



Equissage Dressage Amateur Top 10 League 2018 - 2019

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** Level 5 above at the beginning of the competition season (1st August 2018). 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 1/8/18 and over and is run in four National divisions plus special awards, with twenty area winners.
- Competition runs from 1 August 2018 to 30th April 2019
- All entries must be made on Equestrian Entries on or before 1/12/2018. Entries will be closed off on 1/12/18

Bronze	Area & National	Level 1	Riders CN - C3 at 1/8/2018
Silver	Area & National	Level 2	Riders CN - C4 at 1/8/2018
Gold	Area & National	Level 3	Riders CN - C5 at 1/8/2018
Platinum	Area & National	Level 4	Riders CN - C5 at 1/8/2018
Newcomer	(First year member)	Open to new ESNZ graded Dressage rider. No grading points in Dressage prior to 1/4/2018	
Island Hi-Points Award		Highest Score in each Island	
Amateur Owner		Horse with zero grading points at date of purchase by current owner and may not have earned any grading points with any other rider at any time.	

Conditions of Entry & Eligibility:

1. Riders must be 21 years and over at 1 August 2018
2. Riders must be annual competitive members of the ESNZ
3. All participating horses must be registered and have annual starts for graded dressage competitions
4. Separate entry for each horse must be made.
5. Rider may only enter one section per horse.
6. Horses made be entered in any level for which they are eligible as per the grading rules. Eg below
 - a. If a horse is entered in Level 2, but is still eligible for Level 1 and competes in any Level 1 tests, these scores /points will not count
 - b. If a horse is eligible and entered in Section 1, (Level 1) and also enters Level 2 or above, the level 2 or above scores/points will be recorded and may count toward the final accumulated score
7. Downgraded horses are eligible
8. Maximum of 10 scores to count from events on the official DNZ Calendar
9. In the event of a tie, the highest top 10 average percent will be deemed the winner

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 Level 1
Category 2	(C2) For riders who have never earned 15 or more grading points at any level above Level 2
Category 3	(C3) For riders who have never earned 15 or more grading points at any level above Level 3
Category 4	(C4) For riders who have never earned 15 or more grading points at any level above Level 4
Category 5	(C5) For riders who have never earned 15 or more grading points at any level above Level 5
Category M	(CM) Masters. For Riders 50yrs & over (age from the beginning of the calendar year that the rider turns 50)
Category Amateur	(CAm) Any rider C5 or below is a CAm rider. 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 level 3, 4 and 5. A C4 rider may compete in any CAm competition or series at levels 2, 3 and 4.

Scoring

1. Awards points can be earned in graded competitions only
2. Points are awarded as follows

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

Presentations

Presentations are made in June annually at the Dressage Awards Dinner.

Area

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

National

National prizes (1st – 3rd) are awarded in each section

- Overall National winner receives the Pot Black trophy and Champion sash
- Section 1-4 winners receives presentation Rug, Sash and \$100 sponsors voucher each
- Second and third place getters receives Sash
- Overall National winner receives the Pot Black trophy and Champion 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