



## Excel Equine Dressage Masters Top 10 League 2021 – 2022

This competition is designed to promote dressage competition and participation for Masters Riders. The series provides an opportunity for riders to compete against peers at five different levels at all levels of events and competition regardless of whether riders compete locally, at Premier League events or nationally. The competition will be open to riders 50 years and over (see condition 4) and is run in five national divisions plus special awards. 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

### National Section

<b>1: Preliminary and Novice</b>	Combination Classification Preliminary Bronze or Novice Bronze
<b>2: Preliminary and Novice</b>	Combination Classification Preliminary Silver, Preliminary Gold, Novice Silver or Novice Gold
<b>3: Elementary to Advanced Medium</b>	Combination Classification Elementary Bronze, Medium Bronze or Advanced Medium Bronze
<b>4: Elementary to Advanced Medium</b>	Combination Classification Elementary Silver, Medium Silver or Advanced Medium Silver
<b>5: Elementary to Advanced Medium</b>	Combination Classification Elementary Gold, Medium Gold or Advanced Medium Gold
<b>6: Advanced and above.</b>	No classification.

### Special Awards

<b>Newcomer (First year member)</b>	Open to new ESNZ graded Dressage rider with no grading points in Dressage prior to 1/4/2021
<b>Owner /Horse Combo Award</b>	Highest age horse/rider combined
<b>Amateur Owner</b>	Horse with zero grading points with any other rider at any time.

### Eligibility

1. All participating horses must be registered and have annual starts for graded competitions
2. Downgraded horses are eligible
3. Bronze, Silver or Gold classification is at the date the entry is made on EvoEvents.
4. Riders must be full competitive members of the ESNZ
5. For Riders 50yrs & over (age from the beginning of the calendar year that the rider turns 50)

### Conditions

1. Enter online at [www.evoevents.co.nz](http://www.evoevents.co.nz) no later than 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021
2. Horses may be entered in any level for which they are eligible as per the grading rules, but if a horse for instance is entered in Section 3, no points from any classes below Elementary will be accrued
3. Competition runs from 1 August 2021 until 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022. **Now extended to the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**
4. Maximum of 10 scores to count from graded events on the official DNZ Calendar. **Reduced to maximum of 7**

**scores.**

5. Riders may contest the league on more than one horse
6. Riders may only contest one National section per horse
7. Downgraded horses are eligible.
8. Participants must be annual competitive members of the ESNZ
9. Combo award eligibility: Rider date of birth must be recorded on the ESNZ database

**Scoring**

1. Awards points can be earned in graded competitions only
2. Points are accrued as a combination
3. Maximum of ~~10~~ **7** scores to count from Graded events on the official DNZ Calendar
4. In the event of a tie, the combination with the highest average percentage from the top ~~ten~~ **seven** scores will be deemed the winner.
5. Points are awarded as follows

Percentage	Points		
	Preliminary-Elementary	Medium-Advanced Medium	Advanced-Small Tour
Less than 57%	4	5	6
57 – 59.99%	5	6	7
60 – 64.999%	6	7	8
65 to 69.999%	7	8	9
70% plus	8	9	10

**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: Date and venue TBC

- Section Champions receive presentation Rug and Sash
- Section Reserve Champion receives Sash
- Amateur Owner           Sash
- First year member       Sash
- Combo Award             Sash

Items in red are following the review by Dressage NZ Board meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> 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/>