

2019 NZ JUNIOR DRIVER CHAMPIONSHIP

GUIDELINES

These conditions govern the conduct of the NZ Junior Driver Championship. They are made by the board pursuant to the Rules of Racing.

The qualifying period for the 2019 NZ Junior Driver Championship is 1 August 2018 to 10 June 2019. Within that qualification period Junior Drivers will earn points by three different methods. Firstly, in junior drivers only races. Secondly, in races that carry the condition for races to be Penalty Free if won by a Junior Driver (Regional Junior Drivers races). Lastly, in every other race for which a junior driver competes.

Points will be allocated to Junior Drivers' within the qualifying period on the following basis:

From 1 August - 10 June:

Junior Driver only races: 1st 12 points, 2nd 7, 3rd 5, 4th 3, 5th 2.

'Regional Junior Driver Races': 1st 5 points, 2nd 3, 3rd 2.

'All other races': 1st equals 3 points, 2nd 2 or 3rd 1.

The top six points scorers in each island at the conclusion of the qualifying period shall qualify to compete in the NZ Junior Driver Championship at Addington Raceway on Friday 5th July and Rangiora Raceway on Sunday 7th July 2019.

All horsepersons holding a Junior Driver's license at the start or have gained a licence during the current season will be eligible to compete.

In the event of an equality of points for any position at the conclusion of the qualifying period (June 10 2019), placings will be determined by the following count-back procedure.

(a) On the basis of the greatest number of wins in Junior Driver races for the qualifying period.

(b) On the basis of the greatest number of lifetime wins.

The NZ Junior Driver Championship shall be conducted over four races. Each race shall comprise of 12 starters with up to 2 emergencies in each case.

Championship races shall be run under the track safety limits of the host clubs/venues.

The re-entry time for Championship races shall be 12.00pm on the day of the meeting for a night meeting and 7.30am on the day of the meeting for a day meeting

No driver shall be allowed to drive a horse that he/she regularly works, trains or drives.

In the event a driver changes location (islands) within the qualifying period, the location where the greatest amount of time has been spent within the qualifying period shall be the island of representation for the championship.

The allocation of drivers for the first race of the Championship shall be made by lot. In subsequent races the allocation of drives shall be rotated in accordance with the following table:

Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4
1	4,5,6	7,8,9	10,11,12
2	4,5,6	7,8,9	10,11,12
3	4,5,6	7,8,9	10,11,12
4	7,8,9	10,11,12	1,2,3
5	7,8,9	10,11,12	1,2,3
6	7,8,9	10,11,12	1,2,3
7	10,11,12	1,2,3	4,5,6
8	10,11,12	1,2,3	4,5,6
9	10,11,12	1,2,3	4,5,6
10	1,2,3	4,5,6	7,8,9
11	1,2,3	4,5,6	7,8,9
12	1,2,3	4,5,6	7,8,9

Should the championship be contested over three races, instead of four, the barrier allocation will change from the above groups of three draws to four draws. In the case where just two races make up the championship six barrier draws will make up the respective grouping for the two heats.

Points awarded for each of the NZ Junior Driver Championship races shall be:

1st	17 points	7th	6 points
2nd	12 points	8th	5 points
3rd	10 points	9th	4 points
4th	9 points	10th	3 points
5th	8 points	11th	2 points
6th	7 points	12th	1 point

In the event of a dead heat for any place, the drivers of the dead heaters shall share equally the total points earned by the two, shared placings.

In the event of only 11 or less starters competing in a Championship race, points will be allocated from first place through to the last placed runner as per the above schedule.

In the event of a tie for first place following the 2019 NZ Junior Driver Championship, final placings shall be determined by applying the following count back procedure:

- (a) On the basis of number of wins in the Championship races.
- (b) On the basis of the number of seconds in the Championship races.
- (c) On the basis of the number of thirds in the Championship races.
- (d) On the Basis of the number of Junior Driver races won during the season.
- (e) On the basis of the total number of races won for the season.
- (f) On the basis of total lifetime wins.

In the event of a Junior Driver selected to compete in the NZ Junior Driver Championship being suspended or unable to compete due to accident, illness or for any other reason, within 24 hours of the first race of the Championship the host clubs shall arrange a substitute Junior Driver but no points shall be awarded to that driver. If no substitute Junior Driver is available the horse shall be scratched. If the driver is unavailable prior to 24 hours before the first race of the Championship, the next qualifying Junior Driver will be offered the place in the Championship.

In the event of a scratching which prevents a selected driver from participating in any Championship race, 7 points will be added to his/her Championship tally.

In the event of a runner being disqualified, from any finishing position. The competing driver of the disqualified runner will receive 1 point.

The NZ Junior Driver Championship will also determine the Island that wins the challenge trophy. To determine the winning island points from each competitor will be added to their respective island's total. The Island with the most points over the Championship will be awarded the challenge trophy. In the event of a tie the same count back procedure will be used which determines the individual champion.

Driving Fees will be paid to junior drivers competing in the championship.

If any matter should arise concerning the NZ Junior Driver Championship, which is not covered by these regulations, it shall be determined by the Chairman of Harness Racing New Zealand, whose decision shall be final.

The winner of the 2019 New Zealand Junior Driver Championship will gain a spot in the 2019/20 season of the Australasian Young Driver Championships as long as they meet the below criteria:

All drivers must be under 25 years old at the commencement of the 2019/20 season and must have been a New Zealand Junior Driver during the qualifying period (2018/19 season). If these conditions are not met by the Driver, the position will be offered to the next qualifying Junior Driver.