

REVIEW OF SIX MONTH TRIAL OF RATINGS BANDED RACES IN VICTORIA

RVL sent out a questionnaire to all trainers subsequent to the Victorian trial period to assess general knowledge of the implementation and associated rules with Ratings Banded Races. During the trial period RVL programmed both ratings races and races under the class system.

1. 81.2% of trainers nominated for Ratings Races
2. 88% of trainers were aware that a Ratings win incurred one class
3. 82% of trainers said their horses had more options with the addition of Ratings Races
4. 89% of trainers believed their horses careers would be extended with the addition of Ratings Races
5. 93% of trainers supported the continuation of Ratings Races
6. 83% of trainers supported the continuation of a mix of the present class system and Ratings races
7. Only 25% of trainers supported the complete replacement of the class system with Ratings races.