

## Annex 8: Gold Silver Bronze Classifications

Updated 2023

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.
- Section eligibility is as evening prior to start of event.
- 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.

## Gold Silver Bronze Categories 2023-24

- **Bronze eligibility % is 64% ALL LEVELS, Silver eligibility is 67% ALL LEVELS.**
- Riders may compete in their category when GSB is used, or ride in Gold (Open)
- Eight years eligibility calculated from 1st August annually
- Eligibility at the evening prior to the event
- Graded competition scores only to count - Freestyle scores are included .
- Small Tour and above is defined as Prix St Georges to Grand Prix Levels incl FEI Young Rider tests

**Preliminary Gold(open):** For riders who are open, or those Bronze/ Silver riders wanting to ride Open.

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 Elementary or above at any time			As a rider on any horse competed at Medium level or above in the last eight years		
As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 64% or above at any level			As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 67% or above at any level		

**Novice Gold (Open):** For riders who are open, or those Bronze/Silver riders wanting to ride Open

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 Medium level or above at any time			As a rider on any horse competed at Advanced Medium level or above in the last eight years		
As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 64% or above at any level Novice and above			As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 67% or above at any level Novice and above		

<b>Elementary Gold (Open):</b> For riders that are open, or those Bronze/ Silver riders wanting to ride Open					
To compete <b>Elementary Bronze</b> you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete <b>Elementary Silver</b> you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Advanced Medium level or above at any time			As a rider on any horse competed at Advanced in the last eight years		
As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 64% or above at any level Elementary and above			As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 67% or above at any level Elementary and above		
<b>Medium Gold (Open):</b> For riders that are open, or those Bronze or Silver riders wanting to ride Open					
To compete <b>Medium Bronze</b> you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete <b>Medium Silver</b> you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Advanced or above at any time			As a rider on any horse competed at Small Tour or above in the last eight years		
As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 64% or above at any level Medium and above			As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 67% or above at any level Medium and above		
<b>Advanced Medium Gold (open):</b> For riders that are open, or those Bronze/Silver riders wanting to ride Open.					
To compete <b>Advanced Medium Bronze</b> you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete <b>Advanced Medium Silver</b> you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Small Tour or above at any time			As a rider on any horse competed at Medium Tour or above in the last eight years		
As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 64% or above at any level Advanced Medium and above			As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 67% or above at any level Advanced Medium and above		