

First Race Starts: 12:00 noon

Race 1 NON-WINNERS 3YO & OLDER TROT 2400m (Tentative)
Of \$12000

For 3yo-&-older trotters.

Race 2, 3 4YO & OLDER R35 TO R45 SPECHCP TROT INV.DRV 2400m (Tentative)
Of \$11000

For R35 to R45 4yo-&-older trotters. Front: R35 to R40. 10m: R41 to R45. This race is for Invited Drivers only. Rating Penalty Free Race. These races are part of the Placemakers Ashburton - Matt Smith Construction Drivers' Challenge. For more information see Special Condition 7. These races will be limited to 12 starters & selected on Ratings (highest to lowest). Drivers to be drawn to horses once the race fields are completed.

Race 4 NON-WINNERS 3YO & OLDER MOBILE PACE 2300m (Tentative)
Of \$12000

For 3yo-&-older pacers.

Race 5 NON-WINNERS 3YO & OLDER PACE 2400m (Tentative)
Of \$12000

For 3yo-&-older pacers.

Race 6 5YO & OLDER R35 MOBILE PACE 2300m (Tentative)
Of \$10000

For R35 5yo-&-older pacers. Preferential Barrier Draw Based on: Earnings in the last 4 starts using the track grid.

Race 7 4YO & OLDER R35 TO R40 PACE INV.DRV 2400m (Tentative)
Of \$11000

For R35 to R40 4yo-&-older pacers. This race is for Invited Drivers only. Rating Penalty Free Race. This race are part of the Placemakers Ashburton - Matt Smith Construction Drivers' Challenge. For more information see Special Condition 7. This race will be limited to 12 starters & selected on Ratings (highest to lowest). Drivers to be drawn to horses once the race fields are completed.

Race 8, 9 4YO & OLDER R35 TO R45 MOBILE PACE INV.DRV 2300m (Tentative)
Of \$11000

For R35 to R45 4yo-&-older pacers. This race is for Invited Drivers only. Rating Penalty Free Race. These races are part of the Placemakers Ashburton - Matt Smith Construction Drivers' Challenge. For more information see Special Condition 7. These races will be limited to 12 starters & selected on Ratings (highest to lowest). Drivers to be drawn to horses once the race fields are completed.

Race 10 R50 & FASTER DISCRETIONARY HANDICAP PACE 3000m (Tentative)
Of \$20000

For R50 & faster pacers. This race is included in the COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Meeting: DRIVERS' CHALLENGE RACEDAY
Raceday: DRIVERS' CHALLENGE RACEDAY - Sunday, April 12, 2026 at Mt Harding
Racecourse, Methven (TV)

Special Conditions

1. ONE NOM PER HORSE

NOTE: A horse may only nominate for one race on the programme, the trainer has the right to transfer the horse if he / she wishes, and may advise the club at the time of nomination whether the horse is to be transferred or not.

2. DUAL ACCEPTORS

Selection Preference for this meeting, in the first instance, will be given to horses that are not already accepted into a race(s) at another meeting.

3. LATE NOMINATIONS

In the event Nominated are extended for any races or the meeting, selection preference will be given to those horses that Nominated at the original closing time. Except in the case of Non-Win races, where Field Selection Regulations take precedence or where specific race or series conditions are Programmed.

4. ELIGIBILITY

Any horse is eligible to nominate & accept for a race that has a higher Rating than it has. However, preference will be given in the first instance to horses that the race caters for in terms of Rating. Races Programmed with an 'R' rating will see preference given to 'R' rated horses over 'MR' rated horses.

5. FIELD SELECTION

Field Selection for this meeting will be conducted in line with the Handicapping Regulations for non-win or non-win front races. That being; first and second preference horses will be selected in the first instances and thereafter at club's discretion. All other races will be selected at the club's discretion or per the conditions attached to each Programmed race.

6. SPLITTING FIELDS

In the event any race or races are split on the Programme, unless specific in the individual race conditions, races will be split and selected at the club's discretion, with consideration given to Ratings in the first instance.

7. PLACEMAKERS ASH'-MATT SMITH CONSTRUCTION CHALLENGE

1. Four teams of three drivers will contest the five DRIVERS CHALLENGE races. The four teams are as follows: RISING STARS - Wilson House, Sam Thornley, Harrison Orange. PREMIERSHIP LEADERS: Ricky May, Zachery Butcher, John Dunn. LEADING LADIES: Sam Ottley, Sheree Tomlinson, Crystal Hackett. METHVEN: Gerard O'Reilly, Johnny Morrison, Sarah O'Reilly.
2. In those five specific races drivers will be randomly drawn.
3. The drivers will be drawn in their respective races by the club at the completion of the acceptances for this meeting.
4. In the event of a scratching...
5. Drivers will accrue points in the following manner. The first place = 5 points, second place = 3 points, third place = 2 points, 4th place = 1 point.
7. The team that accrues the most points across the designated races will be crowned the winner. In the event of a tie a countback will be used. In the first instance to the team with the most first placings, secondly the team with the most second placings. Thirdly, the team with the most third placings.
8. In the event any listed drivers are unavailable, the alternates, will be: Jim Curtin, Kim Butt, Riley Harrison, Leo O'Reilly.
9. Across all races in this competition competing drivers will wear their own designated colours, which will be displayed in official form guides, including the on-course racebook.
10. In the event any circumstances arise that are not covered by these conditions, the CEO of HRNZ will make the final determination.

Nominations Close DRIVERS' CHALLENGE RACEDAY - Tue, Apr 07, 2026 @ 12:00 noon
Withdrawals Close Tue, Apr 07, 2026 @ 2:00 pm
Drivers Notified Wed, Apr 08, 2026 @ 2:00 pm

Contact Details

The HRNZ Bureau - Meeting Contact: Richard Bromley
Nominations, Withdrawals, Drivers, Scratchings
Telephone: 021-888-900
Email: bromerz88@gmail.com or bureau@hrnz.co.nz

Laurence Hanrahan, President
Richard Bromley, Raceday Secretary