

Meeting: Young Guns Heats
Raceday: YOUNG GUNS HEATS - Friday, February 20, 2026 at Alexandra Park, Auckland
(TV)

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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 Series Conditions. Heats and Finals limited to 12 starters. First three placed runners from the heats run on 13th & 20th February are automatic qualifiers for the final run on 27th February should they be nominated. Should a horse win both a Heat and the Final, the Final will be plenty free. Maximum back marks for heats and the final 20m.

Race 3 R51 & FASTER DISCRETIONARY HANDICAP TROT 2200m (Tentative)
Of \$17000

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 Sequential 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 Sequential 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 4YO & OLDER R35 TO R45 MOBILE PACE JUN.DRV 2200m (Tentative)**
Of \$15000

For R35 to R45 4yo-&-older pacers. This race is for Junior Drivers only and has a Preferential Barrier Draw Based on: Rating then Winning Stakes using the track grid. Rating Penalty Free Race.

Race 8, 9 R35 TO R50 MOBILE PACE 2200m (Tentative)
Of \$15000

For R35 to R50 pacers. Preferential Barrier Draw Based on: Winning Stakes using the track grid. Refer Series Conditions. Heats and Finals limited to 12 starters. First three placed runners from the heats run on 13th & 20th February are automatic qualifiers for the final run on 27th February should they be nominated. Those automatic qualifiers for the Final are not eligible for any other race on the night of the Final, 27 February 2026. Should a horse win both a Heat and the Final, the Final will be plenty free. Please Note: The preferential barrier draws on 13 Feb will be based on Rating/Winning Stakes. The preferential barrier draws on 20 Feb will be based on Winning Stakes.

Race 10 R51 & FASTER MOBILE PACE 1609m (Tentative)
Of \$17000

For R51 & faster pacers. 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 ten races.

Nominations Close YOUNG GUNS HEATS - Mon, Feb 16, 2026 @ 12:00 noon
Withdrawals Close Mon, Feb 16, 2026 @ 2:00 pm
Drivers Notified Tue, Feb 17, 2026 @ 2:00 pm

Contact Details

Nominations, Withdrawals, Drivers, Scratchings:
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