

## Dressage AGM & CONFERENCE 2020



The 2020 Dressage NZ AGM on 19<sup>th</sup> July attracted sixty – five Zoom registrants interested in the future of our sport

Board members retiring by rotation were the Performance and Development Officer, Linda Warren-Davey and Marketing & Comms Manager, Michelle Zielazo. Chair Scott McKenna paid tribute to Linda and Michelle for their input and commitment to Dressage during their term

Taranaki's Alicia Cameron was formally appointed as Marketing & Comms Board member and Christine Weal (Waikato) elected as Performance and Development Officer, both for a three-year term. Thank you to Bill Noble for also accepting nomination as the Performance and Development Officer, and to applicants for the Marketing & Comms portfolio. Dressage is privileged to have had such strong interest from experienced members for these roles. Bill remains as a co-opted member of the Performance Committee.

*Welcome to Alicia and Christine*

### **Alicia Cameron (Taranaki)**



Alicia has worked in various marketing roles over the past 10 years so brings a depth of marketing and communications experience to this role. In particular she has done a lot of work in sponsorship, branding and event management. She previously showjumped and was heavily involved in Waitemata show jumping shows before making the switch to dressage a couple of years ago. She has been playing round at level 1 and 2 recently with green horses and just bought a level 5 schoolmaster to learn and gain further experience on. Alicia has been event manager for the Bates National Dressage

Championships and is currently the Event Co-ordinator on the Dressage Taranaki committee

### **Christine Weal (Waikato)**



Christine is passionate about the development of dressage. She has been on the Performance and Development Committee for a year and now takes over as Chair. Christine is an ESNZ Performance Coach and ESNZ High Performance Futures Squad member on Schindlers Liszt. She has trained in Europe at Performance Sales International, Jean Bemmelmans, Stefan Van Ingelgem, Jenny Loristen-Clarke and Dr Ricky McMillian (Aus). Christine is an active member and Vice-President of Dressage Waikato.

### **Dressage Board 2020-21**

Scott McKenna (Chair), Sarah Hazlewood (Finance & Vice Chair), Sue Hobson (Judges Officer) Andra Mobblerley (Technical) Alicia Cameron (Marketing & Comms) Christine Weal (Performance & Development)

## Committees

### Performance & Development

Christine Weal (Chair), Margs Carline (Chair of Selectors) Kellie Hamlett (Riders Rep) Bill Noble (co-opted) Coach Rep (*Vacancy*)

### Young Rider Convenors

Cathy Vennell (NI) and Lynda Dann (SI)

### Judges

Sue Hobson (Chair), Mura Love, Judith Cunningham (re-appointed until 2023). Lesley Jacobsen and Michelle Paterson (co-opted until 2021)

### Riders Reps

Jody Hartstone (NI) & Jude Nickolls (SI)

### Dressage Steward General

Rachel McCallum

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## Reports

If you would like to read the Dressage Portfolio Annual reports these can still be viewed at

[https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Conference-Agenda-2020\\_v28June.pdf](https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Conference-Agenda-2020_v28June.pdf)

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## Insights Survey Results

Thank you to all members who participated in the survey. Results can be found here:

<https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/2020/07/dressage-send-us-your-insights-in-this-short-survey/>

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## Rule Changes

Full wording of rule changes resulting from remits will be published as soon as possible

In brief:

### 1. Age of Horse & Ponies:

Verification of age will be required for all horses and ponies competing in Young Dressage Horse or Pony Classes. Aging by teeth development by alone is not considered verification

### 2. Jackets:

Will no longer be compulsory at Training or Local events, but if a jacket is not worn, a short sleeve or long sleeve shirt must be worn. OC must give permission for riders not to wear jackets in extreme heat at Regional & National Events, but this must be communicated in a timely manner to all riders. The **colour restriction** for only **dark or black jackets / tail coats at Level 6 and above IS REMOVED**

### 3. Grading Points:

%	Proposed Pts	Current Pts	Change
75 +	10	7	+ 3
70 – 74.99	7	7	No change
67 - 69.99	5	7	-2
63 - 66.99	3	5	-2
60 - 62.99	2	3	-1
57 - 59.99	1	1	No change

\*\* Grading points will be amended but deferred until the new database is functional and all current results are online and deemed correct

### 4. Hoof Boots

Black or brown Hoof boots are now permitted. They must be low profile, not to cover the coronet band or the heels of the horse.

### 5. Remit 6

#### Saddlery, Bridles, Bits

Remits to align permitted gear as closely as possible with current FEI rules were passed. Clarification was sought and confirmed that permitted nosebands are required to be worn with both snaffles and double bridles. However, if a noseband is not worn the penalty is a 2-point penalty deduction per judge

#### Position & Seat of the Rider

Riding with both hands is obligatory at Dressage Events.

When leaving the arena at a walk on long rein, after having finished the test the Athlete may, at their own discretion, ride with only one (1) hand.

Apart from the halt and salute, where the athlete must take the reins in one hand, **riding with the reins in both hands is obligatory**, but a discreet 'pat on the neck' for a well performed exercise, or for reassurance, is perfectly acceptable (as is the situation of an athlete needing to wipe a fly from their eye, or other situations such as adjusting clothing, saddle pads etc).

However, if the rider intentionally takes the reins into one hand in order to use either the reins or the other hand to produce more impulsion from the horse, or to promote applause from the spectators during the test, it will be considered a fault and will be reflected in the mark for both the movement and the collective mark.

#### Also refer to:

#### Freestyles

Riding with one hand is permitted in Freestyles. Reference Document:

Directives for assessing the degree of difficulty in Freestyles Tests

<https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/dressage/useful-docs>

## HALT & SALUTE

### To align with AUS and remove potential for penalty

At the salute, Athletes must take the reins in one hand. The head should be bowed while the other arm is held straight down to the side. In the case of two or more judges officiating on the competition, the salute is taken by the Chief Judge only. **A whip may be held in either hand at the salute**

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### Unauthorised Assistance & Mounted Riders being led

Remits to introduce align rules applicable to these situations will be introduced.

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### Strategic Planning Polls

All Members were invited to prioritize key issues they wanted the Board to focus on for the next three years

Short Term		Medium – Long Term	
Increased participants all levels	<b>84%</b>	Financial Sustainability	<b>86%</b>
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Volunteer Succession Planning & Development	<b>76%</b>	Improved Competition Facilities	<b>75%</b>
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Improved Competition Facilities	<b>43%</b>	Team at WEG 2022	<b>57%</b>
Increased recognition of Dressage	<b>35%</b>	Growth Development Pony Dressage	<b>39%</b>
Development Equine Athlete	<b>29%</b>	Increased number FEI level Horses	<b>29%</b>
Individual at Tokyo OG	<b>22%</b>		
Increased number FEI level Horses	<b>12%</b>		

## Dressage NZ & ESNZ HIGH PERFORMANCE SQUADS Announcement 20/21

Congratulations to the following riders named on squads [See web link for images also](#)

### YOUTH SQUAD (5)

Rebecca	Williamson	Don Tobio
Stephanie	Baker	Popstar MH
Morgan	Beere	Redwood Furst Affair
Lucy	Cochrane	Gymanji
Reece	Downham-Smith	Georgia MH

### DEVELOPMENT SQUAD (10)

Wendi	Williamson	Don Vito MH
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Casey	Burton	Fanfare MH
Mandy	Littlejohn	Dolce Vita RB
Rebecca	McKee	Solo
Kellie	Hamlett	Astek Geromino
Vanessa	Way	NRM Timberill Prequel
Haydee	Wells-Parmenter	Royal Dream
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Tessa	Van Bruggen	Fiorenza
Amanda	Berridge	GS O Jay
Lorraine	Ward-Smith	Fernlea Diamond Day

### SMALL TOUR SQUAD (2)

Brina	Carpenter	Leo Donna
Chanel	Flyger	Hot Chocolate MH

### BIG TOUR SQUAD (6)

Vanessa	Way	NSC Pronto
Amy	Sage	RM All About Me
Lucarne	Dolley	Ardmore
Victoria	Wall	Letty Lei EDH
Kieryn	Walton	Rosari Don Carlos
Melissa	Galloway	Windermere Johanson W

### HIGH PERFORMANCE (3)

Wendi	Williamson	Don Amour MH
John	Thompson	JHT Chemistry
Melissa	Galloway	Windermere J'obie W

### HIGH PERFORMANCE FUTURES (3)

Chelsea	Callaghan	Sisters II Etta J
Christine	Weal	Schindlers Liszt
Gaylene	Lennard	Jax Johnson