

# Australasian Young Drivers

## QUALIFYING CRITERIA - NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR DRIVERS 2025

Harness Racing New Zealand will nominate three (3) Junior Drivers to compete in the 2025 Australasian Young Drivers Championships. Each of the 3 drivers will be selected by the following criteria:

- 1) The winner of the 2024 Junior Drivers Premiership
- 2) The leading South Island Junior Driver (by number of wins) as at 11.59pm, June 1, 2025
- 3) The leading North Island Junior Driver (by number of wins) as at 11.59pm, June 1, 2025

Sam Thornley is automatically re-invited as the Defending Champion in 2025 after being victorious in 2024.

Should The 2024 Junior Drivers Premiership winner also be the leading North/South Island Junior Driver as at 11.59pm, June 1, 2025, or Sam Thornley is successful in either of the three outlined criteria, HRNZ will invoke a Wild Card nomination to fill the vacant nomination. Wild Cards will be determined by the Chief Executive Officer of HRNZ, HRNZ Head of Racing & Wagering, and the HRNZ Handicapper.

In the event of a tie for the Leading South Island or Leading North Island Junior Driver positions as at 11:59pm on June 1, 2025, the selection will be determined based on UDR for the period January 1, 2025 to June 1, 2025.

In a situation where an issue may arise relating to any of the above, the CEO of HRNZ will be the sole adjudicator of resolution.

All drivers must be under 25-years-old at the commencement of the Australian 2025 season to be eligible.

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