

ADDINGTON CUP WEEK

10TH - 13TH NOVEMBER 2026

RANKING SYSTEM TO SELECT THE FIELD FOR THE 2026 NEW ZEALAND TROTTING CUP

The field for the 2026 New Zealand Trotting Cup will be determined by a ranking system.

A ranking panel has been assembled and will include:

- HRNZ Head of Racing and Wagering
- HRNZ Handicapper
- NZMTC Racing Manager
- NZMTC Racing Secretary
- NZMTC Board Representative

The rankings that this panel decide on will determine the final field for the 2026 New Zealand Trotting Cup.

Nominations will close on **Monday 17 August 2026** and initial rankings will be available on **Thursday 20 August 2026**.

Rankings will be updated and published on the HRNZ website each Wednesday at 10am and thereafter until final rankings are completed.

Following the Kaikōura Cup on Monday 2 November 2026, the final rankings will be released as soon as practical on Tuesday 3 November 2026.

For the initial rankings, horses shall be ranked in the following descending order if nominated:

- First 2025 New Zealand Trotting Cup **Kingman**
- First 2025 Auckland Trotting Cup **Republican Party**
- First 2026 Inter-Dominion Final **Captains Mistress**
- Overall lifetime performance, with priority given to competitiveness and performances in Group Races between 1 August 2025 and 17 August 2026.

Following the initial ranking process the following horses will be granted automatic entry if nominated:

- First 2026 Maurice Holmes Vase to be held 21 August 2026
- First 2026 New Brighton Cup to be held 4 September 2026
- First 2026 Holmes DG to be held 2 October 2026
- First 2026 Canterbury Classic to be held 16 October 2026
- Then competitiveness and performances in all Races from 18 August 2026, with priority given to Group Races.