

# IMPORTANT INDUSTRY NOTICE

## RATINGS HANDICAPPING UPDATE

As we enter our fifth month under the new Ratings Based Handicapping System it is important to gather feedback from the industry as we prepare for the six-month review.

Each state will meet early in 2020 to discuss the performance of the Handicapping system including any possible modifications going forward.

Common areas so far identified by local industry participants include:

- 1) 3YO's and inexperienced horses – opportunities and earning potential reduced?
- 2) 2YO points transition
- 3) Concession driver tier – number of wins too high for Tasmania
- 4) Being able to drop back too far

These amongst other items have been discussed during regular teleconferences with all states.

It seems stakeholders from most states also feel strongly about 3YO's and how they fare under the Ratings system.

If modifications to the system are supported strongly enough by the majority of the industry there may be a chance for change after the six-month review.

If you feel strongly enough that change or some tinkering to the system is necessary, you should speak up now and offer possible solutions to consider going forward.

In general terms racing under the Ratings Based Handicapping System has demonstrated a significant reduction in short priced favourites \$1.60 or less and more competitive racing with shorter margins between first and last. Wagering service providers and administrators across the country have provided very encouraging feedback and full support for the Ratings system based on the results they are experiencing, some even describing as “the most positive reform in the sports history”.

**You are encouraged to relay your thoughts prior to the end of this year in writing by email to [racing@tasracing.com.au](mailto:racing@tasracing.com.au) or mail to Ange Barrett, Tasracing, PO Box 730, Glenorchy, Tas, 7010.**