

20 ADDINGTON 25 CUP WEEK — NOVEMBER 11TH - 14TH —

RANKING SYSTEM TO SELECT THE FIELD FOR THE 2025 IRT NEW ZEALAND TROTTING CUP

The field for the 2025 IRT New Zealand Trotting Cup will be determined by a ranking system.

A ranking panel has been assembled and will include:

- HRNZ Head of Racing and Wagering
- HRNZ Handicapper
- NZMTC Racing Manager
- NZMTC Racing Secretary
- NZMTC Board Representative

The rankings that this panel decide on will determine the final field for the 2025 IRT New Zealand Trotting Cup.

Nominations will close on **Thursday 28 August 2025** and initial rankings will be available on **Thursday 4 September 2025**.

Rankings will be updated and published on the HRNZ website each Wednesday and thereafter until final rankings are completed.

The final rankings will be released as soon as practical after the final Late Nomination Fee, due date, and time for the IRT New Zealand Trotting Cup which is set at **1pm (NZ Time) on Tuesday 4 November 2025**.

For the initial rankings, horses shall be ranked in the following descending order if nominated:

- First 2024 New Zealand Trotting Cup **Swayzee**
- First 31 December 2024 Auckland Trotting Cup **Republican Party**
- First 2025 Inter-Dominion Final **Leap To Fame**

- Overall lifetime performance, with priority given to competitiveness and performances in Group Races between 1 August 2024 and 28 August 2025.

Following the initial ranking process the following horses will be granted automatic entry if nominated:

- First 2025 Maurice Holmes Vase to be held 22 August 2025
- First 2025 New Brighton Cup to be held 5 September 2025
- First 2025 Holmes DG Pace to be held 3 October 2025
- First 2025 Canterbury Classic to be held 17 October 2025

- Then competitiveness and performances in all Races from 29 August 2025, with priority given to Group Races.