in its current format at 1200 metres WFA but with prize money of \$50,000.

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