

# Claire Wilson- Application for Riders Rep

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Hello, my name is Claire Wilson and I would like to represent jumping riders at ESNZ. I can offer my unique perspective of being involved with many aspects and levels within the sport we riders are so passionate about.

I have a lifetime's understanding of competitive riding, having competed at Grand Prix level (or higher) for the last 25 years; winning numerous national showjumping and showhunter titles including the Olympic Cup Horse of the Year and also representing NZ at Senior Team level, while generally riding homebred and self-produced horses. Further, being a wife and mother to a family of keen show jumpers and show hunters enables me to understand the needs of riders at all levels.

I am very familiar with the organization of shows, as I have been an active member and volunteer at my Area Shows. I am also associated with the local Pony Club and Hunt and have organized many low level competitions, charity events and Interschool competitions. These experiences and connections help me to break down the barriers and make our sport more assessable to those wanting to become a member. I have evolved into being a point of contact for potential members (and current confused members) and I hope to be able to continue to encourage more riders into our discipline, making the sport more affordable for all.

At a national level, I have been involved in advocating for a fair, simple and encouraging registration system. I have been focused on this review since 2012 and have had a lot of my suggestions approved. These developments include changing the intro level heights, getting children's membership cheaper than adults and allowing the option of prizemoney to be paid in intro level classes. I am a Jumping representative in a Working Group to fine tune the current registration policies. If I am successful in securing the Riders Rep position, I am hopeful that I will have more influence in voicing the concerns that I see and hear.

I consider myself as a very down to earth and approachable person and can be easily found by members at shows every weekend during the season, or at home during the week where I coach, breed and produce sporthorses and write showjumping material for the Horse and Pony Magazine.

I believe that I have a knowledgeable grasp of the sport's history and I am totally invested in its future. I am prepared to ask questions, scrutinize motives and make informed decisions, on behalf of the riders. I am dedicated, honest, determined and with the riders support I believe I can make a positive impact on our sport.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Claire Wilson

