

**Purpose:**

To provide OC's with guidelines that assist them with organising Express/Introductory Events and also to provide OC's with the security of knowing that if they run within these guidelines, that they will be covered by ESNZ Liability Insurance.

These Express/Introductory events can act as fundraisers for Areas and OC's and also provide low-key training and educational opportunities for existing members as well as introducing new riders to the sport of Eventing. These guidelines are intended to give OC's considerable flexibility in how they structure these Express Events but they also establish some minimum safety considerations.

Express/Introductory Events (EX events) are in no way intended to replace Registered Events and need to be a much shorter and less complex event so that they can be run responsibly with minimal safety, volunteer and official requirements.

OC's are encouraged to make these EX events inviting, encouraging and educational for new riders. They can do this in numerous ways; e.g: having experienced riders and committee members available on the grounds to take guided XC course walks, assist at the SJ/XC practice jumps or give advice if a rider is having difficulty. Rider's who are observed riding the XC too fast or in such a way that causes safety concerns should be informed of these concerns and given advice of how to ride safely.

**Guidelines/Requirements:**

1. The Sport Manager of ESNZ Eventing must be notified of any Express/Introductory Events.
2. All riders must be either full ESNZ members or Introductory Members, or pay a Casual Membership.
3. Express Events can only include height levels up to EX 105cm level – no higher.
4. There is no requirement for prizes - any prizes should be low key.
5. These EX events are not included in the Eventing Series.
6. Results from these EX events are not recorded in ESNZ database.
7. EX events have to run one level all on one day – cannot run one level over two days.
8. EX events may have team options as well as individual scores
9. EX events may also consist of only two tests instead of the three – this can also include Derby/Hickstead/jump-cross situations where SJ and XC jumps can be inter-mingled. EX events can also combine different levels for different tests: e.g: EX105 dressage and EX 80cm jumping phases.
10. EX Events use the same equivalent level ESNZ Eventing tests as Registered Events.
11. All EX events XC levels must be of at least one third shorter distance and have one third fewer jumps than the comparable Registered level. In acknowledging that there are lesser medical and veterinary services at an EX event the types and technicality of the XC jumps should be of a simpler nature than at the comparable level at a Registered Event. The SJ test should also be shorter and simpler than at a Registered Event – there should be a max of 8 – 10 show jumping efforts.
12. All Riders must sign an acceptance of risk and disclaimer form.
13. Riders under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a Responsible Adult.
14. All venues must have cell phone coverage – no exceptions.
15. Dressage tests may be called. Whips may be carried in dressage.
16. If not specified here then refer to current ESNZ Eventing Rules for guidance.
17. ESNZ Eventing Welfare of the Horse and Dangerous Riding rules apply at EX Events.
18. OC's may use their discretion to decide whether multiple refusals are accumulated or whether

riders are eliminated or can miss out the jump and carry on. For safety reasons the same Fall of Rider and Horse rules apply to EX events as to Registered Events.

19. The OC has the same rights/authority at an Express Event as at a Registered Event.
20. Article 610: Disclaimer of Liability in ESNZ Eventing Rules applies to Ex Eventing too.
21. A \$2.00 levy per participating horse is payable to ESNZ Eventing.

**Minimum Medical Requirements:**

1. The OC must notify the local emergency services that they are holding an event, and give them the address of venue.
2. The OC must inform the local on-call vet that you are holding an equestrian event.
3. The minimum medical requirement is that you have a designated first aid person (Designated First Aid Officer) who is present for the entire event. At minimum they need to have a current first-aid certificate.
4. The Designated First Aid Officer needs to have a First Aid Kit.
5. The Designated First Aid Officer must have a 4WD vehicle and driver to accompany them. They must have a cell phone and also a radio to contact the other members of the OC/Officials at the event.
6. The OC must also designate an “Equine First Aider”.
7. The Equine First Aider must have a 4WD Vehicle attached to a horse-float and an accompanying driver. There should be tarpaulins in the horse-float.
8. The OC should designate an emergency response team coordinator – everyone needs to be clear about their roles and have an easy communication system established.

**Officials:**

1. There must be a minimum of one List 2 Eventing Official present throughout the event – must be a TD or CD who has checked the XC jump tracks.
2. Dressage judges do not have to be List judges but should have relevant experience.

**Dress/Saddlery:**

1. To comply with ESNZ Eventing rules as per the Cross-Country test for both jumping tests.
2. The use of a Snaffle bridle for the Dressage test should be encouraged.