



Equizee Pony and Young Rider Top Ten League 2021 - 2022

The Equizee Pony & Young Rider Top Ten League again 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 this year align with the newly introduced Gold Silver & Bronze Classifications at each level
Please refer to more information about these divisions on pages 3 and 4

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 start for dressage.
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 1 August 2021.
6. **Riders on Horses:** Riders must turn at least twelve years on or after 1 Jan 2021.
7. Riders who are not eligible to compete in any pony division because they are 16yrs or older as at 1 August 2021 may compete in the young rider/ horse section on a pony.

Conditions

1. The competition runs from 1 August 2021 until 1st May 2022 **Now extended to the 8th May 2022**
2. Riders must nominate on www.evoevents.co.nz by 1 November 2021
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 1 August 2021

Pony Preliminary	Combination Classification Preliminary Bronze
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 2021, and be 20yrs or under at 1 August 2021

Horse Preliminary	Combination Classification Preliminary Bronze
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 2021
Top Score Rider South Island	12yrs & under at 1 August 2021
Newcomer ESNZ graded Dressage rider.	Must have not earned any dressage grading points on any horse or pony prior to 1/4/2021

Scoring

1. Maximum of 10 scores to count from Graded events on the official DNZ Calendar. **Reduced to maximum of 7 scores.**
2. In the event of a tie, the combination with the highest average percentage from the top ~~ten~~ **seven** 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 2022: Date & Venue TBC

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

Items in red are following the review by Dressage NZ Board meeting on 18th January 2022 in consideration to the Covid 2021 lockdowns. <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/2022/01/dressage-series-land-rover-horse-of-the-year-qualifications-amended/>