



EQUESTRIAN SPORTS NEW ZEALAND

EQUESTRIAN SPORTS NZ ADVICE TO AREA GROUPS/CLUBS DURING COVID-19 ALERT

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

Please note that Equestrian Sports New Zealand (ESNZ) is not an expert on pandemics and as such all [New Zealand Government](#) and [Ministry of Health](#) information, guidelines and directives supersede this information. This document has been put together by Equestrian Sports NZ, with the purpose of informing our equestrian community how we are responding to Covid-19, and to provide recommendations for what we believe is the best course of action for all equestrian area groups/clubs, facilities, officials and members.

This document will change frequently, and we will make sure the most up to date is dated and on the website. We will monitor the government Alert Levels as we move back down to 3, 2 and 1, and if there is more flexibility for activities such as equestrian, we will be sure to update these recommendations in line with government advice.

Significant work is being done before we move to level two to ensure organising committees, area groups and affiliated groups are aware of what they should be planning for. Please keep a watch on this site.

All equestrian area groups/clubs need to consider their own situations at any given time. An area group/club's decision on whether to allow training or competition needs to be based on the situation in your local area at the time. The Government has released [Alert Levels](#) which can differ by region at any one time, so the location of your area group/club could be under specific direction of the Government. There will need to be more definition of regional boundaries and we are seeking clarification on this before a Level Two shift.

FUTURE PLANNING

Once we get closer to Level Two - should your area group/club be willing and able to allow training or competition, it may consider some of the following measures so social distancing is practiced.

- Contact tracing will be imperative so every OC will need a system to log all those at the premises at any time. We are checking out apps and templates for this and will have more information soon.
- Offering staggered training or start times.
- All entries to be done and paid online.
- Consider no changes to entries on the day – any changes must be done online the day before at a certain time. No exceptions to the rule.
- Online booking system for training and use of grounds/facility.
- Spacing out stabling.
- Spacing out parking for horse trucks/floats.
- Posting or emailing out rider packs, back numbers to avoid queue in the secretary office.
- All events will need to be draw order only.

ESNZ is also working with the FEI on how we might manage officials requirements in L2.

The following information may assist with determining what equestrian activity may be possible under each Alert Level, but Equestrian Sports NZ reiterate it is up to individual area groups/clubs to make decisions, based upon their own circumstances and applicable Government directives.

OTHER USEFUL LINKS AND RESOURCES

- [Government Alert System](#)
- [MPI Alert System and information for animal welfare](#)
- [Sport New Zealand Alert System](#)
- [High Performance Sport NZ Alert System](#)
- [ESNZ Covid19 Updates](#)
- [Covid19 posters and social media images](#)
- Online Entry Providers
 - [Equestrian Entries](#)
 - [Main-Events](#)



EQUESTRIAN SPORTS NZ ADVICE TO AREA GROUPS/CLUBS DURING COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 4 – UNTIL AT LEAST 27 APRIL 2020

Alert Level 4	Range of Government Measures <i>(can be applied locally or nationally)</i>	Equestrian Sports NZ Measures Undertaken	Equestrian Sports NZ Recommendations for Area Groups/Clubs	Equestrian Sports NZ Recommendations for National Equestrian Centre's <i>(Christchurch & Taupo)</i>	Equestrian Sports NZ Recommendations for ESNZ Members and Equestrian Community
<p>Level 4 - Eliminate</p> <p>Likely that disease is not contained</p> <p>Risk Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community transmission is occurring. Widespread outbreaks and new clusters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People instructed to stay at home (in their bubble) other than for essential personal movement. Safe recreational activity is allowed in local area. Travel is severely limited. All gatherings cancelled and all public venues closed. Businesses closed except for essential services (e.g. Supermarkets, pharmacies, clinics, petrol stations) and lifeline utilities. Educational facilities closed. Rationing of supplies and requisitioning of facilities possible. Reprioritisation of healthcare services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ESNZ office is closed <i>Staff are working from home and any business is being conducted online or by phone</i> No ESNZ High Performance, Performance or Squad training is taking place. <i>Training at home only HP personnel providing online training sessions and professional services</i> No equestrian competitions/rides are taking place (either cancelled or postponed) <i>All events cancelled for 3 months. To be reviewed as information comes to hand.</i> Meetings, workshops or events are not taking place (unless an online option can be held) No international or domestic travel or staying in any hotels (outside of local area) for ESNZ staff and athletes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No equestrian competitions are taking place (either cancelled or postponed) <i>All events cancelled for 3 months. To be reviewed as information comes to hand.</i> All area group/club facilities and centre's closed. All staff or volunteers should work from home. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No equestrian competitions are taking place (either cancelled or postponed) <i>All events cancelled for 3 months. To be reviewed as information comes to hand.</i> Both National Equestrian Centre's closed. All staff or volunteers should work from home. Grounds staff can undertake grounds work at the venue if maintaining social distancing requirements and hygiene requirements. No Working Bees however. Any POP campers onsite at time of any lockdown will be able to stay onsite under level 4 restrictions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone is being encouraged not to ride in order to reduce the pressure on emergency services in case of an accident. If you are continuing to ride, only ride your horse within the boundaries of the property where it's kept. Don't transport your horse by float to ride somewhere else. No equestrian competitions are taking place (either cancelled or postponed) <i>All events cancelled for 3 months. To be reviewed as information comes to hand.</i> Both National Equestrian Centre's closed. All Riding Schools and Centre's closed. Can ride within personal property only. If horse is not within personal property, then you can only ride within that property with the landowner's permission. Travel to look after animal outside of your property is allowed as long as all the necessary health measures are followed such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash hands before and after. Only do the minimum i.e. feed and muck out. Keep visits brief Use own grooming kit, tack and equipment. Set up a roster or facebook group if there are others who access the same grazing. Vets and Farriers are classed as essential services but only for emergencies. Not any routine work. Coaches and trainers are not an essential service and should not be providing services, unless they are providing services to riders already within their bubble or property at the time of lockdown.



EQUESTRIAN SPORTS NZ ADVICE TO AREA GROUPS/CLUBS DURING COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 3 – UNTIL AT LEAST 11 MAY 2020

Alert Level 3	Range of Government Measures <i>(can be applied locally or nationally)</i>	Equestrian Sports NZ Measures Undertaken	Equestrian Sports NZ Recommendations for Area Groups/Clubs	Equestrian Sports NZ Recommendations for National Equestrian Centre's <i>(Christchurch & Taupo)</i>	Equestrian Sports NZ Recommendations for ESNZ Members and Equestrian Community
<p>Level 3 - Restrict</p> <p>High risk the disease is not contained</p> <p>Risk Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community transmission might be happening. New clusters may emerge but can be controlled through testing and contact tracing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People instructed to stay home in their bubble other than for essential personal movement – including to go to work, school if they have to or for local recreation. Physical distancing of two metres outside home (including on public transport), or one metre in controlled environments like schools and workplaces. People must stay within their immediate household bubble, but can expand this to reconnect with close family / whānau, or bring in caregivers, or support isolated people. This extended bubble should remain exclusive. Schools (years 1 to 10) and Early Childhood Education centres can safely open, but will have limited capacity. Children should learn at home if possible. People must work from home unless that is not possible. Businesses can open premises, but cannot physically interact with customers and must practice physical distancing. Low risk local recreation activities are allowed. Public venues are closed (e.g. libraries, museums, cinemas, food courts, gyms, pools, playgrounds, markets). Gatherings of up to 10 people are allowed but only for wedding services, funerals and tangihanga. Physical distancing and public health measures must be maintained. Healthcare services use virtual, non-contact consultations where possible. Inter-regional travel is highly limited (e.g. for essential workers, with limited exemptions for others). People at high risk of severe illness (older people and those with existing medical conditions) are encouraged to stay at home where possible, and take additional precautions when leaving home. They may choose to work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ESNZ office is closed <i>Staff are working from home and any business is being conducted online or by phone</i> No ESNZ High Performance, Performance or Squad training is taking place. <i>Training at home only HP personnel providing online training sessions and professional services</i> No equestrian competitions/rides are taking place (either cancelled or postponed) <i>All events cancelled for 3 months. To be reviewed as information comes to hand.</i> Meetings, workshops or events are not taking place (unless an online option can be held) No international or domestic travel or staying in any hotels (outside of local area) for ESNZ staff and athletes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No equestrian competitions are taking place (either cancelled or postponed) <i>All events cancelled for 3 months. To be reviewed as information comes to hand.</i> All area group/club facilities and centre's closed. All staff or volunteers should work from home. Grounds staff can undertake grounds work at the venue if maintaining social distancing requirements and hygiene requirements. No working bees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No equestrian competitions are taking place (either cancelled or postponed) <i>All events cancelled for 3 months. To be reviewed as information comes to hand.</i> Both National Equestrian Centre's closed. All staff or volunteers should work from home. Grounds staff can undertake grounds work at the venue if maintaining social distancing requirements and hygiene requirements. No Working Bees however. Any POP campers onsite at time of any lockdown will be able to stay onsite under level 3 restrictions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone is being encouraged not to ride in order to reduce the pressure on emergency services in case of an accident. If you are unwell or have Covid symptoms you must stay home or get tested. No equestrian competitions are taking place (either cancelled or postponed) <i>All events cancelled for 3 months. To be reviewed as information comes to hand.</i> All Riding Schools and Equestrian Centre's are closed. Low risk local recreational riding is allowed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can ride within personal property only. If horse is not within personal property, then you can ride within that property or go for a short ride within local area with the landowner's permission. It is not advisable to travel horses for training purposes. Travel to look after animal outside of your property is allowed as long as all the necessary health measures are followed such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash hands before and after. Use own grooming kit, tack and equipment. Set up a roster or facebook group for grazing. Farrriers can operate under Alert Level 3, as long as public health measures are taken to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission. During Alert Level 3, everyone should strive for social distancing of 1 metre. Coaches and trainers are not an essential service and should not be providing services, unless they are providing services to riders already within their bubble or property at the time of lockdown.



EQUESTRIAN SPORTS NZ ADVICE TO AREA GROUPS/CLUBS DURING COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 2 – TIMEFRAME TO BE DECIDED

WILL BE REVIEWED BEFORE A SHIFT TO LEVEL TWO

Alert Level 2	Range of Government Measures <i>(can be applied locally or nationally)</i>	Equestrian Sports NZ Measures Undertaken	Equestrian Sports NZ Recommendations for Area Groups/Clubs	Equestrian Sports NZ Recommendations for National Equestrian Centre's <i>(Christchurch & Taupo)</i>	Equestrian Sports NZ Recommendations for ESNZ Members and Equestrian Community
<p>Level 2 - Reduce</p> <p>The disease is contained, but the risk of community transmission remains.</p> <p>Risk Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household transmission could be occurring. Single or isolated cluster outbreaks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical distancing of one metre outside home (including on public transport). Gatherings of up to 100 people indoors and 500 outdoors allowed while maintaining physical distancing and contact tracing requirements. Sport and recreation activities are allowed if conditions on gatherings are met, physical distancing is followed and travel is local. Public venues can open but must comply with conditions on gatherings, and undertake public health measures. Health services operate as normally as possible. Most businesses open, and business premises can be open for staff and customers with appropriate measures in place. Alternative ways of working encouraged (e.g. remote working, shift-based working, physical distancing, staggering meal breaks, flexible leave). Schools and Early Childhood Education centres open, with distance learning available for those unable to attend school (e.g. self-isolating). People advised to avoid non-essential inter-regional travel. People at high risk of severe illness (older people and those with existing medical conditions) are encouraged to stay at home where possible, and take additional precautions when leaving home. They may choose to work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ESNZ office is open with appropriate measures in place for visiting customers. All ESNZ High Performance, Performance or Squad trainings are risk assessed and reviewed to determine if they will proceed with appropriate measures of safety maintained. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more than 100 people indoors and 500 outdoors while maintaining physical distancing. Record the contact information and time of all squad members. Local squad training only. Local Equestrian competitions/rides are allowed to take place if conditions on gatherings are met. Must have a register of who was there and maintain physical distancing where possible. Limited international or domestic travel or staying in hotels (outside of local area) for ESNZ staff and athletes. Officials at high risk of severe illness (older officials and those with existing medical conditions) are encouraged to stay at home where possible. They may choose to officiate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area groups/clubs allowed to offer local competitions/rides only. Local Gatherings of up to 100 people indoors and 500 outdoors allowed while maintaining physical distancing and contact tracing requirements. Ensure that your equestrian competitions/rides are open to local riders/volunteers/officials only. No entries from outside the region allowed unless allowed by a relaxation of Govt restrictions. The use of local Volunteers and Officials is allowed only. Overnight camping is allowed for Equestrian Competitions/rides with multi day events as long as all necessary health measures and physical distancing is followed and the area group/club has a system for checking the rules are being applied. Ensure that Staff/Officials/Volunteers have access to PPE (hand sanitizer, gloves, mask). Record the contact information and time of all people accessing the facility or grounds. Ensure your facility has extensive signage and information regarding precautions for managing COVID-19. Ensure your facility has an up to date cleaning schedule and adequate provisions to facilitate good hygiene practices. (Especially changing/bathrooms, stable facilities). Ensure that Staff, Officials and Volunteers are properly briefed on all information regarding precautions for managing COVID-19. Food vendors allowed if physical distancing and contact tracing requirements can be met. All area group/club events or competition/rides should be risk assessed and reviewed to determine if they will proceed with appropriate measures of safety maintained. Decisions made on a case by case basis. All local seminars, face to face meetings and external activities should be risk assessed and reviewed to determine if they will proceed with appropriate measures of safety maintained. Decisions made on a case by case basis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Equestrian Centre's are open with appropriate measures in place for visiting customers. Local Gatherings of up to 100 people indoors and 500 outdoors allowed while maintaining physical distancing and contact tracing requirements. Equestrian competitions/rides and training are open to local riders/volunteers/officials only. No entries from outside the region allowed. The use of local Volunteers and Officials is allowed only. Overnight camping is allowed for Equestrian Competitions/rides with multi day events as long as all necessary health measures and physical distancing is followed and the area group/club has a system for checking the rules are being applied. Officials at high risk of severe illness (older officials and those with existing medical conditions) are encouraged to stay at home where possible. They may choose to officiate. Ensure that Staff/Officials/Volunteers have access to PPE (hand sanitizer, gloves, mask). Record the contact information and time of all people accessing the facility or grounds. Ensure NEC has extensive signage and information regarding precautions for managing COVID-19. Ensure NEC has an up to date cleaning schedule and adequate provisions to facilitate good hygiene practices. (Especially changing/bathrooms, stable facilities). New POP campers will be allowed to stay onsite under level 2 restrictions. Food vendors allowed if physical distancing and contact tracing requirements can be met. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are unwell or have Covid symptoms you must stay home or get tested. Equestrian competitions/rides and training are open to local riders/volunteers/Officials only. Do not enter a competition/ride outside of your region. All Riding Schools and Equestrian Centre's are open with appropriate measures in place. Recreational riding is allowed if conditions on gatherings are met, physical distancing is followed and travel is local. If horse is not within personal property, then you can ride within that property or go for a short ride within local area with the landowner's permission. Travel to look after animal outside of your property is allowed as long as all the necessary health measures are followed such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash hands before and after. Use own grooming kit, tack and equipment. Set up a roster or facebook group for grazing. Farriers can operate as long as public health measures are taken to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission. During Alert Level 2, everyone should strive for social distancing of 1 metre. Coaches and trainers are allowed to open with appropriate measures in place.



EQUESTRIAN SPORTS NZ ADVICE TO AREA GROUPS/CLUBS DURING COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 1 – TIMEFRAME TO BE DECIDED

Alert Level 1	Range of Government Measures <i>(can be applied locally or nationally)</i>	Equestrian Sports NZ Measures Undertaken	Equestrian Sports NZ Recommendations for Area Groups/Clubs	Equestrian Sports NZ Recommendations for National Equestrian Centre's <i>(Christchurch & Taupo)</i>	Equestrian Sports NZ Recommendations for ESNZ Members and Equestrian Community
<p>Level 1 - Prepare</p> <p>The disease is contained in New Zealand</p> <p>Risk Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 is uncontrolled overseas. • Isolated household transmission could be occurring In New Zealand. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Border entry measures to minimise risk of importing COVID-19 cases. • Intensive testing for COVID-19. • Rapid contact tracing of any positive case. • Self-isolation and quarantine required. • Schools and workplaces open, and must operate safely. • Physical distancing encouraged. • No restrictions on gatherings. • Stay home if you're sick, report flu-like symptoms. • Wash and dry hands, cough into elbow, don't touch your face. • No restrictions on domestic transport – avoid public transport or travel if sick. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ESNZ office is open. • Staff encouraged to stay home if they are sick with flu-like symptoms. • Riders encouraged to withdraw if they are sick with flu-like symptoms. • Officials encouraged to stay home if they are sick with flu-like symptoms. • All ESNZ High Performance, Performance and Squad training are allowed to take place. • Equestrian competitions/rides are allowed to take place. But riders encouraged to withdraw if they are sick with flu-like symptoms. • Meetings, workshops or events and external activities are allowed. • National travel for ESNZ staff and athletes is allowed. International travel for ESNZ staff and athletes is risk assessed and needs to be approved by the CEO or manager. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No restrictions on Equestrian competitions/rides and training. Entries open to all riders and all regions. • Riders encouraged to withdraw if they are sick with flu-like symptoms. • Officials encouraged to stay home if they are sick with flu-like symptoms. • Ensure that Staff/Officials/Volunteers have access to PPE (hand sanitizer, gloves, mask). • Ensure your facility has extensive signage and information regarding precautions for managing COVID-19. • Ensure your facility has an up to date cleaning schedule and adequate provisions to facilitate good hygiene practices. (Especially changing/bathrooms, stable facilities). • Ensure that Staff, Officials and Volunteers are properly briefed on all information regarding precautions for managing COVID-19. • Food vendors allowed. • All National seminars, officials training seminars, face to face meetings and external activities are allowed. Any seminars, meetings and external activities that require bringing in international expertise should be risk assessed and reviewed to determine if they comply with quarantine requirements and can proceed. Decisions made on a case by case basis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Equestrian Centre's are open. • No restrictions on gatherings. • No restrictions on equestrian competitions/rides and training. Entries open to all riders and all regions. • Riders encouraged to withdraw if they are sick with flu-like symptoms. • Ensure NEC has extensive signage and information regarding precautions for managing COVID-19. • Ensure NEC has an up to date cleaning schedule and adequate provisions to facilitate good hygiene practices. (Especially changing/bathrooms, stable facilities). • Camping and overnight stays allowed. • Food vendors allowed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are unwell or have Covid symptoms you must stay home or get tested. • Equestrian competitions/rides and training are open to all riders and regions. • All Riding Schools and Equestrian Centre's are Open. • Recreational riding is allowed and there are no restrictions on domestic transport i.e. you could take your horse to the beach. • If horse is not within personal property, then you can ride within the rules and the landowner's permission. • Travel to look after animal outside of your property is allowed. • Vets and Farriers are open for emergency and routine work. • Coaches and trainers are allowed to open. • Officials encouraged to stay home if they are sick with flu-like symptoms. • Staff/Officials/Volunteers have access to PPE (hand sanitizer, gloves, mask).

