



**EQUESTRIAN SPORTS
NEW ZEALAND**

**General Regulations, August 2024
Summary of changes**

Article 128: Horse Identification and Registration

1. For all new horses/ponies registered with ESNZ, ID pages which can now be completed by the rider, owner or person responsible providing they are over 18 years of age. **This is subject to discipline specific regulations to establish the age and breeding of horses/ponies for age group or other special classes.**
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Article 129: Names of Horses

5. Horses that have been registered with another recognised breed society **or studbook** must be ESNZ registered using the same name. Where the name exists already, a trailing number may be added. This rule also applies to horses being imported into New Zealand. Breed Society **or studbook** certificate/papers must accompany the registration form.
5.1 For the purpose of Article 129.5, Breed Societies include recognized Sport Horse studbooks or registries, but do not include NZTR, HRNZ or foreign equivalents.
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Article 131: Persons Responsible

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Article 139: Ground Jury and Appeal Committee – Judicial Duties and Process

Protests

- 13.4 **Comply with the deadlines in the following table:subject to Rules 14 or 15 of this Article, be submitted to the GJ no later than 60 minutes after the completion of the Competition from which the protest ensues. For the purposes of this Rule, the GJ is the sole judge of time.**

Protest Concerning:	Applicable Deadlines:
The eligibility of an Athlete or Horse for a specific Competition or Event	Sixty (60) minutes after the announcement of the results of the relevant competition
An obstacle, or the plan or length of the course for a Jumping Competition	Fifteen (15) minutes before the start of the Competition
The cross-country obstacles or courses in Eventing or the course in Endurance	18:00 on the day before the relevant Competition
Irregularities or incidents during a Competition	Sixty (60) minutes after the official announcement of the results of the relevant Competition

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A Challenge to the procedures followed in the application or implementation of any ESNZ National discipline rule	Sixty (60) minutes after the notification of the application or implementation of such rule

- ~~14. Protests concerning an obstacle or the plan or length of the course for a jumping Competition must be lodged no later than 15 minutes before the start of the Competition. Removed~~
- ~~15. Protests concerning the cross-country obstacles or course in Eventing, or the Course in Endurance must be lodged no later than 6pm on the day before the relevant Competition. Removed~~

Article 150: Health & Safety at Events

8. If a concussion is suspected, by a member of the Ground Jury, or event medical personnel, at the event, the rider should be immediately removed from participating. The rider must then be referred for immediate medical review or have an assessment from a medical professional post-event – for confirmation or exclusion of a concussion and consideration of other diagnoses. No rider should return to riding or competition on the day of a suspected or confirmed concussive injury. If a concussion is confirmed, the rider is to be stood down from all competition for at least 21 days and be issued with a Blue Card concussion note on the ESNZ database. ~~A Blue Card means that a rider is stood down from all riding activities until clearance from a registered GP or registered medical specialist can be obtained. A copy of their Blue Card will also go straight to ESNZ, which will then go on that rider's profile, visible to Organising Committees and officials.~~
- 8.1 ~~All riders who have been withdrawn from competition due to a suspected concussion are required to provide ESNZ with a medical clearance note from a registered GP or registered medical specialist before they are able to compete again. Once this has been received the Blue Card will be withdrawn. Clearance by a qualified medical professional (from a general practice or primary care team) is strongly recommended before returning to training or full competition.~~
- 8.2 If a rider who has been issued with a Blue Card competes ~~inside the 21 day stand down without first providing medical clearance~~, this may result in disciplinary action taken through the ESNZ disciplinary process set out in the ESNZ General Regulations.

ANNEX F: PRESENTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BADGE

2. NZ ~~Silver Fern Representative~~ Jacket Badges will be awarded by ESNZ to members of Teams and individuals who compete in the following:
- 2.1 New Zealand Young Riders Teams.
 - 2.2 Official Oceania Team Competitions
 - 2.3 Other teams and individuals approved by ESNZ on the recommendation of Discipline Boards.
5. Riders who are presented the New Zealand Silver Fern Badge may wear the Fern on their riding jackets for the calendar year after their representation. Then the badge must be removed. ~~Those who win the right to represent New Zealand at recognised FEI events overseas may continue to wear the Fern for four calendar years following the event.~~