

Dressage NZ Conference News

Elections & Appointments

Judges Officer: Judith Cunningham elected as Board member for three-year term

Committee Member on Appointment Panel: Debra Cowen (re-elected for a further one-year term)

Finance Officer: Sarah Hazlewood appointed to the Board for a second three-year term

Dressage Fees

Annual Start: Preliminary \$90.00

Annual Start: Novice – Grand Prix \$115.00

Casual Starts: (ESNZ reg horses with no Annual start)

\$5 per test Prelim to Medium \$10 per test Adv medium and above

TD Levies: \$3.50 per start for TE & LE, \$4.00 per start RE(Incl PL), National Events (payable by OC)

TD Levies are payable by all competition events Graded & Non-Graded

TD Levies revert to \$4.00 for PL & Nat events for the coming season. These has been reduced to \$3.50 during the Covid period

Amateur Rider Classification Review

The proposal was widely accepted by delegates on a trial basis for the 21/22 season to be reviewed and any changes considered necessary made prior to implementing into the rule book for the 21/22 season.

Background

For the last two years (2020 & 2021) it was raised at the North Island Riders meeting that the Amateur classification system has not been working as intended. This was raised again at the 2021 Planning meeting and agreed that a subcommittee be established to review the current system and explore the possibility of a new system that will better meet the needs of our riders especially those new to our sport and those moving up a level for the first time.

Section Classification for Graded Classes

Each level of graded competition e.g., Preliminary, Novice etc. up to Advanced Medium is divided into three sections: Bronze, Silver and Gold.

The section which a member may enter is determined by the rider experience AND the combination experience at each level of competition, whether on a horse or pony.

Each level can run as one class with all riders being judged by the same judge. In this case at the end of the class the results of the class are divided into the different sections.

Alternatively, if the numbers allow sections may be run as separate classes at that level.

- Bronze sections are for less experienced combinations who have just started competing at a given level so that they can compete against those with a similar ability.
- Silver sections are designed for those combinations that show more ability at a level and have demonstrated that they are no longer beginner at that level.
- Gold sections are open to riders who do not qualify for Bronze or Silver

Guidelines

- Applies to graded competitions only
- Does not include musical scores in determining section eligibility
- Section eligibility is as ~~at close of entries~~ **evening prior to start of event (updated 26/8/21)**
- No restrictions on riding downgraded horses
- There is no expectation or requirement that an event uses this classification system, nor do they have to use all three sections if it is chosen to be used. For example, an event may choose to run a bronze section and all gold and silver are run as open.
- Sections do not have to be run as separate classes but can be run as one class with extra awards for silver and bronze riders.
- There is no expectation that Premier League shows provide separate championships for silver and bronze riders especially if the level is being run as one class.
- To check your horses and rider results history, go to ESNZ website or EvoEvents

Preliminary Gold: All riders that don't meet the criteria of either Preliminary Bronze or Silver below					
Eligibility at the evening prior to the event					
To compete Preliminary Bronze you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete Preliminary Silver you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Medium level or above in the last four years			As a rider on any horse competed at Advanced Medium level or above in the last four years		
As a combination have achieved more than 8 scores of 65% or above at any level (excluding Freestyle scores)			As a combination have achieved more than 8 scores of 68% or above at any level (excluding Freestyle scores)		
Novice Gold All riders that don't meet the criteria of either Novice Bronze or Silver below					
To compete Novice Bronze you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete Novice Silver you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Advanced Medium level or above in the last four years			As a rider on any horse competed at Advanced level or above in the last four years		
As a combination have achieved more than 8 scores of 65% or above at any level Novice and above (excluding Freestyle scores)			As a combination have achieved more than 8 scores of 68% or above at any level Novice and above (excluding Freestyle scores)		
Elementary Gold All riders that don't meet the criteria of either Elementary Bronze or Silver below					
To compete Elementary Bronze you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete Elementary Silver you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Advanced level or above in the last four years			As a rider on any horse competed at Small Tour or above in the last four years		
As a combination have achieved more than 8 scores of 63% or above at any level Elementary and above (excluding Freestyle scores)			As a combination have achieved more than 8 scores of 65% or above at any level Elementary and above (excluding Freestyle scores)		
Medium Gold All riders that don't meet the criteria of either Medium Bronze or Silver below					
To compete Medium Bronze you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete Medium Silver you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Small Tour or above in the last four years			As a rider on any horse competed at Medium Tour or above in the last four years		
As a combination have achieved more than 8 scores of 63% or above at any level Medium and above (excluding Freestyle scores)			As a combination have achieved more than 8 scores of 65% or above at any level Medium and above (excluding Freestyle scores)		
Advanced Medium Gold					
All riders that don't meet the criteria of either Advanced Medium Bronze or Silver below					
To compete Advanced Medium Bronze you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete Advanced Medium Silver you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Medium Tour or above in the last four years			As a rider on any horse competed at Big Tour in the last four years		
As a combination have achieved more than 8 scores of 63% or above at any level Advanced medium and above (excluding Freestyle scores)			As a combination have achieved more than 8 scores of 65% or above at any level Advanced medium and above (excluding Freestyle scores)		

Young Horse Competition Review

Dressage NZ has released a new set of tests for 4,5,6-year-old horses which may be used at any event. All other young horse tests previously used are now obsolete. Rules for competitions are currently being finalized and will be published on the ESNZ website

The FEI test for seven-year-olds will continue to be used

The link to the new tests can be found here

<https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/disciplines/dressage/resources/dressage-tests/>

Youth Advocacy

The committee applauded the work done by the Young Rider Panel and the structure and formation of a Youth Advocacy Group for dressage is to be finalized and implemented following consultation between the Dressage Board and the young riders.

Why?

- So many young riders have awesome ideas
- To remove stigma
- Create a safe space
- To bridge the gap between youth and the DNZ committee & board
- To connect young riders who are interested in dressage and to inform young riders

RULE UPDATES

Dressage By Law 17 Revision Re Rider Representatives

- a) North and South Island Rider Representatives will be elected annually via an online system prior to the Dressage NZ AGM.
- c) The Rider's Representative will organise and Chair the riders meeting at their respective Island Championships (or other PL league show if there is no Island Championships)
- d) Any rider who is a current full or Junior member of the ESNZ may speak and vote at the Rider's meeting

*****This change was passed but is subject to ESNZ Board approval***

Re National Championships (NCH) Definition

That only classes (individual or a combination of qualifying classes) which result in the winner receiving an ESNZ National title are considered to be ESNZ National Dressage Championships. ESNZ recognised Dressage Titles and Trophies are listed in the ESNZ General Regulations

Explanation: This does not preclude classes / championships being offered for restricted categories at events. Eg Amateur Championships at the NCH event

Art 440: Judges

That judges are not permitted to judge more than 50 combinations in a day. ****Remit failed**

Art 451.1 Unauthorised / Outside Assistance

Add to Table of Penalties re Art 481

Penalty for Riding with Earphones and other communication devices

A Smart Watch may be worn but must not be used as a communication device

Art 451.2.5 Unauthorised / Outside Assistance

If necessary, a horse may be assisted in the area directly around the arena **by a single handler on foot who may not have physical contact with the horse or the equipment**, but once the Judge's bell has been sounded any further assistance will be considered unauthorised / outside assistance.

This amendment was passed in principle but implementation is subject to advice/consultation re any H & S implications and risk analysis

Art 451.13 Fall of Horse and/or Rider

Add: In case of a fall of an athlete and/or horse at any time in the competition **arena, in the practice arena, or elsewhere within the grounds of the event**, the athlete must be checked by the event's medical service (or by a medical doctor if the medical service is not available) before he/she may be permitted to take part in the round in progress or in the next round or competition at the event

Art 453: Use of Voice

Repetitive use of voice or clicking of the tongue will result in a 2-point penalty per fault for each Judge, but they are not cumulative and will not result in Elimination (including Freestyle tests)

Art 460.13 Test of Choice

Test of Choice (TOC) competitions are permitted at Training and Local Events

Art 463 Re Downgraded Horses/Ponies

A downgraded horse or pony **may** compete in any class or combination of classes which **do not** contribute to an ESNZ title at U25 National Championships, Open National Championships and Horse of the Year Show in the first year of being downgraded

Note: The list of ESNZ titles is listed in the ESNZ General Regulations

<https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/esnz/rules-regulations/esnz-rules/>

Art 465 Prize Money

2. Regional Events: **Prize money is not compulsory at Regional Events.** If prize money is to be awarded, the amount/s will be at the discretion of the Organizing Committee and must be published in the schedule.

Art 478.1 Use of Whips

Deleted “unless permitted in FEI Young Horse Classes”

Art 479.2 Dress

Jodhpurs | Breeches: All Levels:

White, off-white, light canary, banana, light grey or beige jodhpurs or breeches

If “full seat” style breeches or jodhpurs are worn, dark colours black, brown or grey are allowed in the “full seat

Art 479.2 DRESS | Wearing of Jackets in Hot Weather

Art 479: Dress: Regional & National Events - NO CHANGE. ** Remit failed