



RICCARTON PARK – CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB

2025/26 SEASON RACE DATES *(Released Wednesday 21 May 2025)*

1. Sat 2 August 2025	Grand National Festival 1st Day	Licence type F	10 races	11am
2. Wed 6 August 2025	GNF 2nd Day, Synthetic Season 8th Day	Licence type F	10 races	Noon
3. Sat 9 August 2025	Grand National Festival 3rd Day	Licence type F	10 races	11am
4. Thu 21 August 2025	Synthetic Racing Season 9th Day	Licence type F	8 races	Noon
• Shifted off the Saturday which was a one-off in 2024.				
5. Wed 27 August 2025	Synthetic Racing Season 10th Day	Licence type I	8 races	Noon
• Shifted off Thursday to Wednesday.				
6. Sat 30 August 2025	Spring Racing Season 1st Day	Licence type F	8 races	Noon
7. Thu 11 September 2025	Synthetic Racing Season 11th Day	Licence type I	8 races	Noon
• Shifted off Wednesday to Thursday.				
8. Sat 13 September 2025	Spring Racing Season 2nd Day	Licence type F	8 races	Noon
9. Sat 27 September 2025	Spring Racing Season 3rd Day	Licence type F	8 races	Noon
• Riccarton Park-North Canterbury. This meeting disappeared from the draft calendar and has been reinstated.				
10. Sat 25 October 2025	Spring Racing Season 4th Day	Licence type F	8 races	Noon
11. Sat 8 November 2025	New Zealand Cup Meeting 1st Day	Licence type P	10 races	Noon
12. Wed 12 November 2025	New Zealand Cup Meeting 2nd Day	Licence type P	10 races	2pm
13. Sat 15 November 2025	New Zealand Cup Meeting 3rd Day	Licence type Iconic	10 races	Noon
14. Fri 5 December 2025	Christmas at the Races Meeting	Licence type F	8 races	3pm
• Riccarton Park-North Canterbury. To be held on the Polytrack.				
15. Wed 14 January 2026	Summer Racing Season 1st Day	Licence type I	8 races	3pm
16. Sat 24 January 2026	Summer Racing Season 2nd Day	Licence type F	8 races	Noon
17. Wed 4 February 2026	Summer Racing Season 3rd Day	Licence type I	8 races	3pm
• Banks Peninsula Racing Club.				
18. Wed 18 February 2026	Summer Racing Season 4th Day	Licence type I	8 races	3pm
19. Wed 4 March 2026	March Meeting	Licence type I	8 races	3pm
• Riccarton Park-Amberley.				
20. Sat 21 March 2026	Autumn Racing Season 1st Day	Licence type F	8 races	Noon
• Riccarton Park-Hororata.				
21. Sat 11 April 2026	Autumn Racing Season 2nd Day	Licence type F	8 races	Noon
22. Sat 25 April 2026	Autumn Racing Season 3rd Day	Licence type F	8 races	1 pm
• ANZAC Day public holiday will start after 1pm – Probably an 8 race programme.				
23. Thu 30 April 2026	Synthetic Racing Season 1st Day	Licence type I	8 races	Noon
24. Sat 2 May 2026	Autumn Racing Season 4th Day	Licence type F	8 races	Noon
• Riccarton Park-Riccarton Turf.				
25. Thu 14 May 2026	Synthetic Racing Season 2nd Day	Licence type F	8 races	Noon
26. Wed 27 May 2026	Synthetic Racing Season 3rd Day	Licence type I	8 races	12:30 pm
• Shifted off Thursday to Wednesday.				
27. Wed 10 June 2026	Synthetic Racing Season 4th Day	Licence type I	8 races	12:30 pm
• Riccarton Park-Riccarton Turf.				
28. Sat 20 June 2026	Mid-Winter Christmas Meeting	Licence type F	8 races	Noon
• Riccarton Park-Amberley. Matariki Public Holiday is on Friday 10 July 2026.				
29. Thu 25 June 2026	Synthetic Racing Season 5th Day	Licence type I	8 races	Noon
30. Wed 8 July 2026	Synthetic Racing Season 6th Day	Licence type I	8 races	Noon
31. Thu 23 July 2026	Synthetic Racing Season 7th Day	Licence type I	8 races	Noon

Day summary: 14 Saturdays, 10 Wednesdays, 6 Thursday, 1 Friday.