

Rangiora HRC 2026 May Graduation Series Conditions

ANNE THOMPSON MEMORIAL PACING GRADUATION SERIES

1. The Rangiora HRC 3YO & Older Non-Win Pacer Graduation series is scheduled to consist of four heats and a final. The four heats will be as follows: two heats run at the 26 April meeting, two heats run at the 03 May meeting. The final will be run at the Rangiora HRC meeting on 17 May 2025.
2. To be eligible to contest the final a horse must have started in at least one heat, been balloted out or eliminated from a heat or been an acceptor for a heat that was abandoned.
3. The first three placegetters in each heat will be automatic qualifiers and guaranteed a start in the final, if nominated. The balance of the field will be made up of starters in the heats, at the HRNZ Bureau's discretion, then accepted horses that were balloted out or eliminated.
4. All heats will be run as 2000m mobiles. These races will be for Non-Win 3YO & Older Pacers, for a stake of \$12,500.
5. The final of the series will be run as a 2000m mobile, with a random barrier draw, for a stake of \$20,000. However, any horse winning a heat and an additional totalisator race(s) prior to the final will be given the Least Preferential Barrier Draw based on the Rangiora Racecourse Preferential Barrier Draw Grid. In the event there is more than one horse that has won an additional race(s), the horse with the highest Winning Stakes will draw the Least Preferential Barrier then the next highest. In the event a horse wins an additional Race(s) the Final will be conducted as a Manual Draw by the HRNZ Handicapper.
6. In the event any race in this series has nine or fewer acceptors the HRNZ Bureau reserves the right to abandon said race.
7. Any horse that is an automatic qualifier for this graduation final will not be permitted to start in any other race at the meeting of the final on 17 May 2026.
8. A nomination for the final must be made to the HRNZ Bureau in the normal manner, even if a horse is an automatic qualifier.
9. Any horse automatically qualified for the final of this series that accepts to start at the NZ Metropolitan TC meetings on Wednesday 13 May or on Friday 15 May 2026 will forfeit its automatic qualifier status and be reliant on the HRNZ Bureau's discretion, if it is to be selected to start in the final.
10. Selection for the heats will be per the Handicapping Regulations and the discretion of the HRNZ Bureau.
11. A pacer winning a heat of this series on 26 April will be ineligible to contest the heats on 03 May.

ANNE THOMPSON MEMORIAL TROTTER GRADUATION SERIES

1. The Rangiora HRC 3YO & Older Non-Win Trotter Graduation series is scheduled to consist of two heats and a final. The two heats will be as follows: heat one run at the 26 April meeting, heat two run at the 03 May meeting. The final will be run at the Rangiora HRC meeting on 17 May 2025.
2. To be eligible to contest the final a horse must have started in at least one heat, been balloted out or eliminated from a heat or been an acceptor for a heat that was abandoned.
3. The first four placegetters in each heat will be automatic qualifiers and guaranteed a start in the final, if nominated. The balance of the field will be made up of starters in the heats, at the HRNZ Bureau's discretion, then accepted horses that were balloted out or eliminated.
4. Heat one on 26 April will be run as a 2600m standing start. This race will be for Non-Win 3YO & Older Trotters, for a stake of \$12,500. Heat two will be run on 03 May will be run as a 2000m standing start. This race will be for Non-Win 3YO & Older Trotters, for a stake of \$12,500.

5. The final of the series will be run over 2600m standing start, be a random draw and be run for a stake of \$20,000. Non win and 1-Win trotters will start from the front line. Any trotter winning two or more races will start from a 20-metre handicap.
6. In the event any race in this series has nine or fewer acceptors the HRNZ Bureau reserves the right to abandon said race.
7. Any horse that is an automatic qualifier for this graduation final will not be permitted to start in any other race at the meeting of the final on 17 May 2026.
8. A nomination for the final must be made to the HRNZ Bureau in the normal manner, even if a horse is an automatic qualifier.
9. Any horse automatically qualified for the final of this series that accepts to start at the NZ Metropolitan TC meetings on Wednesday 13 May or Friday 15 May 2026 will forfeit its automatic qualifier status and be reliant on the HRNZ Bureau's discretion, if it is to be selected to start in the final.
10. Selection for the heats will be per the Handicapping Regulations and the discretion of the HRNZ Bureau.
11. A trotter winning a heat of this series on 26 April will be ineligible to contest the heat on 03 May.

General Conditions:

All races in these series will be run under the Rules and Regulations of HRNZ. In the event a horse wins a heat and the final of either series, the final win will be Rating Penalty Free.

In the event there are extraordinary entries for any heat(s), the HRNZ Bureau, in consultation with the club reserves the right to stage an additional Graduation Series Heat(s). Such a change may require the Final qualifying conditions of the series to be altered to accommodate the increase.

In the event of circumstances beyond the club's or HRNZ Bureau's control, rights are reserved to alter the conditions or dates of this series.

In the event nominations for the heats or final of this series are not full the club reserves the right to extend the closing of nominations.

There will be no consolations run of these series.