

High Performance DNZ Youth Classic Series

Entry Conditions 2025-26



To promote FEI level participation in FEI Pony, Junior, Young Rider & 16 -25GP tests.

Year 1

Qualifying tests will be held at the following Events

1. 19 October 2025 Wellington (2)
2. 27 October Marlborough (2)
3. 27 October **Bay of Plenty (3)**
4. 30 November Canterbury (2)
5. 30 November AMDG (2)
6. 24 January Youth Festival of Dressage & U25 Championships (2)
7. 8 February **SI Dressage Champs (3)**
8. 14 February Dressage Waikato (2)
9. 8 March **DNZ Bates National Championships (3)**
10. 29 March ~~Horse of the Year (3)~~ **Cancelled**

All FEI tests are the current versions on the FEI Website, please check for updates that may be applicable after 1 January 2026.

Copies of the FEI tests can be downloaded from <https://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/organisers/dressage/tests>

Pony, Junior and Young Rider - FEI Individual, Team and MFS

U25 Grand Prix – FEI Intermediate II, Grand Prix 16-25yrs and FEI Grand Prix MFS

Eligibility

Combinations may only enter one section at each event

Riders on ponies may enter the Junior Section at events until 28th February but not in the CDI-J at Bates National Championships or HOY.

Rider Age

1. **Pony Riders:** All qualifying competitions will be run under ESNZ/DNZ rules, refer **DNZ Article 403**
National Competitions: October – February

Qualifying Competitions Until 28 February 2026 – Under ESNZ/DNZ Rules

2. **Junior:** Riders must turn at least 14yrs during 2025 and be 18yrs or under **at 28th February 2026**
3. **Young Rider:** Riders must turn at least 16yrs during 2025 and **be 21yrs or under at 28th February 2026**
4. **16-25 Grand Prix:** Riders must turn at least 16yrs during 2025 and be 25yrs or under at 31st January 2026

Competitions under FEI Rules National Championships & ~~Horse of the Year~~

5. For CDI-J, CDI-Y, U25GP events at Bates National Championships and HOY, FEI rules will apply. See Appendix A of FEI General Regulations.

<https://inside.fei.org/sites/default/files/FEI%20General%20Regulations%20Effective%201%20January2025%20-%20clean.pdf>

ESNZ and FEI Horse Registration Requirements for Series

- All participating horses and ponies must be ESNZ registered and have an Annual Dressage Start.

- For CDI-J, YR, U25 events at Bates National Champs **and Horse of the Year**, Horse and Rider registration is required. 2026 FEI horse and Rider registrations will be open on HorseReg in December 2025 <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/esnz/membershipregistration/fei-international-information/>
- Note new FEI registrations may take up to 3 weeks to process, please ensure these are actioned by the 1st February 2026.

Series Points

1. Points are attributed to combination not the horse.
2. Points will be allocated as follows
 - Scores of 70 plus % - gain 10 points
 - Scores of 65 to 69.999% gain 7 points
 - Scores of 60 – 64.999% gain 5 points
 - Scores of 57 – 59.99% gain 3 points.
3. **The winner in each section will be determined by the combinations Top 5 EVENT scores**
i.e Combinations may compete in more than five EVENTS and points will be recorded, but when the winners are determined, only the scores from the BEST 5 EVENTS will count
The number of qualifying competitions at each event is noted in the event list
4. In the event of a tie the average percentage from the combination's **top 3 scores** from Horse of Year will count

Presentations

1. Series Rosettes provided for 1st – 3rd place in each level at qualifying events.
2. The following national presentations will be made at the Dressage NZ Awards Dinner
 - Series Champions and reserves in all four divisions will be awarded Sashes and a presentation rug for the winner.
 - The combination with the highest points will be deemed the winner.