

Racing Rewards Easter Showcase – 19 April 2025

Qualifying Conditions and Eligibility

For horses aged four-year-old and older, rated R57 or below on 01 January 2025. Horses remain eligible even if their rating ascends above R57 within the qualifying period.

Horses will accrue points in relation to the starts they have over the qualification period, linked to their performance (Official Placings). In this instance the qualifying period is 1 January 2025 to 13 April 2025, inclusive (at conclusion of Methven TC meeting).

Each start a horse has within the qualification period is multiplied by the number of wins (x 1), the number of seconds (x 0.5), the number of thirds (x 0.33) and the number of fourths (x 0.25). The four figures are then aggregated to give a 'Racing Rewards Score', which will place the horse within the Racing Rewards rankings.

To be eligible to contest a Racing Rewards Easter Showcase race, a horse must have had a minimum of **five starts** within qualification period.

The top 42 ranked pacers nominated will be selected, the top 32 ranked trotters nominated will be selected then split into fields, based on ratings. In Pacing Racing Rewards races there will be a maximum of three fields of 14 acceptors. In Trotting Racing Rewards races there will be a maximum of two fields with 16 acceptors, and up to two rating-specific emergencies per race.

All eligible 'R' rated horses (winners) shall be ranked ahead of eligible non-race winners (MR rated, including Non-Tote 2YO winners).

In the event of a tie for any qualifying position horses will be separated by counting back to the horse with highest rating, if a tie still exists then the horse with the most lifetime wins will be ranked ahead of the horse with fewer lifetime wins.

There is no distinction between a dead-heat and a standard placing in reference to points allocation.

Nominations for the respective races shall be made with the NZ Metropolitan TC, in the normal manner, per the advertised programme (by noon, Tuesday 15 April).

Racing Rewards Easter Showcase 19 April 2025 - Race Conditions

Pacing Division – for up to R57 4YO & Older, with five or more starts from 1 January 2025 to 13 April 2025.

- Pacers Racing Rewards Showcase – three \$30,000 races, with a maximum of 14 starters.
- Race Conditions: 2600m mobile, Preferential Barrier Draws based on Ratings and Winning Stakes.
- Stakes: Of \$30,000 (\$16,500, \$4,650, \$2,2850, \$1,800, others \$525)
- The top 42 ranked nominated horses are determined, then split in fields up to a maximum of three 14-horse races.
- As these races are Preferential Barrier Draws, no Emergencies will be permitted.
- Should any Non-Winner make a final field their rating number (e.g. 45) places them within the qualified horses.

Trotting Division – for up to R57 4YO & Older, with five or more starts from 1 January 2025 to 13 April 2025.

- Trotters Racing Rewards Showcase – two \$30,000 races, with a maximum of 16 starters.
- Race Conditions: 2600m Special Handicap, Front: R35-R50, 10 metres: R51-R57, 20 metres: R58-R70. 30 metres R71 & Faster
- Stakes: Of \$30,000 (\$16,500, \$4,650, \$2,285, \$1,800, others \$525)
- The top 32 ranked nominated horses are determined, then split in fields up to a maximum of two 16-horse races.
- Should any Non-Winners make a final field they will be placed alongside the rating R35 race-winners for splitting purposes.
- Up to two Emergencies may be selected. The Emergencies will be the next eligible qualified horses, relative to the respective rating bands of the races that are declared.

Splitting the Racing Rewards Showcase Fields

Once the fields are selected, the splits will be made based on Ratings. Where there are horses on the same rating that require separation, this will be conducted based on Winning Stakes. If a tie still exists, the horses will be separated based on highest career rating achieved. If a tie remains the horses will be separated by lot.

Other Conditions/Contingencies

In the event there are fewer than the allowable maximum number of acceptors for either the pacing or trotting Racing Rewards Showcase races, the splits of the respective races will be determined by the host club in consultation with HRNZ.

If the numbers of acceptors result in there being fewer than 12 acceptors per or for any given the race, the host club, in consultation with HRNZ reserves the right to reduce the number of Racing Rewards Showcase races.

Any horse accepted into a race(s) at Waikato BOP Harness OR NZ Metropolitan TC on 15 April, Winton HRC 17 April, or Auckland TC 17 April will lose its selection preference for its nominated Racing Rewards Showcase race, if there are more than capacity fields of acceptors for the respective division.

In the event the Racing Rewards Showcase races are oversubscribed with acceptors, the club, in consultation with HRNZ may add an additional race.

Any other matter that requires a decision that is not covered by these conditions or HRNZ Regulations will be done so by the CEO of HRNZ.

There are no nomination or acceptance fees payable for these races.