



EquiMatch Pony and Young Rider Rising Star Top Ten League 2022 - 2023

The EquiMatch Pony & Young Rider Rising Star Top Ten League is set to encourage and inspire our riders of the future.

This is an opportunity for riders to compete in a national series against riders of similar age, experience and grade of horse or pony at local, regional and national shows

Entry conditions align with the Gold Silver & Bronze Classifications at each level

Please refer to more information about these divisions on pages 3.

Eligibility

1. Riders must be Child or Full competitive members of ESNZ
2. Participating horses and ponies must be ESNZ registered and have an Annual Dressage Start.
3. Bronze, Silver or Gold classification is at the date the entry is made on EvoEvents.
4. Downgraded horses/ponies are eligible
5. **Riders on Ponies:** Riders in the pony divisions must be 16yrs or under at 1st August 2022.
6. **Riders on Horses:** Riders must turn at least twelve years on or after 1st Jan 2022.
7. Riders who are not eligible to compete in any pony division because they are 16yrs or older as at 1st August 2022 may compete in the young rider/ horse section on a pony.

Conditions

1. The competition runs from 1st August 2022 until 30th April 2023
2. Riders must nominate on www.evoevents.co.nz by 1st November 2022
3. Horses/ponies may be entered for only one National section and may enter any level for which they are eligible under the dressage grading system. *eg A pony graded Preliminary may enter Novice but only scores from Novice and above tests will be accrued. If a pony is graded Preliminary but competes in a higher level during the season, the higher-level points will be counted.*

National Sections

Ponies: Riders 16yrs and under at 1st August 2022

Pony Preliminary	Combination Classification Preliminary Bronze or Preliminary Silver
Pony Novice	Combination Classification Novice Bronze or Novice Silver
Pony Elementary to Advanced Medium	Combination Classification Elementary to Advanced Medium Bronze or Elementary to Advanced Medium Silver

Horses: Riders must turn at least 12yrs during 2022, and be 20yrs or under at 1st August 2022

Horse Preliminary	Combination Classification Preliminary Bronze or Preliminary Silver
Horse Novice	Combination Classification Novice Bronze or Novice Silver
Horse Elementary to Advanced Medium	Combination Classification Elementary to Advanced Medium Bronze or Elementary to Advanced Medium Silver

Special Awards

Top Score Rider North Island	12yrs & under at 1 August 2022
Top Score Rider South Island	12yrs & under at 1 August 2022
Newcomer ESNZ graded Dressage rider.	Must have not earned any dressage grading points on any horse or pony prior to 1/4/2022

Scoring

1. Maximum of 10 scores to count from Graded events on the official DNZ Calendar.
2. In the event of a tie, the combination with the highest average percentage from the top ten scores will be

deemed the winner.

3. League Points will be allocated as follows:

Percentage	Points	
	Preliminary-Elementary	Medium-Advanced Medium
Less than 57%	4	5
57 - 59.99%	5	6
60 - 64.99%	6	7
65 - 69.99%	7	8
70% plus	8	9

Prizes & Presentations

Area Prizes

Rosettes will be awarded to the highest scoring pony and horse in each ESNZ area. A rider's Area is determined by the ESNZ Area Boundaries, and not necessarily the Area Group to which they belong

National Prizes

To be awarded at the Dressage NZ Annual Awards Dinner 2023: Date & Venue TBC

- Section Champions receive presentation Rug, Sash
- Section Reserve Champion receives a sash.
- Top Score Rider North Island 12yrs & under receives a winner's sash
- Top Score Rider South Island 12yrs & under receives a winner's sash
- Newcomer ESNZ graded Dressage rider receives a winner's sash

Gold Silver Bronze Categories 2022-23

- Eligibility at the evening prior to the event
- Small Tour and above is defined as Prix St Georges to Grand Prix Levels
- Riders must compete in their category when GSB is used and may not opt to compete up a category.
- Freestyle scores are no longer excluded
- Bronze eligibility % reduced from 65% to 63% Prelim and Novice
- Areas may run separate classes or combined and GSB results extracted

Preliminary Gold: All riders that don't meet the criteria of either Preliminary Bronze or Silver below

To compete Preliminary Bronze you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete Preliminary Silver you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Medium or above at any time			As a rider on any horse competed at Advanced Medium level or above in the last four years		
As a combination have achieved 11 or more scores of 63% or above at any level			As a combination have achieved 11 or more scores of 68% or above at any level		

Novice Gold All riders that don't meet the criteria of either Novice Bronze or Silver below

To compete Novice Bronze you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete Novice Silver you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Advanced Medium level or above at any time			As a rider on any horse competed at Advanced level or above in the last four years		
As a combination have achieved 11 or more scores of 63% or above at any level Novice and above			As a combination have achieved 11 or more scores of 68% or above at any level Novice and above		

Elementary Gold All riders that don't meet the criteria of either Elementary Bronze or Silver below

To compete Elementary Bronze you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete Elementary Silver you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Advanced level or above at any time			As a rider on any horse competed at Small Tour or above in the last four years		
As a combination have achieved 11 or more scores of 63% or above at any level Elementary and above			As a combination have achieved 11 or more scores of 65% or above at any level Elementary and above		

Medium Gold All riders that don't meet the criteria of either Medium Bronze or Silver below

To compete Medium Bronze you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete Medium Silver you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Small Tour or above at any time			As a rider on any horse competed at Small Tour or above in the last four years		
As a combination have achieved 11 or more scores of 63% or above at any level Medium and			As a combination have achieved 11 or more scores of 65% or above at any level Medium and above		

Advanced Medium Gold

All riders that don't meet the criteria of either Advanced Medium Bronze or Silver below

To compete Advanced Medium Bronze you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete Advanced Medium Silver you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Small Tour or above at any time			As a rider on any horse competed at Small Tour or above in the last four years		
As a combination have achieved 11-or more scores of 63% or above at any level Advanced medium and above			As a combination have achieved 11 or more scores of 65% or above at any level Advanced medium and above		