

Meeting: Metro Finals/Northern Breeders Stakes  
Raceday: METRO FINALS/NORTHERN BREEDERS STAKES - Friday, February 27, 2026  
at Alexandra Park, Auckland (TV)

First Race Starts: 5:30 pm

**Race 1 NON-WINNERS TROT 2200m (Tentative)**  
Of \$15000

**Race 2 R35 TO R50 DISCRETIONARY HANDICAP TROT 2700m (Tentative)**  
Of \$15000

For R35 to R50 trotters.

**Race 3 A GROUP 3 RACE R45 & FASTER FILLIES & MARES TROT 2700m (Tentative)**  
Of \$40000

For R45 & faster trotting fillies & mares. Please Note: This race has a maximum back mark of 30m.

**Race 4 R35 & FASTER DISCRETIONARY HANDICAP TROT 2200m (Tentative)**  
Of \$35000

For R35 & faster trotters. Eligible to nominate, horses who ran in the Heats on 13th or 20th February 2026. Penalty Free should a horse win a Heat and the Final. 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 5 R51 & FASTER TROT 2700m (Tentative)**  
Of \$17000

For R51 & faster trotters.

**Race 6 NON-WINNERS MOBILE PACE 2200m (Tentative)**  
Of \$15000

For Preferential Barrier Draw Based on: Sex (fillies and mares drawn inside colts, geldings and entire) using the track grid.

**Race 7 R35 TO R45 MOBILE PACE 2200m (Tentative)**  
Of \$15000

For R35 to R45 pacers. Preferential Barrier Draw Based on: 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. For horses who have had a minimum of three (3) starts at a North Island track (excluding Alexandra Park) since 1 December 2025 and up to 19 February 2026 inclusive. Selection preference to horses with the most starts as per the criteria during this period.

**Race 8 R35 & FASTER MOBILE PACE 2200m (Tentative)**  
Of \$35000

For R35 & faster pacers. Preferential Barrier Draw Based on: Rating then Winning Stakes using the track grid. Eligible to nominate, horses who ran in the Heats on 13th or 20th February 2026. Penalty Free should a horse win a Heat and the Final. 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 9, 10 UP TO & INCLUDING R70 MOBILE PACE 2200m (Tentative)**  
Of \$17000

For up to & including R70 pacers. Ratings and or conditions may be used when determining the splits for these races. Preferential barrier draws may apply should it be deemed necessary to ensure overall fairness to all horses given the ratings spread in these races. The lower rating of these two races to be run for a stake of \$15,000.

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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** METRO FINALS/NORTHERN BREEDERS STAKES - Mon, Feb 23, 2026 @ 12:00 noon  
**Withdrawals Close** Mon, Feb 23, 2026 @ 2:00 pm  
**Drivers Notified** Tue, Feb 24, 2026 @ 2:00 pm

**Contact Details**

Nominations, Withdrawals, Drivers, Scratchings:  
Contact HRNZ Bureau or Kevin Smith 0274 358 560  
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