



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022
2. Riders must nominate on [www.evoevents.co.nz](http://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 & 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
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 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

## **Dressage NZ Goes for Gold, Silver & Bronze Following Amateur Rider Classification**

The proposal was widely accepted by delegates on a trial basis for the 21/22 season to be reviewed and any changes considered necessary made prior to implementing into the rule book for the 21/22 season.

### **Background**

For the last two years (2020 & 2021) it was raised at the North Island Riders meeting that the Amateur classification system has not been working as intended. This was raised again at the 2021 Planning meeting and agreed that a subcommittee be established to review the current system and explore the possibility of a new system that will better meet the needs of our riders especially those new to our sport and those moving up a level for the first time.

### **Section Classification for Graded Classes**

Each level of graded competition e.g., Preliminary, Novice etc. up to Advanced Medium is divided into three sections: Bronze, Silver and Gold.

The section which a member may enter is determined by the rider experience AND the combination experience at each level of competition, whether on a horse or pony.

Each level can run as one class with all riders being judged by the same judge. In this case at the end of the class the results of the class are divided into the different sections.

Alternatively, if the numbers allow sections may be run as separate classes at that level.

- Bronze sections are for less experienced combinations who have just started competing at a given level so that they can compete against those with a similar ability.
- Silver sections are designed for those combinations that show more ability at a level and have demonstrated that they are no longer beginner at that level.
- Gold sections are open to riders who do not qualify for Bronze or Silver

### **TOP TEN LEAGUES**

Entry Conditions for Equizee Pony & Young Rider and South Canterbury Saddlery Top Ten Leagues will be aligned with the Gold Silver Bronze theme for the 21/22 year

### **Guidelines**

- Applies to graded competitions only
- Does not include musical scores in determining section eligibility
- Section eligibility is as evening prior to start of event
- No restrictions on riding downgraded horses
- There is no expectation or requirement that an event uses this classification system, nor do they have to use all three sections if it is chosen to be used. For example, an event may choose to run a bronze section and all gold and silver are run as open.
- Sections do not have to be run as separate classes but can be run as one class with extra awards for silver and bronze riders.
- There is no expectation that Premier League shows provide separate championships for silver and bronze riders especially if the level is being run as one class.
- To check your horses and rider results history, go to ESNZ website or EvoEvents

<b>Preliminary Gold: All riders that don't meet the criteria of either Preliminary Bronze or Silver below</b>					
<b>Eligibility at the evening prior to the event</b>					
To compete <b>Preliminary Bronze</b> you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete <b>Preliminary Silver</b> you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Medium level or above in the last four years			As a rider on any horse competed at Advanced Medium level or above in the last four years		
As a combination have achieved more than 8 scores of 65% or above at any level (excluding Freestyle scores)			As a combination have achieved more than 8 scores of 68% or above at any level (excluding Freestyle scores)		
<b>Novice Gold All riders that don't meet the criteria of either Novice Bronze or Silver below</b>					
To compete <b>Novice Bronze</b> you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete <b>Novice Silver</b> you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Advanced Medium level or above in the last four years			As a rider on any horse competed at Advanced level or above in the last four years		
As a combination have achieved more than 8 scores of 65% or above at any level Novice and above (excluding Freestyle scores)			As a combination have achieved more than 8 scores of 68% or above at any level Novice and above (excluding Freestyle scores)		
<b>Elementary Gold All riders that don't meet the criteria of either Elementary Bronze or Silver below</b>					
To compete <b>Elementary Bronze</b> you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete <b>Elementary Silver</b> you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Advanced level or above in the last four years			As a rider on any horse competed at Small Tour or above in the last four years		
As a combination have achieved more than 8 scores of 63% or above at any level Elementary and above (excluding Freestyle scores)			As a combination have achieved more than 8 scores of 65% or above at any level Elementary and above (excluding Freestyle scores)		
<b>Medium Gold All riders that don't meet the criteria of either Medium Bronze or Silver below</b>					
To compete <b>Medium Bronze</b> you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete <b>Medium Silver</b> you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Small Tour or above in the last four years			As a rider on any horse competed at Medium Tour or above in the last four years		
As a combination have achieved more than 8 scores of 63% or above at any level Medium and above (excluding Freestyle scores)			As a combination have achieved more than 8 scores of 65% or above at any level Medium and above (excluding Freestyle scores)		
<b>Advanced Medium Gold</b>					
All riders that don't meet the criteria of either Advanced Medium Bronze or Silver below					
To compete <b>Advanced Medium Bronze</b> you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete <b>Advanced Medium Silver</b> you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Medium Tour or above in the last four years			As a rider on any horse competed at Big Tour in the last four years		
As a combination have achieved more than 8 scores of 63% or above at any level Advanced medium and above (excluding Freestyle scores)			As a combination have achieved more than 8 scores of 65% or above at any level Advanced medium and above (excluding Freestyle scores)		