

Mini Trots

TASMANIAN MINI TROTS RACING CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2022 – APRIL 2023





Mini Drivers Season 21/22 Back Row Alec McDonald, Faith Colgrave, Tamsyn Davis, Jackson Burke, Lauren Rattray, Tayla Spring, Amber Spring, **Front Row** Nate Ford, Alex Ford, Kenzie Rattray and Iylah Ford.

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Welcome to the *It's Why We Race Tasmanian Mini Trots Season 2022/23*.

On behalf of the host harness racing clubs, we can't wait to welcome all our Mini Trots Drivers back to the track.

Tasracing has taken on the naming rights to the season, so we will be running as the *It's Why We Race Mini Trots*.

Our aim for the *It's Why We Race* campaign is to show the public how fantastic an industry, career and lifestyle racing is. And of course, how much we all care for our animals like they are one of the family.

Aligning the *It's Why We Race* message with Mini Trots will help get the message out to more young people throughout the community.

Best of luck to you, the next generation of Tasmanian harness racing heroes. Thank you to the parents, friends and family who will no doubt play a big part in getting you to the track ready to go!

Andrew Jenkins
Chief Executive Officer (Acting)

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Front Cover

Amber Spring

Winner of the 20/21 Mini trot award

Mini Trot Ambassador 21/22



Amber Spring **The 2021/2022 Mini Trot award winner**

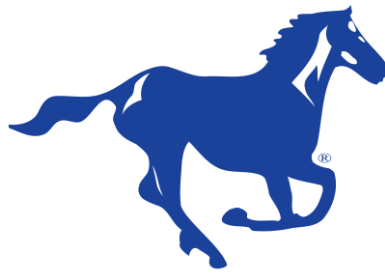
Thirteen year old Amber Spring is well on her way to achieving her goal of becoming a professional driver. Starting her driving career at the Mini Trots on the 1st December 2019 at Carrick where she drove Princess Pippi in her first race.

Amber is not only an accomplished young driver, but an all round sports person, playing netball at club and representative level, and riding her favored ex pacer Itsnotalwaysboutu that was owned and bred by her late grandfather.

Amber has proven herself as an accomplished young driver and was chosen as the 2022 Team Teal Mini Trot representative also winning the Tasmanian Mini Trot Award for season 2021/22.



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Mini Trots Season 2021/22

Season 2021/22 proved to be one of the best seasons for our talented Mini Trot drivers with seasoned drivers Tamsyn Davis, Alec McDonald, Tayla Spring, Jackson Burke, Lauren Rattray, Kenzie Rattray and Amber Spring continually showing their above average talents.



It was great to see newcomers Faith Colgrave who had her first drive at Devonport in October 2021 and from the south, Alex, Nate and Lylah Ford who made their débuts at Carrick in March 2022.

Throughout the season, all drivers competed Statewide and featured on the biggest nights of Harness in Tasmania, racing at the Tasmanian Cup meeting held in Hobart and the Easter Cup extravaganza in Launceston.

A part of Mini Trot history ended this season, when all 11 registered drivers competed during the final meeting held at Devonport in March 2022

We look forward to the growth in our young reins people as they move towards carving a career in the sulky.



Show

Education / Registration Dates

10	October	Monday	TTC
11	October	Tuesday	CPPC

Mini Trot Race Dates

23	October	Sunday	LPC
28	October	Friday	BHRC
30	October	Sunday	TTC

6	November	Sunday	LPC
13	November	Sunday	LPC
18	November	Friday	BHRC
20	November	Sunday	TTC
27	November	Sunday	LPC

3	December	Saturday	LPC
16	December	Friday	BHRC
23	December	Friday	TTC
30	December	Friday	CPPC

1	January	Sunday	STMPC
6	January	Friday	NEPC

Race Dates Cont..

8	January	Sunday	TTC
14	January	Saturday	LPC
20	January	Friday	TTC
22	January	Sunday	BHRC
26	January	Thursday	CPPC

5	February	Sunday	CPPC
10	February	Friday	BHRC
17	February	Friday	LPC
24	February	Friday	TTC

3	March	Friday	BHRC
12	March	Sunday	CPPC
18	March	Saturday	TTC
26	March	Sunday	LPC

7	April	Friday	TTC
8	April	Saturday	LPC



Tasmanian School Holidays



Handicapping

All Mini Trot races to run over a minimum distance of 400m

Ponies will start at the discretion of the handicapping committee at the start of the season with the 400-meter mark being the front.

Winners to go back 20 meters

After two consecutive unplaced starts ponies will go forward 10 meters, however ponies must have trotted majority of the race to get the lift.

At the discretion of the handicapping committee a pony may be bought forward to help be competitive with the field.

All final decisions regarding handicapping will be at the discretion of the Tasracing Approved Representative.





Nominations

All nominations to be directed to Tasracing.

Nominations will close 5pm the day the racehorse fields are released to the public.

A minimum of 3 ponies are required to hold up a race.

Late nominations will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Scratching

Scratching's can be placed with the advised Mini Trot Approved representative up to 2hr prior to the start of the first Mini Trot race.



Sulky Standard

Sulkies used in official Mini Trot races and trials must meet the following Sulky Standards.

- No less than 900mm and no wider than 1200mm
- No longer than 2750mm
- The sulky shafts,
- Frame and undercarriage shall be manufactured from steel or another material if approved by HRA. Accepted steels are mild steel, low carbon alloy steel, low alloy steel (including chrome-molybdenum alloys, chrome-manganese alloys, etc.) and structural stainless-steel alloys with a minimum tensile strength of 350MPa and a minimum elongation at break of 20%.
- All edges must be rounded, including shaft tips
- Wooden sulkies, including shafts are not permitted (as of 1 July 2017)

The sulky shall contain:

- o Two wheels,
- o Undercarriage,
- o Two shafts for attachment to the horse,
- o A driver's seat, and Driver's footrests.



Wheel Standard

The wheel diameter shall be in the range of 508mm (20") to 660.4mm (26") for Ponies and no smaller than 406.4mm (16") for Shetlands - but to be viewed in the context of what is appropriate given the height of the pony.

The wheel shall be:

- attached to the sulky via a conventional T-bar axle or other approved axles.
- if spoked, be covered on both sides by a disc of approved brand.

The tyres shall be an approved type and be no more than 50mm in width. Wheels shall be manufactured from approved materials only. Wooden wheels are not permitted.

At All Times

Whilst in the sulky, licensees shall wear an approved helmet and body protector, keep both feet in the sulky footrests and sit on the end of the reins.

No competitor will be permitted to have a passenger on the side of the sulky at any time.

Drivers must keep their bodies within the confines of the sulky at all times.



“Thank You Wayne”

The harness industry wishes to thank long-time Mini Trots Coordinator Wayne Yole who ended his reign at the helm due to personal reasons.

Wayne’s dedication and commitment to the Mini Tots over the past six seasons provided a solid foundation for many of our successful reinsmen and reinswomen who made their way through the Mini Trots Program under his guidance.

We wish Wayne all the best with his next chapter in life.



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