

Metropolitan Tiara Series

The Metropolitan Tiara Series is a joint initiative between HRNZ, NZMTC and the NZSSBA. Alongside the higher-level pathways created for fillies and mares an opportunity has been identified for lower graded mares to race through spring and culminate in a final on one of racing's biggest days, alongside a newly anointed Group 2 mares' race, The Adore Me.

The Metropolitan Tiara series will run over three heats and a final for 4YO & Older pacing mares rated from R35 to R45.

Full series details and conditions are as follows:

Heat 1	16 October	NZ Metro	1980m	\$17,000
Heat 2	23 October	NZ Metro	1980m	\$17,000
Heat 3	06 November	NZ Metro	1980m	\$17,000
Final	13 November	NZ Metro	1980m	\$40,000

Series Conditions:

1. This series is restricted to 4YO & Older Pacing Mares rated R35-R45 at the time of acceptance for the nominated heat and subject to the Handicapping Regulations.
2. Heats will be selected on Ratings (highest to lowest). Non winners will not be permitted to enter a heat.
3. Heats will be conducted as Sequential Preferential Draws on Ratings then Winning Stakes, as will the Final. Up to two emergencies may be selected for the Heats and Final.
4. Horses must have competed in a heat, been balloted out, eliminated from a heat or been an acceptor for a heat that was not run to be eligible to contest the final.
5. To be run a Heat it will need to have a minimum of six acceptors.
6. Any horse winning two Heats will be ineligible to contest any further series heats.
7. Horses qualified for the Final remain eligible, even if their rating ascends above R45.
8. The series Final will be selected as follows, from performances in the heats: First Preference; horses placed first, Second Preference; horses placed second, Third Preference; horses Placing Third, Fourth Preference; horses placing fourth. In the event of a tie for any qualification position that affects Final selection, horses' second series start, if applicable, will act as tiebreaker. If a tie still exists, the HRNZ Bureau will make the final determination of selection order.
9. The balance of the field for the Final will be selected by the HRNZ Bureau based on performances in heats.
10. Any horse placing in the first four of any qualifying heat will not be permitted to accept for any other race on the same programme as the Final (Friday 13 November).
11. Any matters arising from this series not covered by these conditions or the Rules & Regulations of HRNZ will be determined by the HRNZ Head of Racing & Wagering.
12. In the event of unforeseen or extraordinary circumstances HRNZ reserves the right to alter or amend the conditions of this series.