



Development Pathway for ESNZ Eventing Officials



ESNZ Eventing is committed to the development of all officials. Well trained and competent officials are a key component of the on-going success and development of our sport.

To be an official at a competition technical knowledge alone is not enough. It is also necessary to communicate positively and clearly while always maintaining fairness and consistency.

- You don't have to know every rule, but you must be able to find them easily.
- Watch horses and riders of all levels while training. Ask permission to watch riders' training sessions with good coaches.
- Watch horses jumping in competition. Know how striding alters for different types of fences, and other trends shown at different types of fences. Have a good understanding of distances in related fences/combinations.
- Read books and magazine articles, especially on Cross Country design and safety. Know the course, know where potential problems might be and always put safety first.

Types of Eventing Officials

ESNZ Eventing competitions require four key officials to function

- Course Designers (CD)
- Technical Delegates (TD)
- Cross Country Judges (XC-J)
- Stewards (ES)

There are three levels of ESNZ Eventing officials, irrespective of the type or role of the official.

- List 3
- List 2.
- List 1.



Official Listing and Level of Competition (Article 631)

Class	Course Designer	Technical Delegate	Cross Country Judge	Chief Steward
CCN65-S	List 3 or above	List 3 or above	List 3 or above	List 2 or above
	One of these officials must be List 2 or above			
CCN80-S	List 3 or above	List 3 or above	List 3 or above	List 3 can assist only.
	One of these officials must be List 2 or above			
CCN95-S/L	List 3 or above	List 3 with List 1 CD & XCJ or a List 1 TD supervising. Otherwise List 2 or above	List 2 or above	
CCN105-S/L CCN 1*-S/L	List 3 with List 1 TD & XCJ or a List 1 CD supervising. Otherwise List 2 or above	List 2 or above	List 2 or above	
CCN 2*-S/L	List 2 or above	List 2 or above	List 2 or above	
CCN 3*-S/L	List 2 or above	List 2 or above	List 1	
	Either CD or TD must be List 1. If either CD or TD are list 2 then there must be a List 1 of the same role to supervise.			
CCN 4*-S/L	All Officials must be List 1			

Pathways for Course Designers



- Three Levels – List 3, List 2 and List 1
- An application form to become a List 3 Official can be found on the ESNZ website. There is no need to attend a Seminar before becoming a List 3 CD, but individuals will need read online *Introduction to being an ESNZ Eventing Official, ESNZ Eventing Rules and NZ Guide to Cross Country Design* and pass a rules test before going on the list.
- Initially on listing as a List 3 CD you will need to work under the supervision of a List 2 or List 1 CD and receive a positive review from that CD before working as the sole CD for an event.
- Upgrade to List 2 and List 1 CD will be dependent upon gaining necessary work experience and obtaining positive assessments at events and at ESNZ Eventing Seminars.
- An application form to upgrade needs to be completed at List 2 and also at List 1.
<https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/disciplines/eventing/resources/officials/education-pathway/>
- The new ESNZ Logbook for Officials should be kept by all officials and a copy sent in with any upgrade application.

Pathway for Course Designers (CDs)

LIST 3 Officiate at 65-105 Level

Prior to gaining
List 3 Status
Applicants need to
have:

- Fill in an application form
- Shadowed a CD at 2 ESNZ or FEI events
- Assisted with setting up, flagging and measuring of 2 XC courses with List 1 CD.
- Read the online *Introduction to being an Eventing Official, ESNZ Eventing Rules and NZ Guide to Cross Country Design.*
- Passed an ESNZ Eventing Rules Test
- Be a member of ESNZ

LIST 2 Officiate at 65-3* Level

Prior to gaining
List 2 Status
Applicants need as
a minimum to have:

- Fill in an application form
- Worked at, at least 6 ESNZ or FEI Eventing Events, **three** as a CD, the other 3 can be as an Assistant at CCN2* or above.
- **One** positive event assessment report from List 1 Official at CCN105 level.
- One positive assessment at Course Design workshop.
- Attended an ESNZ Eventing Officials Seminar and receive a positive attendance report.
- Passed an ESNZ Eventing Rules Test
- Be member of ESNZ

LIST 1 Officiate at 65-4* Level

Prior to gaining
List 1 Status
Applicants need as
a minimum to have:

- Fill in an application form
- Worked at, at least 6 ESNZ or FEI Eventing Events including two roles as CD at CCN3* level and two as assistant at 3* or 4* level.
- **Two** positive Event assessment reports from List 1 Officials at events at 3* level.
- Attended an ESNZ Eventing Officials Seminar and receive a positive attendance report.
- Passed an ESNZ Eventing Rules Test
- Be member of ESNZ

Performance Assessment for CDs

The Performance Assessment Form for CDs covers key areas of competence for the role including:

- General (Team Work, Rules, Communication Skills, Venue Layout)
- Cross-Country Design/Layout & Philosophy and fence construction/repair
- Jumping Test
- Risk Management & Safety



Pathways for TDs & XC Judges



1. XC-Js who do not work as TDs will not be granted the same TD status

- Three levels – List 3, List 2, List 1
- TDs will be granted XC-J status at the same level as their TD listing¹
- An application form to become a List 3 Official can be found on the ESNZ website. There is no need to attend a Seminar before becoming a List 3 TD, but individuals will need read online *Introduction to being an ESNZ Eventing Official, ESNZ Eventing Rules, NZ Guide to Cross Country Course Design, ESNZ General Regulations, TD “How To Sheet”* and pass a rules test before going on the list.
- Initially on listing as a TD or XC-J you will need to work under the supervision of a List 1 TD /XC-J and receive a positive review from that TD/XC-J before working as the sole TD/XC-J for an event
- Upgrade to List 2 and List 1 will be dependent upon gaining necessary work experience plus obtaining required positive Performance Assessments at events and at ESNZ Eventing Official Seminars
- An application form to upgrade needs to be completed at List 2 and also at List 1.
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Pathway for TDs & XC Judges

LIST 3 Officiate at 65-80 Level

Prior to gaining
List 3 Status
Applicants need to
have:

- Fill in an application form
- Shadowing a TD or XCJ at 3 ESNZ/FEI events
- Assist with flagging, and measuring of a XC course at two different venues with a List 1 TD.
- Read the online *Introduction to being an Eventing Official, ESNZ Eventing Rules, NZ Guide to Cross Country Course Design, ESNZ General Regulations, Guide to being a XC Judge, TD "How To" sheet.*
- Passed an ESNZ Eventing Rules Test
- Be an ESNZ member

LIST 2 Officiate at 65-3* Level

Prior to gaining
List 2 Status
Applicants need as
a minimum to have:

- Fill in an application form
- Worked at at least 6 ESNZ or FEI Eventing Events, **three** as either TD or XC-J, the other 3 can be as an Assistant in your desired role.
- **Two** positive Performance Assessment reports from List 1 Officials at events
- Attended an ESNZ Eventing Officials Seminar and receive a positive attendance report.
- Passed an ESNZ Eventing Rules Test
- Be a ESNZ member

LIST 1 Officiate at 65-4* Level

Prior to gaining
List 1 Status
Applicants need as
a minimum to have:

- Fill in an application form
- Worked at at least 6 ESNZ or FEI Eventing Events in your role, including two roles as assistant at 3* or 4* level.
- **Two** positive Performance Assessment reports from List 1 Officials at events
- Attended an ESNZ Eventing Officials Seminar and receive a positive attendance report.
- Passed an ESNZ Eventing Rules Test
- Be an ESNZ Member

Performance Assessment for TDs & XC Judges

The Performance Assessment Form for TDs / XC Judges covers key areas of competence for the roles including:

- General (Team Work, Leadership, Rules, Communication Skills)
- Administration & Management of an Event
- Risk Management & Safety
- Cross-Country Design/Levels & Philosophy,
- Dressage,
- Jumping



Pathways for Stewards



- Two levels – List 3, List 2
- An application form to become a List 3 official can be found on the ESNZ website. There is no need to attend a Seminar before going on the List, but individuals will need read online *Introduction to being an ESNZ Eventing Official*, *ESNZ Eventing Rules* and pass a rules test before going on the list.
- Initially on listing as a Steward you will need to work under the supervision of a List 2 Steward and receive a positive review from that Steward before working as the sole Steward for an event
- Upgrade to List 2 will be dependent upon gaining necessary work experience plus obtaining required positive Performance Assessments at events and at ESNZ Eventing Official Seminar.
- An application form to upgrade needs to be completed at List 2.
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Pathway for Stewards

LIST 3 Assist at all levels

Prior to gaining
List 3 Status

Applicants need to:

- Fill in an application form
- Shadow with Stewards at 3 ESNZ or /FEI events
- Read the online *Introduction to being an Eventing Official and the ESNZ Eventing Rules*.
- Passed an ESNZ Eventing Rules Test
- Be an ESNZ member

LIST 2 Officiate at 65-4* Level

Prior to gaining
List 2 Status

Applicants need to:

- Fill in an application form
- Worked at least 6 ESNZ or FEI Eventing Events,
- **Two** positive Performance Assessment reports from List 2 Steward at events
- Attended an ESNZ Eventing Officials Seminar and receive a positive attendance report.
- Passed an ESNZ Eventing Rules Test
- Be a ESNZ member

A photograph of a rider in a dark blue jacket and white breeches, wearing a black helmet, sitting on a brown horse. A man in a blue shirt and sunglasses is leaning over the horse's head, possibly assessing it. A group of people, including a woman in a blue jacket and a man in a green jacket, are standing behind the horse, watching. The background shows a grassy field with trees and a fence.

Performance Assessment for Stewards

The Performance Assessment Form for Stewards covers key areas of competence for the role including

- General (Team Work, Rules, Communication Skills,)
- Rules & Regulations (practical application)
- Horse Welfare



Becoming an FEI Official

Once you are a List 1 ESNZ TD, CD or XC-J¹ or a List 2 Steward, it opens the opportunity to become an FEI Official.

In order to be an FEI Judge you need to be an ESNZ Dressage Judge Level D and a ESNZ Eventing XC-J List 1

Becoming an FEI Official



There is NOT an automatic pathway from being a senior ESNZ Eventing Official to FEI Eventing Official.

The FEI has its own education process and development pathway for its officials.

Talk to your TAG Liaison representative to find out more information on becoming an FEI Eventing official.