

2026 Cambridge Rewards

The regular racing pattern at Cambridge Raceway through spring offers an opportunity to reward those horses racing at the venue through that period.

The Cambridge Rewards consists of one Trotting and two Pacing races on Thursday 29 October 2026. All three races will be run for a stake of \$15,000.

To be eligible for the \$15,000 Cambridge Rewards races to be run on 29 October 2026, a horse must have a minimum of three race starts across the seven race meetings from 10 September through to 22 October.

The two Pacing Rewards will be run with fields of 13 horses to be split based on ratings. There will be one Special Handicap Trotting Rewards race run consisting of a maximum of 14 starters.

Qualifying Cambridge Raceway race meetings are as follows:

Thursday 10 September, 17 September, 24 September, 1 October, 8 October, 15 October, 22 October

General Conditions:

1. The Cambridge Rewards will be open to four-year-old and older Pacers and Trotters rated up to R45 as of 1 September 2026. Non win and Unqualified horse on 1 September 2026 are also eligible to qualify for the Cambridge Rewards races.
2. To be eligible for the Cambridge Rewards 4YO & Older horses must have had a minimum of **three** starts at Cambridge raceway meetings from 10 September 2026 to 22 October 2026.
3. Selection for the respective Cambridge Rewards races will be on a points basis, provided horses have met the three-start eligibility threshold. **First: 7 points, Second: 5 Points, Third: 3 Points, Fourth 2 points, All other placings: 1 point.**
4. Both trotting and Pacing section races will be run over 2200m for a stake of \$15,000. The pacing races will be mobile starts, drawn by Sequential Preferential Barrier based on Rating then Winning Stakes. The Trotters Reward Race will be a Special Handicap with the following provisions: R35-R40 Front, R41-R45 10m, R46-R50 20m, R51-R55 30m, R56 & Faster 40m. One rating-specific emergency may be selected for each pacing race. Two emergencies may be selected for the trotting race.
5. Once the qualifiers are determined, fields are selected and split by Ratings. Where there are horses on the same rating that require separation, they will be separated based on Winning Stakes. If a tie still exists, the horses will be separated based on highest career rating achieved. If a tie remains the horses will be separated by lot.
6. In the event there are fewer than the allowable maximum number of acceptors for any Cambridge Rewards races, the required splits will be determined by the HRNZ Bureau.
7. Horses qualifying within the top 14 trotters and top 26 pacers for the Cambridge Rewards will not be permitted to accepted for any other race on the 29 October Waikato BOP Programme or the Auckland TC Programme of 30 October.
8. The three Cambridge Rewards races will be for race winners only.
9. Any matters arising from this series not covered by these conditions or the Rules & Regulations of HRNZ will be determined by the HRNZ Head of Racing & Wagering.
10. In the event of unforeseen or extraordinary circumstances HRNZ reserves the right to alter or amend the conditions of this series.