

Country Championship

Qualifying races will be run at various venues across New Zealand commencing from 1 August 2021. The concept is to be inclusive and create generous opportunities for horses across the nation. So horses from Auckland to Invercargill that may be a notch below those elite horses have an ultimate goal, at Easter, in the Championship.

Horses become eligible for the \$100,000 Country Cups Championship by competing in a minimum of three Country Cup qualifying races. Once horses have fulfilled the three-start criteria, selection will be based on success in the qualifying races. On this day there will also be six \$30,000 ratings finals - four pacing and two trotting races. All eligible ratings horses will go into one pool from which the races will be split by ratings to make up strong competitive fields.

