

## **AGENDA: Dressage NZ Planning Forum**

**Date: Saturday 17 April 2021**

**By Zoom: 11am – 4pm**



- Meeting access by Pre Registration and approval only.
- Attendees must be current annual ESNZ members or Life members.  
Membership number and expiry date will be required at time of registration
- Members have speaking rights at the meeting. Delegates and Committee members have voting rights
- Registration details and Zoom link to be advised in full agenda which will be available by 1st April

In addition to the Remits and Agenda Discussion items listed in this document, agenda items will include:

1. Financial Report YTD
2. Draft Budget 2021/22
3. Draft Calendar 2021/22
4. Performance Pathway & Squad Selection 2021/22
5. Proposed Youth Council Presentation
6. ESNZ Data Base Report
7. Dressage Conference & Awards Dinner 2021

## Remit 1

### Re: DRESS | Colour of Breeches

**Submitted by:** Betty Brown / AMDG Delegate

**Seconded by:** Karen Shields / AMDG President

**CURRENT RULE /ARTICLE NUMBER : 479.2**

**Amendment**

White or light-coloured breeches/jodhpurs-seat may be dark colour

**RATIONALE:** To make the colours of jodhpurs/breeches the same for all levels so riders to not have to change from one level horse to another.

<b>Current</b> <b>Jodhpurs</b> <b>Breeches</b>	<b>Preliminary to Advanced Medium (Levels 1-5)</b> White, off-white, light canary, banana, light grey or beige jodhpurs or breeches <b>Advanced to Grand Prix (Levels 6-9)</b> White or off-white breeches <b>All Levels:</b> If “full seat” style breeches or jodhpurs are worn, dark colours black, brown or grey are allowed in the “full seat”
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#### Passed/Failed

<b>Proposed</b> <b>Jodhpurs</b> <b>Breeches</b>	<b>All Levels:</b> 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”
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## Remit 2 (i)

### Re: DRESS | Wearing of Jackets in Hot Weather

**Submitted by:** Betty Brown / AMDG Delegate

**Seconded by:** Karen Shields / AMDG President

**ARTICLE NUMBER :** 479.2

**Amend**

Riders may ride without jackets if feeling overheated

**RATIONALE:** The current rule requires OC to give permission for jackets to not be worn in warm/hot weather, but it is left up to the athlete to wear a rain coat in wet weather.

The above remit is taken from the Dressage Australia rule book.

**Current rule**

**Passed/Failed**

#### **Training Events (TE) & Local Events (LE) (all levels graded & non-graded)**

Riding jackets are optional at Training & Local Events at all levels.

If an athlete chooses not to wear a jacket, the shirt must have short or long sleeves and any stock or tie must be suitably pinned down.

A rain jacket may be worn in wet weather at the discretion of the athlete

#### **Regional Events (RE) & National (NCH) (all levels graded & non-graded)**

Riding Jackets are compulsory at Regional and National events at all levels

Tailcoats are permitted at levels Advanced to Grand Prix

**In the interest of athlete health and safety during weather extremes at RE & NCH the OC may give permission at their discretion, for athletes to compete without a jacket.** If an athlete chooses not to wear a jacket, the shirt must have short or long sleeves and any stock or tie must be suitably pinned down.

A rain jacket may be worn in wet weather at the discretion of the athlete.

**Proposed rule**

#### **Regional Events (RE) & National (NCH) (all levels graded & non-graded)**

Riding Jackets are compulsory at Regional and National events at all levels

**Riders may ride without jackets if feeling overheated**

If an athlete chooses not to wear a jacket, the shirt must have short or long sleeves and any stock or tie must be suitably pinned down

A rain jacket may be worn in wet weather at the discretion of the athlete

**Passed/Failed**

## Remit 2 (ii)

### Re: DRESS | Wearing of Jackets

**Submitted by:** Marlene Parkinson

**Seconded by:** Sonja Swale

**ARTICLE NUMBER : 479.2**

**Amend**

**REMIT:**

#### **Jackets**

Riding jackets are optional at Training Events but are compulsory at ~~Regional and National~~ all Local, Regional and National events at all levels. Tailcoats are permitted at Advanced to Grand Prix.

-In the interest of athlete health and safety during weather extremes the OC may give permission, at their discretion, for athletes to compete without a jacket. Under this circumstance, -the shirt must have a minimum of a capped sleeve and any stock or tie must be suitably pinned down. The wearing of a waistcoat is optional. ~~the shirt must have short or long sleeves and any stock or tie must be suitably pinned down.~~

A rain jacket may be worn in wet weather at the discretion of the athlete.

#### **Shirt/Stock/Tie**

An athlete must wear a shirt with a stock or a tie, or an integrated choker collar or a choker collar

**Club Uniform** Pony Club or Riding Club uniform may be worn at Training Events (TE) and Non-Graded Competitions

**RATIONALE:**

There are many viable options for human athletes in regard to the wearing of jackets to meet all levels of budget and health and safety requirements.

The wearing of a jacket is a measure of respect towards our discipline and its heritage, and also allows a degree of protection in the event of a fall.

## Remit 3

### Re: HORSE/PONY ID NUMBERS

**Submitted by:** Peter Jenkins (BOP Area Delegate)

**Seconded by:** Jenny Pearce (Member)

#### CURRENT RULE /ARTICLE NUMBER : 477. 6

#### Amendment

5.1 **Show allocated, 3 digit (Numbering to start from 1 per show)** Horse and Pony Identification Numbers must be worn on both the near and off side of the horse/pony at all times whilst exercising and competing at Events run under ESNZ rules for Dressage;

5.4.2 The numbers must be a minimum of **5cm high, but no more than 6.5cm high**. They should be approximately 5mm wide.

4.3 The white background must be a minimum of **9 x 9cm and should be no more than 10 x 10cm**.

5.5 At all other times during the Event, horses and ponies must have identification **tags** with the horse's name and the person responsible name and mobile number attached to the horse (eg: on the halter, cover). Engraved metal discs or cattle ear tags are examples of acceptable methods of identification at times the horse/pony is not being exercised or competed.

5.6 Failure to display **show allocated ID number** when in the space around the Arena or in Competition Arena will result in a Two (2) point per judge penalty. **(add this 2 penalty per to the list in Article 480)**

5.7 Failure to display **ID tag or show allocated identification number, when exercising**, as described, with the exception of 5.6, without a reason acceptable to the ground jury, may result in a warning, fine or disqualification from the competition as per ESNZ GR Article 174. (\*\* Pony Club refer Annex 6 Para C). **(Can not find in ESNZ GR)**

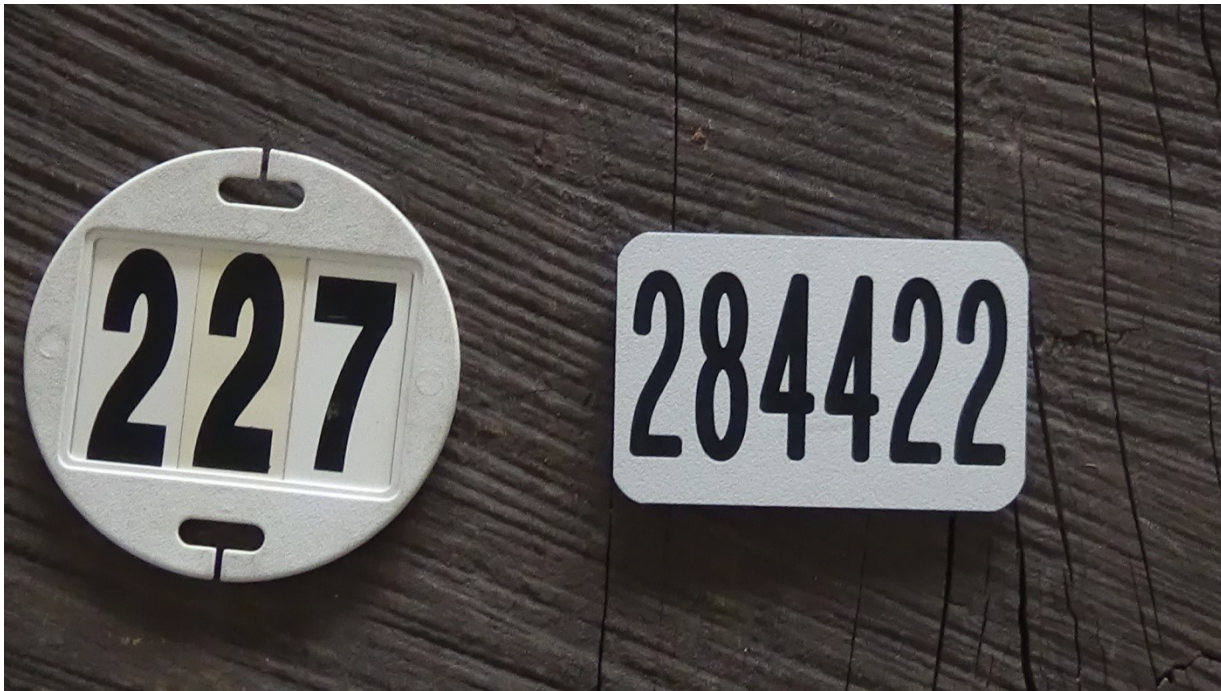
#### Rationale

##### ID Number

Existing 6 digit DNZ issued Identification numbers are too hard to read by Judges, Writers, Steward and other competitors. Although it may only be necessary to read the last 3 digits, the preceding 3 digit make it harder to read.

5.1 & 5.4 A maximum 3 digit ID number would be much easier to see.

1. In the warm up it would be much easier to identify the rider(s) who is/are doing their test(s) a few and /or immediately before you so you arrive at your test arena on time and/or in the correct order. This is particularly helpful when you are not familiar with everyone who is warming up.
2. Judges and writers would be able to see the ID number better as competitors ride pass. Particularly helpful when the judge is not familiar with all the competitors at a show
3. No need to purchase DNZ issued ID number
4. No need to purchase new ID number when you change (one horse owners horse)
5. Less work for ESNZ personnel at registration.



Presenting without a Number

5.6 Would make it easier for judge(s) when rider presents with no numbers.

**Passed/Failed**

## Remit 4(i): Re CAm Classes

**Submitted by:** Jody Hartstone /NI Riders Rep

**Seconded by:** Emma Dickons

**Art 462: Rider Categories CAm**

**Amend**

**REMIT:**

That all amateur classes be restricted to those riders who have not earned more than 15 grading points (as at the day of competition) at any level above the one they are competing at.

**RATIONALE:** Amateur classes are now often very large in numbers at PL league shows, with very few riders in the Open classes. By putting tighter restrictions on who rides in Amateur classes the classes should become more even.

Basically the Amateur Prelim classes will be for Category 1 riders only, the Amateur Novice classes will be for Category 2 riders etc

**Passed/Failed**

## Remit 4 (ii) Re CAm Classes

**Submitted by:** Anna Gale /SI Riders Rep

**Art 462: Rider Categories CAm**

**REMIT:**

That the name Amateur be dropped and is renamed **RESTRICTED**.

That classes are termed Open or Restricted

**RATIONALE:** The name Amateur is Derogatory

**Passed/Failed**

## Remit 4 (iii) Re CAm Classes

**Submitted by:** Anna Gale / SI Riders Rep

**Seconded by:** Inger Sundholm

**REMIT:**

That all AM classes be restricted to those who have not earned more than 15pts Graded at ANY level above the one they are competing in on the day of competition

**RATIONALE :** Amateur Classes are becoming an uneven playing field by allowing riders that have points higher than the Amateur level they are competing in. Compete at the lowest level (ie – a rider ridden to Level 3 but not have 15pts can ride Level 1 Am)

A L1 Amateur is only a L1 rider

A L2 Amateur is only a L2 rider

### Passed/Failed



## Discussion Item: Re CAM Classes

**Submitted by:** Peter Jenkins / Bay of Plenty Delegate for DR Bay of Plenty

**Re: Amateur/Open Classes**

**Current system** – split into 2 tiers based on riders Rider Category- if show wish to split Classes.

Large amateur classes and small open classes

**Proposed New System** which would be fairer and equal out numbers in classes.

**3 Tier system** at Levels 1 & 2 – Level 1: Bronze? CN to C2  
 Silver? CN to C5 or C6  
 Open/Gold? CN to C9  
Level 2: Bronze? CN to C3  
 Silver? CN to C5 or C6  
 Open/Gold? CN to C9

**2 Tier system** (as per current system )Levels 3 to Level 6 – Silver and Gold?

**1 Tier system** - riders at a level all ride in the same class(s) Level 7 to 9 – Gold?

<b>Stats</b>				
<b>Show</b>	<b>Prelim Am</b>	<b>Prelim Open</b>	<b>Novice Am</b>	<b>Novice Open</b>
<b>Waikato</b>	23	12	22	8
<b>BOP</b>	18	10	29	14
<b>Nationals</b>	16	10	23	7
<b>Central Dist</b>	23	3	16	4
<b>Wairarapa</b>	23	4	9	1

## Remit 5: Re Rider Representatives

**Submitted by:** Jody Hartstone / NI Riders Rep & Anna Gale / SI Riders Rep

**Seconded by:** Emma Dickons & Inger Sundholm

**CURRENT RULE: Dressage By Law 17 Revision April 2020**

**Amend**

**REMIT:**

18. Rider Representatives

- a) North and South Island Rider Representatives will be elected annually via an online system prior to the Dressage NZ AGM.
- b) The two Rider Representatives will hold positions on the DNZ Committee
- c) The Rider's rep 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
- e) A parent / guardian may speak and vote on behalf of a rider under 18 years of age – they themselves do not need to be a financial member of the ESNZ

**RATIONALE:**

More riders will get to vote for the Rider's Rep position if it is done online.

Riders aged under 18 are often perfectly capable of speaking at meetings

**Passed/Failed**

## Remit 6: Unauthorised / Outside Assistance

**Submitted by:** Jody Hartstone / NI Riders Rep

**Seconded by:** Emma Dickons

**CURRENT RULE/ARTICLE NUMBER :** Article 451.18.2 (iv)

**Amend**

**REMIT:** If necessary, a horse may be assisted in the area directly around the arena, but once the bell has been sounded any further assistance will be considered unauthorised / outside assistance.

**Exception:** OC's have the ability to exempt certain arenas such as the main oval at HOY but this must be stated in the schedule.

**RATIONALE:** This rule which was brought in last year has caused a number of eliminations. A caller may walk beside the horse in order to get into position but a rider without a caller is not afforded this. In the spirit of "Fair Play" and the "Change the Rein" campaign, we need to make the sport more encouraging. Many areas in NZ have X/C jumps etc around the arenas and these are not always inviting for the horse.

**Passed/Failed**

## Remit 7: Unauthorised / Outside Assistance

**Submitted by:** Dressage NZ Board

**Art 451.1**

**Reference to examples of Outside Assistance**

**Need to align Table of Penalties with Art 481**

- Penalty for Riding with Earphones **ADD and other communication devices**

**Passed/Failed**

- Smart Watches may be worn but must not be used as communication devices

**Passed/Failed**

## Remit 7: DOWNGRADED HORSES

### Classification of Under 25 National Championships & Downgraded Horses

**Submitted by:** Jody Hartstone /NI Riders Rep

**Seconded by:** Emma Dickons

#### Art 463: Downgrading of Horses & Ponies

##### Amend

The Under 25 National Championships are currently classified as a “Named Event” under Annex 2 of the Rules. The rules currently state that this event may comprise of more than one event classification.

It was requested at the North Island Rider’s meeting that downgraded horses and ponies should not be allowed to compete at u25 Nationals, HOY or NZ Nationals, within the first year of downgrading.

- \*The exception may be that they are allowed to compete in FEI Junior Tests restricted by the rider’s age

##### Passed/Failed

#### DNZ Note to remit: (1)

463.8 – Current Rule:

8. *\*Downgraded horses/ponies may be entered in Athlete age group competitions at any event with no restrictions unless specified in the schedule*

DNZ Note to remit: (2) – Current Rule

*463.7 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 Island (ICH), National Championship Competition (NCH) or other Event/Series/Class specified by Dressage NZ within 12 months of the downgrading being approved, regardless of ownership*

For the purposes of this remit, the term “ICH” & “National Championship Competition” requires definition. eg – Is an Amateur Championship at the NZ Championships a National Championship? It is currently not defined as such in the ESNZ GR’s for an ESNZ national title

## Remit 8: JUDGES

**Submitted by:** Carol Eivers

**Seconded by:** Gill Morley

### Art 440: Judges

#### New Rule

That judges not be permitted to judge more than 50 combinations in a day

#### RATIONALE:

Self-explanatory

**Passed/Failed**

## Remit 9: Use of Voice

**Submitted by:** Carol Eivers

**Seconded by:** Gill Morley

### Art 453

#### Amend

That voice aids permitted in Levels 0 -1 unregistered

**Passed/Failed**

# Remit 10: Fall of Horse and/or Rider

Submitted by: Dressage NZ Board

## Preamble:

### Action from Board Meeting 19 January 2021:

Resolved to amend Art 451 to include actions to be taken outside the arena (both after presenting to the judge and at any other location on the venue). Noted Rider education and responsibility is important.

## 1. Rider Falls Outside of Competition Arena

### DR Art 451.13 Deals only with falls in the arena.

Noted there is nothing in the DR rules to indicate what should be taken by a rider/ stewards/OC if a rider falls in the warmup or other location at the event. There is no reference to a fall while rider is presenting around the outside of the arena..

### ESNZ Jumping Rules state:

#### 4. Protocol to be followed in case of a fall of an athlete and/or horse.

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 .....

#### Fall in the practice arena

In case of a fall of an athlete and/or a horse in the practice arena prior to entering the competition arena for the first or second round of a competition, the athlete must be checked by the event's medical service (or by a medical doctor if the medical service is not available),

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### Dressage Board Proposal

#### Add a further Para to Art 451.13

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 .....

It is noted that para would come under the current Heading **“Execution of the Tests”**, however until the rule book review is fully completed in 2022 there currently seems no other logical place for the addition

### Passed/Failed

## Remit 11: Use of Whips

**Submitted by:** Dressage NZ Board

**478.1** A whip may be carried in any test except the following:

1.1 FEI tests at Level 7 and above (FEI Young Rider, Small Tour, Middle Tour & Grand Prix) at the National Championships and Horse of the Year Show

**Rationale:** To clarify the FEI level at which whips may not be used under national rules at these events, noting that FEI rules apply if the classes are run under FEI rules as part of a CDI

**Passed/Failed**

**478.1:** Delete “**unless permitted in FEI Young Horse Classes**”

**Rationale:** Use of whips in YDH classes be included in any review of YDH classes being undertaken and included in the Rule Book as an Annexe considered to be only for the 21/22 year with a view to incorporating as rules at a later date. Current rule is confusing

**Passed/Failed**

## Remit 12: National Championships (NCH) Definition

**Submitted by:** Dressage NZ Board

**Preamble & Rationale:**

Historically the acronym NCH (National Championships) referred to the whole event and this included the YRCH which has evolved to include U25.

However NCH (National Championship) events have evolved and it is no longer well-defined which classes are to be defined as National Championships, or if it is still intended that NCH refers to the whole event. This has led to confusion in scheduling / member satisfaction & dissatisfaction, especially in terms of downgraded horses /ponies and Amateurs.

**Remit**

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

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

**Note:**

Horse of the Year Titles and associated trophies (Under review) are listed in the ESNZ General Regulations

## Remit 13: Test of Choice

**Submitted by:** Dressage NZ Board

Art 460.13

The levels at which TOC competitions can be run is now obsolete under new tests structure and largely ignored by OC's

### **Current Rule**

**13.** ~~Test of choice competitions are permitted at levels 6/7 & 8/9 at Local Events. Test of Choice competitions are not permitted at Level 5 and below except at Training Events.~~

**13. Recommend Amendment** TOC can be run at TE and LE.



# DISCUSSION ITEM 1: YOUNG DRESSAGE HORSE CLASSES

Three submissions have been made on this Topic

**Submitted by:** Betty Brown / AMDG Delegate

**Seconded by:** Karen Shields / AMDG President

1. Horses/ponies should ride in their appropriate age group. Mixing of 4/5, 5/6, 6/7 does not create a level playing field for the younger age horse/pony.
2. A subcommittee should be formed to look at what tests are appropriate for YDH classes at local/regional/national events to increase participation. What are we trying to achieve with running these classes and then design test to do this.
3. Whips should be allowed in age group classes as they are competing in open classes at all levels of shows and are allowed to use a whip. These classes are very different overseas where they ride the FEI tests and are trying to qualify for international competition.

**Submitted by:** Jody Hartstone /NI Riders Rep

**Seconded by:** Emma Dickons

That a working group of stakeholders be formed to improve the entries for YDH Classes

That the following be looked at:

1. Trot can be sitting or rising at the rider's discretion
2. NZ makes its own YDH tests
3. Whips to be allowed in all tests

**Submitted by:** Anna Gale /SI Riders Rep

1. Trot can be optional sitting /rising esp in 5yr old medium
2. Rules need better definition esp re whips/calling
3. Own committee
4. Possible YDH Accumulator run like Zilco/Super 5 with PL events having YDH tests
5. Final & Accumulator end at SICH

## DISCUSSION ITEM 2: CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Submitted by: Betty Brown / AMDG Delegate

### RE: CHAMPIONSHIPS

We were asked last year to try different ways of deciding champions at our shows and hopefully find a way for all areas to run under the same format for ease of organisation and for riders to know how it works.

I believe Northland ran with the final class a C test to decide the champions.

AMDG used the Zilco F/S and the Premier League test.

Other areas ran as per past and used all classes to count.

Another way could be to use tests until the final class as qualifiers. Then the top 10? Would go into the championship and the others would go into a consolation class. This may not work either as numbers at many shows are too low in upper levels and just one class would decide the championship and many riders do not like this concept. It would be quicker at prize giving though to have just one class for the end result.