



## **Equissage Dressage Amateur Top 10 League 2019 - 2020**

This competition is designed to promote dressage competition to CN – C5 riders. For the purpose of this series, eligible riders who do not have 15 or more grading points at any level above Advanced Medium Level 5 at the beginning of the competition season (1<sup>st</sup> August 2019). These riders are vitally important to Dressage NZ's ability to develop the sport at all levels and it provides an opportunity for riders to compete against their peers without long distance travel.

- The competition is open to riders 21yrs and over at 1/8/19 and over and is run in four National divisions plus special awards.

### **National Divisions**

<b>Bronze</b>	<b>Area &amp; National</b>	Preliminary (L1)	Riders CN - C3 at 1/8/2019
<b>Silver</b>	<b>Area &amp; National</b>	Novice (L2)	Riders CN - C4 at 1/8/2019
<b>Gold</b>	<b>Area &amp; National</b>	Elementary (L3)	Riders CN - C5 at 1/8/2019
<b>Platinum</b>	<b>Area &amp; National</b>	Medium (L4)	Riders CN - C5 at 1/8/2019

### **Special Awards**

<b>Newcomer (First year member)</b>	Open to new ESNZ graded Dressage rider with no grading points in Dressage prior to 1/4/2019
<b>Island Hi-Points Award</b>	Highest Score in each Island
<b>Amateur Owner</b>	Horse with zero grading points with any previous or current owner

### **Eligibility**

1. Riders must be 21 years and over at 1 August 2019
2. Riders must be annual competitive members of the ESNZ
3. All participating horses must be ESNZ registered and have annual starts for graded dressage competitions
4. Downgraded horses are eligible

### **Conditions**

1. Riders must nominate on Equestrian Entries by 1 December 2019.
2. Competition runs from 1 August 2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020
3. A separate entry for each horse must be made.
4. Rider may only enter one national division per horse.
5. Horses made be entered in any level for which they are eligible as per the grading rules. Eg below  
If a horse is entered in Novice Level 2, but is still eligible for Preliminary Level 1 and competes in any Preliminary tests, the Preliminary scores /points will not count  
If a horse is eligible and entered in Section 1, (Preliminary Level 1) and also enters Novice Level 2 or above, the Novice or above scores/points will be recorded and may count toward the final accumulated score

## Rider Categories

Category N	(CN) Newcomers. For riders who have never earned grading points at any Level
Category 1	(C1) For riders who have never earned 15 or more grading points at any level above Preliminary Level 1
Category 2	(C2) For riders who have never earned 15 or more grading points at any level above Novice Level 2
Category 3	(C3) For riders who have never earned 15 or more grading points at any level above Elementary Level 3
Category 4	(C4) For riders who have never earned 15 or more grading points at any level above Medium Level 4
Category 5	(C5) For riders who have never earned 15 or more grading points at any level above Advanced Medium Level 5
<b>Category Am</b>	<p><b>Any rider C5 or below is a CAm rider.</b></p> <p><b>A CAm rider may compete in Amateur competitions at any level not more than two levels below that rider's rider category. e.g a C5 rider may compete in any CAm competition or series at Elementary L3, Medium L4 and Advanced Medium L5. A C4 rider may compete in any CAm competition or series at levels Novice L2, Elementary L3 and Medium L4</b></p>

## Scoring

1. Points can be earned in graded competitions only
2. Maximum of 10 scores to count from Graded events on the official DNZ Calendar
3. In the event of a tie, the combination with the highest average percentage from the top ten scores will be deemed the winner
4. Points are awarded as follows

%	Points
70% plus	10
67 to 69.99%	7
63 – 66.99%	5
60 - 62.99%	3
57 – 59.99%	1

## Presentations

### Area Prizes

Rosettes are awarded to area winners in all 20 ESNZ areas (as per ESNZ area boundaries)

### National Prizes

National presentations are made in June annually at the Dressage Awards Dinner.

- Overall National winner receives the Pot Black trophy and Champion sash
- Section Champions receive presentation Rug, Sash and \$100 sponsors voucher each
- Section Reserve Champion receives Sash
- Newcomer (First year member), Sash to winner and \$100 sponsors voucher
- Island Hi-Points Award, Sash to winner in each Island and \$100 sponsors voucher
- Amateur Owner Award, Sash to winner and \$100 sponsors voucher