

# **2019 New Zealand Amateur Drivers Championship**

These conditions govern the conduct of the NZ Amateur Drivers Championship. They are made by the Board, pursuant to the Rules of Harness Racing.

1. For the purposes of handicapping, the races on which the series will be determined shall be Rating Penalty Free (subject to clause 11 of the Handicapping System Regulations) to the horses winning these races.
2. The top six drivers will be selected from each of the regional competitions in both the North and South Islands to make a total of twelve drivers who will compete in the Championship set to be run over four races: one at HR Waikato Thursday 16 May, one at NZ Metropolitan TC Friday 24 May and two at Rangiora HRC Sunday 26 May.
3. Each race in the series shall be restricted to no more than 12 starters.
4. 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. Each race in the series shall be restricted to no more than 12 starters.
5. As far as possible the total number of races for the series shall be four, with twelve starters in each race and with each driver participating.
6. The allocation of drivers for the first race of the Championship shall be made by random lot. In subsequent races the allocation of drives shall be rotated in accordance with the following tables. Should additional or fewer races be run then the tables below will be adapted appropriately by HRNZ staff in conjunction with NZADA.
7. In the event there is a fifth heat run, owing to an excess of Nominations for any other heat(s), the last of the five heats will be randomly drawn.

## **Four Heat Draw Rotation:**

Draw	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Heat 4
1	Random	4,5,6	7,8,9	10,11,12
2	Random	4,5,6	7,8,9	10,11,12
3	Random	4,5,6	7,8,9	10,11,12
4	Random	7,8,9	10,11,12	1,2,3
5	Random	7,8,9	10,11,12	1,2,3
6	Random	7,8,9	10,11,12	1,2,3
7	Random	10,11,12	1,2,3	4,5,6
8	Random	10,11,12	1,2,3	4,5,6
9	Random	10,11,12	1,2,3	4,5,6
10	Random	1,2,3	4,5,6	7,8,9
11	Random	1,2,3	4,5,6	7,8,9
12	Random	1,2,3	4,5,6	7,8,9

**Three Heat Draw Rotation:**

Draw	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	
1	Random	5,6,7,8	9,10,11,12	
2	Random	5,6,7,8	9,10,11,12	
3	Random	5,6,7,8	9,10,11,12	
4	Random	5,6,7,8	9,10,11,12	
5	Random	9,10,11,12	1,2,3,4	
6	Random	9,10,11,12	1,2,3,4	
7	Random	9,10,11,12	1,2,3,4	
8	Random	9,10,11,12	1,2,3,4	
9	Random	1,2,3,4	5,6,7,8	
10	Random	1,2,3,4	5,6,7,8	
11	Random	1,2,3,4	5,6,7,8	
12	Random	1,2,3,4	5,6,7,8	

8. Points awarded for each of the Championship races shall be:

Placing	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Points	13	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

- 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 table.
- In the case of a dead heat of two or more horses sharing the same place, everyone will be given the score he/she would have received if he/she had been alone in that place.
- The driver of disqualified horses will earn 1 point only.

9. If there are insufficient acceptors for a race which prevents a selected driver from participating in any Championship points will be added to his/her Championship tally based on the following table

STARTERS	8 or less	9 or 10	11 or 12
Points	9	8	7

10. In the event of a tie for any position on the points table, the driver with the most number of winning drives in the Championship races shall be declared the winner; if still tied the greater number of second placed drives and so on until the winner is declared.
11. All drivers must compete in all races in the Series, unless unable to do so because of illness, injury or exceptional circumstances.
12. Competing drivers are as follows: Ival Brownlee, Peter Cook, Alan Edge, Bruce Hadley, Neil Munro, Sheldon Murtha, Colleen Negus, Steve Phillips, Warren Rich, Cheree Wigg, Sheryl Wigg, Blair Wilmott.