



Dressage Horse/Pony Downgrading Application Form

2023/24

Rider Name

Address:

Email:

Phone:

ESNZ Membership Number:

DOB (if under 21)

Current number of total grading points rider has accrued in Downgrade Level requested:

Name Horse/Pony to be downgraded:

ESNZ Registration Number

Expiry date

Current grading points:

Downgrade level requested:

I declare the above information supplied as correct and agree to abide by all downgrading rules Art 465 Dressage (see page 2)

Name:

Signature:

Signature of parent or guardian if rider under 16yrs:

Date:

Downgrade Fee: \$100 horse / \$50.00 pony

Payable to: Dressage NZ to ACC No: 15 3950 0471176 00 Ref DG(Surname)

Return form to: dressage@nzequestrian.org.nz

For office use only

Fee received:

Application: **Approved** **Declined**

Downgraded to: **Level**

Date:

Signed:

Attention: Persons Responsible for Downgraded Horses/Ponies Art 463 v 2023

Article 463 - Downgrading of Horses & Ponies

1. Horses or Ponies may be downgraded, following an application to Dressage NZ on the prescribed form together with any fee due.
2. A horse or pony may be downgraded to the Grade at which the applicant rider has no more than 15pts but not lower than Novice (Level 2) unless the applicant rider is a CN rider in which case a horse or pony may be downgraded to Preliminary (Level 1). (E.g. A rider with less than 15pts in Elementary may downgrade a horse to Novice).
3. Once downgraded, upon gaining 30 points in a level (as set out in the table in Rule 460.2), the horse or pony may not compete in any level below that level.
4. Only the applicant rider may compete the horse at the downgraded level.
5. If, following downgrading, the horse or pony is competed (including competing HC) by any other rider:
 - 5.1 the downgrading ceases to apply and the horse or pony will revert to its pre-downgraded level and grading points status; and
 - 5.2 the restriction in Article 463.7 will still apply; and
 - 5.3 Should any other rider wish to compete the horse or pony at any level lower than its original grade, a new application under Article 463.1 must be made.
6. A downgraded horse or pony may not compete, with the rider who made the application to downgrade the horse or pony, at the horse or pony's original level in any National Championship Competition (NCH) or other **Event/Series/Class** specified by Dressage NZ, within 12 months of the downgrading, including any qualification competition subject to the following:
 - 6.1 The rider who requested the downgrading must make an application to revoke the horse or pony's downgrading in accordance with the procedure determined by Dressage NZ for revocation of downgrading; and
 - 6.2 If, following the revocation of downgrading the horse or pony receives grading points at the original level, with the rider who made the application to revoke the downgrading, the horse or pony must then remain at the original level with that rider.
7. Once a horse or pony has been downgraded, subject to Article 463.5 the horse or pony may not compete with any rider, at any level, in any National Championship Competition (NCH) or other Event/Series/Class specified by Dressage NZ within 12 months of the downgrading being approved, regardless of ownership.

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, National Championships and Horse of the Year Show in the first year of being downgraded

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

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

Series Conditions 2023/24

<https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/disciplines/dressage/competition/dressage-series-classes/>

8. Downgraded horses/ponies may be entered in Athlete age group competitions at any event with no restrictions unless specified in the schedule
9. The annual registration fees for the downgraded horse or pony will be charged at the amount set from time to time by Dressage NZ for the horse or pony's original grade for the first year of the downgrade and thereafter at the fee set for the level at which the horse is currently graded.