

Country Championship Qualifying Schedule 2026

Index	Race	Distance	Status	Date	Club	Venue	Stake
1	Kurow Cup	2600	Silver	17-Aug	Kurow	Oamaru	20,000
2	Timaru Cup	2600	Gold	28-Sept	Timaru	Timaru	25,000
3	Akaroa Cup	2810	Silver	12-Oct	Akaroa	Motukarara	20,000
4	Tuapeka Cup	2700	Silver	26-Oct	Tuapeka	Invercargill	20,000
5	Waimate Cup	2850	Silver	26-Oct	Waimate	Timaru (Gass)	20,000
6	Thames Country Cup	2200	Silver	14-Nov	Waikato BOP	Cambridge	20,000
7	Franklin County Cup	2700	Gold	5-Dec	Auckland	Auckland	25,000
8	Geraldine Cup	2850	Gold	6-Dec	Geraldine	Geraldine	25,000
9	Rangiora Cup	2600	Gold	14-Dec	Rangiora	Rangiora (Grass)	25,000
10	Cambridge Xmas Cup	2700	Gold	24-Dec	Waikato BOP	Cambridge	25,000
11	Westport Cup	3200	Gold	26-Dec	Westport	Westport	25,000
12	Gore Cup	2700	Gold	27-Dec	Gore	Gore	25,000
13	Banks Peninsula Pacers Cup	2810	Silver	29-Dec	Banks Peninsula	Motukarara	20,000
14	Reefton Cup	2500	Gold	30-Dec	Reefton	Reefton	25,000
15	Roxburgh Cup	2700	Gold	4-Jan	Roxburgh	Roxburgh	25,000
16	Nelson Cup	2400	Gold	9-Jan	Nelson	Nelson	25,000
17	Otaki Cup	2200	Silver	15-Jan	Kapiti Coast	Otaki	20,000
18	Marlborough Cup	2850	Gold	18-Jan	Marlborough	Marlborough	25,000
19	Stratford Cup	2100	Silver	18-Jan	Hawera	Hawera	20,000
20	Hawera Cup	2100	Silver	20-Jan	Hawera	Hawera	20,000
21	Riverton Cup	2800	Silver	25-Jan	Riverton	Riverton	20,000
22	Lake Taupo Summer Cup	2600	Silver	26-Jan	Waikato BOP	Taupo	20,000
23	Waikouaiti Cup	3000	Silver	1-Feb	Waikouaiti	Oamaru (Grass)	20,000
24	Amberley Cup	2600	Gold	6-Feb	Amberley	Rangiora (Grass)	25,000
25	Wairio Cup	2400	Gold	8-Feb	Wairio	Winton	25,000
26	Hororata Cup	3000	Silver	8-Feb	Hororata	Methven	20,000
27	Ashburton Cup	3200	Gold	22-Feb	Ashburton	Ashburton	25,000
28	The Fruit Bowl	2600	Silver	22-Feb	Wyndham	Cromwell	20,000
29	Kawatiri Cup	2600	Silver	6-Mar	Westport	Westport	20,000
30	Inangahua Grey Valley Cup	2500	Silver	8-Mar	Reefton	Reefton	20,000
31	Palmerston North Country Cup	2500	Silver	12-Mar	Manawatu	Manawatu	20,000
32	Hunter Cup	2400	Gold	19-Mar	Wyndham	Wyndham	25,000
33	Wyndham Cup	3200	Gold	29-Mar	Wyndham	Wyndham	25,000
34	Bay Of Plenty Cup	2200	Gold	2-Apr	Waikato BOP	Cambridge	25,000
35	"The Race" Country Cup	2700	Gold	10-Apr	Waikato BOP	Cambridge	25,000
36	Mount Hutt Cup	3000	Silver	12-Apr	Methven	Methven	20,000
37	Winton Cup	2400	Gold	12-Apr	Winton	Winton	25,000
38	Cheviot Cup	2600	Gold	19-Apr	Cheviot	Addington	25,000
39	Waimakariri Cup	2600	Gold	26-Apr	Rangiora	Rangiora	25,000
40	Manawatu Country Cup	2000	Silver	28-Apr	Manawatu	Manawatu	20,000
41	Festival Cup	2500	Gold	30-Apr	Manawatu	Manawatu	25,000
42	Country Cup Championship	3200	Final	22-May	NZ Metro	Addington	100,000

PLEASE NOTE: Race Names & Distances are subject to change. Consult Official Programmes for complete information