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First Race Starts: 5:30 pm**Race 1, 2 R35 TO R50 DISCRETIONARY HANDICAP TROT 2200m (Tentative)**  
Of \$15000

For R35 to R50 trotters. Refer special conditions section for full Metro Series conditions for this series. Maximum back mark in Heats & Final 20m. First 5 placed runners from the Heats run on 23rd January are automatic qualifiers for the Final \$35,000 to be run on 30th January 2026 should they be nominated. Should a horse win both a Heat and the Final, the Final will be plenty free.

**Race 3 R51 & FASTER DISCRETIONARY HANDICAP TROT 2200m (Tentative)**  
Of \$15000

For R51 & faster trotters. The winner will get a rating penalty free win if 4YO and older, and driven by a Junior Driver, and has not previously won a rating penalty free race this season.

**Race 4 2YO FILLIES MOBILE PACE 1700m (Tentative)**  
Of \$17000

For 2-year-old pacing fillies. Refer Full Series Conditions on HRNZ website. Heat 2 Feb 20th, Heat 3 March 6th. Final \$100,000 Group 1 March 20th, 2026. Note: Heats 1 & 2 Random Draws. Heat 3 PBD based on Winning Stakes from the Heats. The Final will have a Random Draw.

**Race 5 2YO COLTS & GELDINGS MOBILE PACE 1700m (Tentative)**  
Of \$17000

For 2-year-old pacing colts & geldings. Refer Full Series Conditions on HRNZ website. Heat 2 Feb 20th, Heat 3 March 6th. Final \$100,000 Group 1 March 20th, 2026. Note: Heats 1 & 2 Random Draws. Heat 3 PBD based on Winning Stakes from the Heats. The Final will have a Random Draw.

**Race 6 NON-WINNERS MOBILE PACE 2200m (Tentative)**  
Of \$15000**Race 7, 8 R35 TO R50 MOBILE PACE 2200m (Tentative)**  
Of \$15000

For R35 to R50 pacers. Preferential Barrier Draw Based on: Rating then Winning Stakes using the track grid. Refer special conditions section for full Metro Series conditions for this series. First 5 placed runners from the Heats run on 23rd January are automatic qualifiers for the Final \$35,000 to be run on 30th January 2026 should they be nominated. Should a horse win both a Heat and the Final, the Final will be plenty free.

**Race 9 R51 TO R65 MOBILE PACE 1700m (Tentative)**  
Of \$15000

For R51 to R65 pacers. Preferential Barrier Draw Based on: Rating then Winning Stakes using the track grid. The winner will get a rating penalty free win if 4YO and older, and driven by a Junior Driver, and has not previously won a rating penalty free race this season.

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**Special Conditions****1. RATINGS PROGRAMME**

The programme for this meeting is ratings based. It is a likely indication of the programme that will be in place for the meeting. Where it is required changes will be made to the final programme after the close of withdrawals. Ratings bands and other conditions shown only serve as an indication as to how races will likely be programmed. As nominations permit race conditions will be programmed to ensure horses can race in a competitive environment whilst also optimising field sizes and where possible ensuring as many horses as possible gain a start.

**2. ONE NOMINATION**

Trainers are advised that a horse may only be nominated for One Race at this meeting. Trainers do however have the right to Transfer their horse(s) following the close of Nominations. The Club reserves the right to transfer any horse deemed necessary, unless trainers specify that their horse(s) is NOT to be Transferred.

**3. RESTRICTED PROGRAMME**

Owners and Trainers please note that this programme is restricted to nine races.

**4. METRO TROTTERS**

Maximum back mark in Heats & Final 20m. First 5 placed runners from the Heats run on 23rd January are automatic qualifiers for the Final \$35,000 to be run on 30th January 2026 should they be nominated. Should a horse win both a Heat and the Final, the Final will be plenty free. Those automatic qualifiers for the Final are not eligible for any other race on the night of the Final, 30 January 2026.

**5. METRO PACERS**

Heats and Final Preferential Barrier Draws Based on: Rating then Winning Stakes using the track grid. First 5 placed runners from the Heats run on 23rd January are automatic qualifiers for the Final \$35,000 to be run on 30th January 2026 should they be nominated. Should a horse win both a Heat and the Final, the Final will be plenty free. Those automatic qualifiers for the Final are not eligible for any other race on the night of the Final, 30 January 2026.

**Nominations Close** YOUNG GUNS HEATS - Mon, Jan 19, 2026 @ 12:00 noon  
**Withdrawals Close** Mon, Jan 19, 2026 @ 2:00 pm  
**Drivers Notified** Tue, Jan 20, 2026 @ 2:00 pm

**Contact Details**

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