



## Elections & Remits: Dressage NZ AGM

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### **Election**

#### **Position:**

**Dressage Chair**

**Nomination:** Scott McKenna

**Proposer:** Fraser King

**Secunder:** Rhiannon Scott

Qualifications and Motivations

#### **Qualifications**

I am a barrister and solicitor by trade, I have practiced law for 13 years in the areas of civil and criminal litigation. I am a director of Grantham Law which has offices in Hamilton and Taupo.

I have held the technical officer position for one term now and therefore also have experience on the dynamics of the Board and the interaction between DNZ and ESNZ.

I am also a dressage rider, having competed right UP to international grand prix level. I also train numerous combinations from FEL level riders to children and adult beginners. By virtue of this I have an insight into the sport from the perspective of a rider and a trainer.

I believe I am generally well liked within the Dressage community and trusted as a person who is open, approachable, receptive to criticism and willing to consider all ideas, points of view and opinions, even when they conflict with my own.

## **Motivations**

My motivation is my love for dressage and a desire to see the sport grow and become accessible to more people. I believe that our sport is Unique and has huge potential for growth. The port also faces some significant challenges. I am motivated to preserve the traditional nature of the sport and the values that underpin that while also adapting in positive and productive ways to modern challenges. I am committed to a culture of openness, transparency and inclusivity.

My primary goals if elected will be;

1. To influence the culture of our sport to make it more inclusive of new participants and those on the fringes of our sport;
2. To increase the level of transparency in the administration of our sport and increase dialogue between board members and all participants including riders, officials, volunteers, sponsors and dressage fans of any other description; and
3. To lift the standard of dressage rider and training in New Zealand.

## REMITTS

### Article 460: Horse Eligibility

#### 1. RULE 460.3.2 and 3.3

##### CURRENT RULE 460.3 (Eff 2018)

Advanced Grade: Horses may compete in any levels they are eligible for within Advanced Level at any event with the exception of Regional, Island or National Events where the schedule specifies that horses/ponies are restricted to levels as advertised in the schedule as follows (this includes all Freestyle points):

- 3.1 Level 6 - Not more than 60 points in Level 7 or above;
- 3.2 Level 7 - Not more than 60 points in Level 8 or above;
- 3.3 Level 8 - Not more than 60 points in Level 9
- 3.4 These restrictions will not apply if a horse is competed by another rider of Category C7 or below.

##### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Delete any restrictions on levels that Advanced Grade horses may compete at

### PROPOSED RULE 460.3

**Advanced Grade:** Horses may compete in any Advanced Level (6-9) irrespective of the number of grading points in Levels 7 or above

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### Article 463.2 DOWNGRADING of HORSES Rule 463.2

##### Current Rule

**463.2** A horse or pony may be downgraded to the highest level at which the applicant rider has competed but not lower than Level 2 unless the applicant rider is a CN rider in which case a horse or pony may be downgraded to Level 1.

##### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

**463.2** A horse or pony may be downgraded to the highest-level rider category level ~~at which the applicant rider has competed~~ but not lower than Level 2 unless the applicant rider is a CN rider in which case a horse or pony may be downgraded to Level 1.

## Article 477: Saddlery

### 1. PROPOSED AMENDMENT RULES 477. 3.1 & 3.2

- 3.1 Levels 0 - 4: An ordinary snaffle bridle. ~~A noseband is compulsory~~
- 3.2 Levels 5 - 9: An ordinary snaffle or double bridle with the exception that the National Dressage selectors may require a horse or pony to be ridden in a FEI test in a simple double bridle where the FEI test would require this if the test was ridden under FEI rules for Dressage. ~~A noseband is compulsory~~

### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

- i. Noseband Incorrect for bridle used ~~or no noseband~~ – Elimination
- ii. That a deduction of 2 points be applied if a noseband is not worn.

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### 2. PROPOSED AMENDMENT: 477.4.2

4.2 Snaffle or bridoon and curb must be made of metal or rigid plastic and may be covered with rubber. ~~Flexible rubber snaffles and bridoons are permitted~~. (Wrapping of bits with any kind of material is not permitted).

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## Article 479: Dress

### PROPOSED ADDITION 479.2

Stock or tie/choker collar or ~~integrated stand up collar~~. ~~Buttons on shirts must be done up~~

## BY -LAW 17: DRESSAGE RULES FOR ADMINISTRATION

### ELECTION of ISLAND RIDER REPRESENTATIVES

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#### Current rule Para 18

##### RIDERS REPRESENTATIVES.

- a. North and South Island Riders' Representatives will be elected annually by riders attending the Riders' Meetings held at the North and South Island Championships;
- b. The two Riders' Representatives will hold a position on the Committee.
- c. The Riders Representative will organise and Chair the Riders' Meeting at their respective Island Championships.
- d. Any rider over 18 years who is a current financial full member of ESNZ may speak at the Riders' meetings.
- e. A parent or guardian may speak on behalf of a current financial full member of ESNZ under 18 years subject to the parent or guardian being a Full or Community Member of ESNZ.

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT (Still under discussion)

##### Para a. That:

- a (i) North and South Island Riders' Representatives will be elected annually by riders who are current and full financial members of ESNZ
- a (ii) **and** who have competed in one graded dressage start between 1st of January and the 31st of December.
- a (iii) The timing of this vote should be aligned with Conference.

Para b: No Change

Para c: .... Riders meeting at their respective Island Championships **or other designated event.**  
**Notice of the Riders meeting must be given 12 weeks in advance**

Para d: No change

Para e. A parent or guardian may speak on behalf of a current financial full member of ESNZ under 18 years subject to the parent or guardian being a Full or **Introductory** Community Member of ESNZ.

#### Actions:

Further recommendations to be brought forward to conference by the Riders Reps, and the Sport Manager to investigate what means of online voting can be utilised via the ESNZ database.

**Please note several other updates to the Rule Book will be made to align with the introduction of the new tests and other incidental wording which requires an update, but will not change the fundamental of the rule**