



# Dressage Horse/Pony Downgrading Application Form

2024/25

Rider Name

Address:

Email:

Phone:

ESNZ Membership Number:

DOB (if under 21)

**Current number of total grading points rider has accrued in level above Downgrade Level requested**

Login in to Horse Reg <https://horsereg.com/#!/memberships/equestrian-sports-new-zealand> and go to results to find your points

Highest Level Completed & Number of points

Level

Number of points:

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 411 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:** Equestrian Sports NZ ACC No: Ref DG(Surname) 06 0645 00074840 040

**Return form to:** [dressage@nzequestrian.org.nz](mailto:dressage@nzequestrian.org.nz)

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**Fee received:**

**Application:** Approved  Declined

**Downgraded to:** Level

**Date:**

Signed:

## Attention: Persons Responsible for Downgraded Horses/Ponies Art 411v2024

### ARTICLE 411 - DOWNGRADING OF HORSES & PONIES

**411.1** Horses or Ponies may be downgraded, following an application to Dressage NZ on the prescribed form together with any fee due.

**411.2** A horse or pony may be downgraded to highest level at which the applicant rider has no more than 15pts according to 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 and unlimited points in Level 2 – Novice - may downgrade a horse to Level 2 - Novice)

**411.3** Once downgraded, upon gaining 30 points in a level (as set out in the table in Article 410.2), the horse or pony may not compete in any level below that level.

**411.4** Only the applicant rider may compete the horse at the downgraded level. **411.5** If, following downgrading, the horse or pony is competed (including competing HC) by any other rider:

**411.5.1** The downgrading ceases to apply and the horse or pony will revert to its pre-downgraded level and grading points status; and

**411.5.2** The restriction in Article 411.7 will still apply; and **411.5.3** Should any other rider wish to compete the horse or pony at any level lower than its original grade, a new application under Article 411.1 must be made. **411.6** A downgraded horse or pony may not compete, with the rider who made the

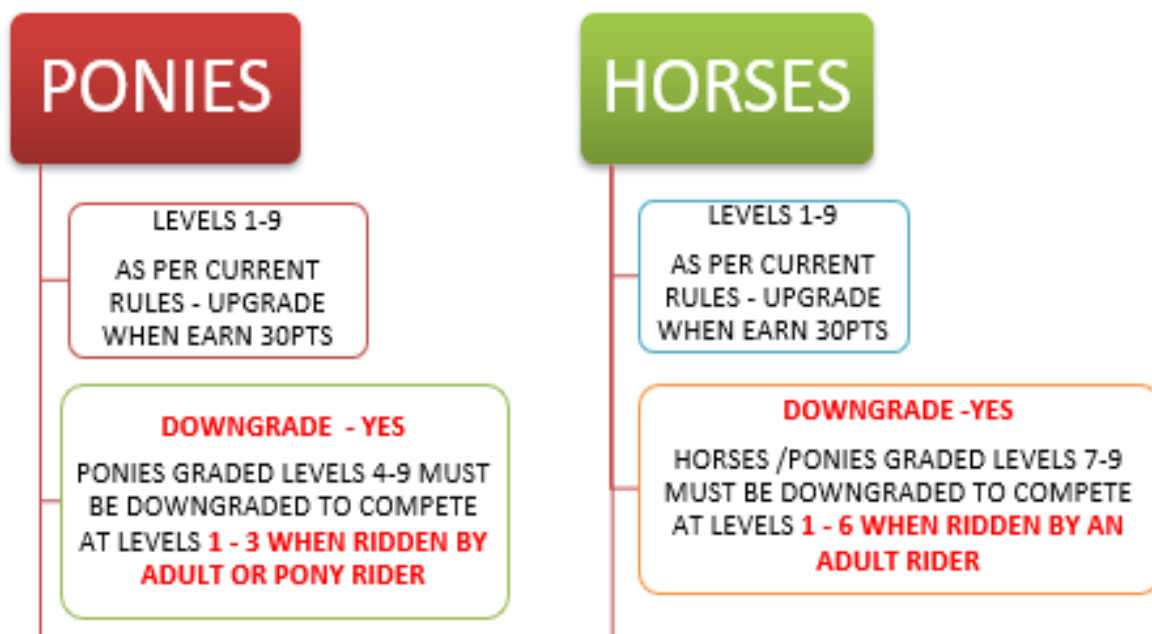
**411.6 A downgraded horse or pony may not compete at its original level with the rider who make the application to downgrade, in any class or combination of classes at U25 Championships, Nationals or HOY, which contributes to an ESNZ title, within the first 12 months of being downgraded, or any other Event/Series/Class specified by Dressage NZ, without first revoking the downgrade, subject to the following;**

**411.6 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, without first revoking the downgrade in any class or combination of classes at U25 Championships, Nationals or HOY, classes which contributes to an ESNZ title, or other Event/Series/Class specified by Dressage NZ, with the first 12 months year of being downgraded, as per the following:**

**411.6.1 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**

**411.6.2** 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.

**411.7** A downgraded horse or pony may compete in any class or combination of classes at either U25 Championships, Nationals or HOY which do not contribute towards an ESNZ title.



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.

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

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

**Series Conditions**

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