

Canterbury Plains Challenge Series Conditions

This Series is designed for 5YO & Older Pacers rated R35 to R39 at the time of Nomination for each respective heat. The series is scheduled to comprise of 10 heats, a Final and a Consolation (should numbers allow).

1. All heats will be programmed for 5YO & Older Pacers rated from R35 to R39.
2. Eligibility for heats will be determined at nomination and acceptance time via the R35 to R39 5YO & Older Pacing Conditions
3. To be eligible to contest the Final (\$30,000) or Consolation a horse must have had at least one start in a heat of this series, and a minimum of two race starts within the qualification period of 11 April to 12 May.
4. All heat winners will automatically qualify for the Final on 17 May at the NZ Metropolitan TC's meeting, provided they have had a minimum of two totalisator race starts within the qualification period (11 April to 12 May). Additional starts do not have to be in heats of this series.
5. The remainder of the field for the Final and Consolation will be determined by the following points system in the heats: Second Place – 7 points, Third - 5 points, Fourth - 3 points, Fifth – 2 points, all other starters 1 point. In the event there is a tie for any position, a countback will be conducted, based on the highest placing achieved in the heats. If still tied the countback will revert to the next best placing. If still tied horses will be split based on lifetime stake earnings, with the highest earnings winning the countback.
6. All heats will be run as Preferential Barrier Draw based on Earnings in the last 5 Starts. The Final and Consolation will be run as Random Barrier Draws.
7. Heats will be selected on Ratings (highest to lowest). The field size for the heats, Final and Consolation will be per the club's safety limit (14 horses).
8. If a horse wins two heats of this series it will be ineligible to contest any further heats.
9. Horses remain eligible for the Final, even if their rating ascends above R39.
10. Those horses nominated for and selected to start in the Final must contest the Final. A horse cannot nominate for the Consolation, only.
11. Nominations for the Final act as the nominations for the Consolation, also. To be eligible for the Consolation a horse must be nominated for the Final.
12. In the event a horse is balloted in the Final and subsequently gains a start in the Final it will be an automatic scratching from the Consolation.
13. Other than heats being selected on Ratings (highest to lowest), the Special Conditions of each Programme will be applicable in Field Selection. i.e. Selection Preference for heats will be given to horses that are not already accepted at another meeting. Late Nominations will be selected behind horses nominated at the original closing time.
14. In the event there are fewer than 10 acceptors for the Consolation the host club reserves the right to abandon that race.

Schedule of Races

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Stake</u>
11 April	Thursday	NZ Metro TC	Heat 1	1980m	\$12,500
14 April	Sunday	Methven TC	Heat 2	2300m	\$12,500
18 April	Thursday	NZ Metro TC	Heat 3	2600m	\$12,500
19 April	Friday	Ashburton TC	Heat 4	1700m	\$12,500
28 April	Sunday	Rangiora HRC	Heat 5	2000m	\$12,500
28 April	Sunday	Rangiora HRC	Heat 6	2000m	\$12,500
1 May	Wednesday	NZ Metro TC	Heat 7	1980m	\$12,500
5 May	Sunday	Rangiora HRC	Heat 8	2600m	\$12,500
8 May	Wednesday	NZ Metro TC	Heat 9	1980m	\$12,500
12 May	Sunday	Ashburton TC	Heat 10	2400m	\$12,500
17 May	Friday	NZ Metro TC	Final	2600m	\$30,000
19 May	Sunday	Rangiora HRC	Consolation	2600m	\$12,500