



Dressage Horse/Pony Downgrading Application Form

2020/21

Rider Name

Address:

Email:

Phone:

ESNZ Membership Number:

DOB (if under 21)

Highest level rider has ever competed (on horse or pony)

Name Horse/Pony to be downgraded:

ESNZ Registration Number

Expiry date

Current grading points:

Downgrade level requested:

I declare the above information supplied as correct and agree to abide by all downgrading rules Art 465 Dressage (see page 2)

Name:

Signature:

Signature of parent or guardian if rider under 16yrs:

Date:

Downgrade Fee: \$100 horse / \$50.00 pony

Payable to: Dressage NZ to ACC No: 15 3950 0471176 00 Ref DG(Surname)

Return form to: Dressage NZ Sport Manager, W Hamerton, RD13, Hawera or dressage@nzquestrian.org.nz

For office use only

Fee received:

Application: Approved Declined

Downgraded to: Level

Date:

Signed:

Attention: Persons Responsible for Downgraded Horses/Ponies Art 463

1. Article 463 - Downgrading of Horses & Ponies

1. Horses or Ponies may be downgraded, following an application to Dressage NZ on the prescribed form together with any fee due.
2. A horse or pony may be downgraded to the Grade at which the applicant rider has no more than 15pts but not lower than Novice (Level 2) unless the applicant rider is a CN rider in which case a horse or pony may be downgraded to Preliminary (Level 1). (E.g. A rider with less than 15pts in Novice may downgrade a horse to Novice).
3. Once downgraded, upon gaining 30 points in a level (as set out in the table in Rule 460.2), the horse or pony may not compete in any level below that level.
4. Only the applicant rider may compete the horse at the downgraded level.
5. If, following downgrading, the horse or pony is competed (including competing HC) by any other rider:
 - 5.1 the downgrading ceases to apply and the horse or pony will revert to its pre-downgraded level and grading points status; and
 - 5.2 the restriction in Article 463.7 will still apply; and
 - 5.3 Should any other rider wish to compete the horse or pony at any level lower than its original grade, a new application under Article 463.1 must be made.
6. A downgraded horse or pony may not compete, with the rider who made the application to downgrade the horse or pony, at the horse or pony's original level in any National Championship Competition (NCH) or other Event/Series/Class specified by Dressage NZ, within 12 months of the downgrading, including any qualification competition subject to the following:
 - 6.1 The rider who requested the downgrading must make an application to revoke the horse or pony's downgrading in accordance with the procedure determined by Dressage NZ for revocation of downgrading; and
 - 6.2 If, following the revocation of downgrading the horse or pony receives grading points at the original level, with the rider who made the application to revoke the downgrading, the horse or pony must then remain at the original level with that rider.
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 Event (NCH) or other Event/Series/Class specified by Dressage NZ within 12 months of the downgrading being approved, regardless of ownership.

8. Downgraded horses/ponies may be entered in Athlete age group competitions at any event with no restrictions unless specified in the schedule
9. The annual registration fees for the downgraded horse or pony will be charged at the amount set from time to time by Dressage NZ for the horse or pony's original grade for the first year of the downgrade and thereafter at the fee set for the level at which the horse is currently graded.

National Competitions 2020/21 Restrictions for downgraded horses/ponies

A horse/pony who has been registered as downgraded may not compete and /or be allocated points in the following classes/series/events for a period of twelve months from the date of downgrade approval in any of the following listed events, in any class at any level, with any rider regardless of ownership, unless the rider has made application for the downgrade to be revoked and then the horse may only compete in it's original grade.

- a) National Championships
- b) Island Championships – May compete at the event but are ineligible for Island Championship titles
- c) ESNZ national title classes @U25 Championships / Youth Festival (Hyland Trophy/Waldebago Trophy/KH Arvan Trophy)
- d) Horse of the Year Show – all classes
- e) AMS Pony & Young Rider Performance League

Notes:

- (1) **Downgraded Horse/ponies may compete in all Super 5 League & Zilco Freestyle to Music qualifiers at Regional events but will not be allocated Super 5 League or Freestyle Leaderboard points. They are not eligible for the National League Championship Awards.**