



# Dressage NZ Committee Meeting

Hotel Distinction Hotel – Palmerston North  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 - Commencing at 8.45am

## 1. WELCOME / ROLL CALL / APOLOGIES

Lynda Clark | Chair : Welcome & committee procedure/standing orders

**Present:**

**Dressage NZ Board:** Lynda Clark, Scott McKenna, Michelle Zielazo, Sarah Hazlewood

**In attendance:**

Wendy Hamerton (Sport Manager/Secretary) | Celine Filbee (Event Manager / Marketing Asst)

Robin Friend (Minute Secretary)

**Apologies:** Sue Hobson (Judges Officer) Helen Hughes-Keen (Chair of Selectors), Sharon Field, Linda Warren-Davey, Marty Pow, Nicola Sim, Helen Bowler

**That the apologies be accepted:**

Moved:

Seconded:

CARRIED

Voting Delegates		Observers	
Alicia Zeludko	NI Riders Rep	Judith Cunningham (JSC)	Waitemata
Bernice Frost	Taihape	Saskia Brosnan	Central Districts
Betty Brown	Auckland-Manukau	Robin Friend	Central Districts
Christine Latch	Waitemata	Jos Gresham	Central Districts
Christine Lovelady	Canterbury	Andrea Raves	Wellington
Cushla Cain	Sth Cant/Nth Otago	Amber Disley	Waitemata
Debra Cowen	Waikato	Jody Hartstone	Waikato
Diane Wallace	Marlborough	Michelle Middelberg	Nth Hawke's Bay
Genevieve Quin	Northern Hawke's Bay	Juliet Iremonger	Bay of Plenty
Suzanne Inglis	Nelson		
Jane Robertson (Steward General)	Canterbury		
Janine Van Der Horst	Bay of Plenty		
Jenny Affleck	Southland		
Jude Nickolls	SI Riders Rep		
Judith Matthews	Northland		
Laura Hayes	Otago		
Linda Huitson	Taranaki		
Mary Craine	Southern Hawke's Bay		
Amanda Waddell	Ashburton		
Rosanne Rix	Wellington		
Sue Harris	Gisborne		
Susan Tomlin	Central Districts		
Suzanne Halligan	Wairarapa		



**DRESSAGE**

# TIMETABLE & INDEX

## Dressage NZ Committee Meeting

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018

TIMETABLE & INDEX			
			Page
8.45		Meeting Commences – Chair Welcome	
8.50	1	Roll Call	2
9.00	2	<b>MEETING ADMINISTRATION</b> a) Conflicts relevant to Agenda b) Health & Safety** Referred to Item 8 c) Minutes of the previous meeting (10/11 April)** d) Matters Arising e) General Business Not on the Agenda	3 – 16 18 18
	3	Correspondence – to be tabled	17
	4	Financial Report – Interim to May 31 <sup>st</sup> TD Levies 2017/18	18 - 22
9.15	5	Sport Manager Report	23 - 24
9.40	6	Calendar	25
10.00	7	Series & Premier League – C Filbee	25
10.20	8	H & S Reporting / Concussion / Blue & yellow cards Sport Manager	25
10.40		Morning tea	
11.00	9	Issuing Yellow Cards – Scott McKenna	25
11.15	10	Test Review Update & Data	26-30
11.30	11	Culture & Values – How we see ourselves – 6 Groups	27
12.30		Q & A	
12.45		Lunch & Farewell	



**Minutes of the Dressage NZ Planning Forum  
Held at the West Plaza Hotel, Wellington  
5.30pm Tuesday 10th April & 9.00am Wednesday 11th April 2018**

**Present:**

**Board**

Lynda	Clark	Chair
Sara	Bright	Finance Officer
Sue	Hobson	Judges Officer
Scott	McKenna	Rules Officer
Judy	Alderdice	Training & Development
Michelle	Zielazo	Marketing Manager

**In attendance:**

Wendy	Hamerton	Dressage Sport Manager & Secretary
Celine	Filbee	Event Manager
Helen	Hughes-Keen	Minute Secretary

**Apologies**

Marti	Pow	Dressage SCNO
Aubrey	McRae	Dressage Canterbury
Jude	Nickolls	SI Riders Rep©
Julia	Thomson	SI YR Convenor
Jo	Telfer	NI YR Convenor
Betty	Brown	Dressage Auckland-Manukau
Andrea	Raves	

**That the apologies be accepted:**

Moved: Susan Tomlin

Seconded: Sue Harris

**CARRIED**

**Committee Area Delegates (D)**

Judith	Matthews	Dressage Northland (D) Substituting for Ulrike Gerstenberger
Christine	Latch	Dressage Waitemata (D)
Karen	Shields	Dressage Akld-Manukau (D) Substituting for Betty Brown
Debra	Cowen	Dressage Waikato (D)
Sue	Harris	Dressage Gisborne (D)
Janine	van der Horst	Dressage Bay of Plenty (D)
Susan	Tomlin	Dressage Central Districts (D)
Dana	Haszard	Dressage Taranaki (D)
Bernice	Frost	Dressage Taihape (D)
Genevieve	Quin	Dressage Nth Hawke's Bay (D)
Sharon	Field	Dressage Sth Hawke's Bay (D)
Amber	McGovern-Wilson	Dressage Wairarapa (D) Substituting for Suz Halligan
Rosanne	Rix	Dressage Wellington (D)
Diane	Wallace	Dressage Marlborough (D) Substituting for Liza Herkt
Helen	Bowler	Dressage Nelson (D)
Jane	Crichton	Dressage Canterbury (D) Substituting for Aubrey McRae
Nicola	Sim	Dressage Ashburton (D) & Dressage SCNO
Laura	Hayes	Dressage Otago (D)
Jenny	Affleck	Dressage Southland (D)
Alicia	Zeludko	NI Riders Rep©
Jane	Robertson	Steward General

**Members** Judy Collin (Auckland), Jos Gresham (Central Districts), Helen Hughes-Keen (Chair of Selectors)  
Samantha Norman (NZPCA CEO/member) Observer (Tuesday evening) Ron van der Horst

# Dressage Planning Forum 2018

## Chairman's Welcome

Lynda Clark welcomed members to the meeting noting that all attendees are welcome to participate in discussions and but only voting delegates have voting rights

---

## AGENDA ITEM 1

### Minutes of Dressage NZ Committee

Held Sunday 25th June 2017 as previously circulated and on pages 5 - 17 of the agenda  
That these minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record

Moved: Karen Shields

Seconded: Jenny Affleck

**CARRIED**

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising

---

## AGENDA ITEM 2

### Financial Position YTD 28/2/18

Finance Officer Sara Bright noted the change in the ESNZ has impacted Dressage NZ income  
There has been little impact in annual start income but non -graded participation and income has reduced significantly owing to the requirement to pay a membership fee.  
There has been no income from annual starts for three months Dec – Feb owing to the new ESNZ finance system connected to the database being unable to report the figures. It is expected this will be resolved in the near future

Moved by Finance Officer Sara Bright that the financial report as per the agenda be adopted

**CARRIED**

---

## Guest Speaker: Ken Allen Sport Wellington. Volunteer Succession Planning

“If we give better recognition to our volunteers maybe it will be easier to recruit and retain volunteer for our group. It is important to understand what motivates volunteers”.

### Motivations - GIVERS

**Growth.** How the individual will grow themselves from volunteering. Maybe it will look good on their CV.

**Impact.** The impact the volunteer has on the organisation

**Voice.** Volunteering enables the person to be involved and have their say

**Experience.** They gain experience in the sport from an inside perspective

**Recognition.** It feels good to be wanted and publically acknowledged for volunteering

**Social.** It provides social interaction or a social outing for the volunteer, where they can work alongside other like-minded people.

Some ideas included building a database of volunteers so that you can email them regularly and include them in the group.

Vital to give recognition to volunteers. Publically state what these people have done and what impact it had for the group. Show how the volunteer has grown as a result of volunteering.

It is important to give a good brief to the volunteers so that they are clear what their job entails.

**WEDNESDAY 8.30am**

## **AGENDA ITEM 3**

### **WEG Update**

### **Strategic Plan Priority – A Team to WEG 2018**

---

The Sport Manager advised the meeting that she felt honoured, excited and humbled to be appointed as Chef d'Equipe for the NZL riders for WEG 2018

#### **Summary of SM Presentation**

Wendi Williamson sadly lost her potential team horse Déjà vu MH to colic after HOY and currently NZL does not have sufficient qualified riders to field a team at WEG.

Without a team at WEG, NZL does not have the opportunity to qualify a team for Tokyo OG 2020. There is still time for other combinations to qualify. NZL is permitted to send one or two individuals. A CDI has been introduced to the show programme at Taupo later in April plus there is a CDI in Australia in June which would be another qualifying opportunity for NZL horses.

NZL riders were initially planning to campaign in Europe prior to WEG but now are looking at going straight to the USA via Sydney, Singapore and Anchorage. An advantage of this route is that the horses can go into quarantine in Kentucky soon after the games and be back to NZ 6-8 weeks earlier than if going back to Europe. There is a CDI 3\* competition the horses can compete at near New York a month prior to Tryon.

The Tryon athlete and officials accommodation is not going to be completed finished by September so will stay in hotels. The grooms will be able to stay on site.

Return flights to the USA are approx \$70,000NZ including home bound quarantine. The horses will possibly fly mid July. There will be many other costs riders will have including accommodation and agistment. Sharn Wordley has offered help with accommodation and contacts in the USA.

Dressage NZ has committed \$20,000 per rider with other fundraising to date at approximately net 10K. Contributors to date include the Walking for WEG by a group of officials, Waikato Dressage Group auction, Hobby Horse auction at nationals, Takapoto Estate auction and a donation from Dressage Central Districts. Riders entering nationals were invited to contribute with entries.

A short ppt presentation was shown of the Tryon venue

#### **Fundraising:** Michelle Zielazo (Marketing Manager)

Michelle noted that this project is about putting Dressage NZ on the map.

A monster raffle is planned hoping to raise at least \$30,000 from 300 tickets @\$100 each. Other items could be more appropriately auctioned.

EOI were sought from anyone interested in co-ordinating the raffle. Karen Shields suggested a silent auction could also raise funds

Michelle is also working on a retail offer to equestrian buyers, plus areas are invited to use local initiatives eg – WEG morning teas, make donations with show entries by adding a line on Equestrian Entries

## AGENDA ITEM 4

### Officials Pathway Updates / Reviews

---

#### 1) Judges – Sue Hobson (NJO)

The JSC have recommended that NZL adopt the 2019 version of the USDF tests and collaborate with AUS to make any adjustments to the “language” to make them consistent for AUS & NZ. One of the benefits of this proposal would be to allow easier Trans Tasman exchange of judges

Dressage Australia currently uses the previous version of USDF tests with some small modifications and pay 10k over 4 years. NZL Currently liaising with AUS to determine if we can submit an application to the USDF to secure a joint license under the Oceania Federation

The USDF tests are reviewed every four years and are currently being reviewed but are not quite ready for publication.

They have three tests plus a freestyle at each level for levels 1-5. There are still 0 level or introductory tests available.

The main differences in the tests are;

Level 2: Sitting trot is mandatory for the leg yielding. Elsewhere you can do either sitting or rising.

Level 3: Might have half passes in the trot

Level 4: has a single flying change each way

Level 5: is like our 5D test in that it has working pirouettes and a simple sequence change.

Level 6-9: remain the same

It is anticipated these tests would come into effect 1 August 2019

Questions asked

- Will downgrading be an option for current Level 4 horses unable to execute changes at time of implementation of the tests
- Will a double bridle be permitted at level 4 if changes are introduced
- Will there be an ongoing cost every four years
- Will the increased difficulty of the introduction changes at L4 be a road block for Amateur riders

**It was agreed in principle that delegates take this proposal back to areas for further consideration with further discussion to be held at conference.**

The JSC also recommended that NZL should also adopt the DA judge's classification and training programme. .

NZL List 1 judges would become A Level judges.

NZL List 2 and 2A would be given the chance to sit an exam. Providing they have an 80% + pass rate and shadow judge with a judge educator, they would be promoted to A Level. The exam would be held in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.

If List 2 or 2A decline this opportunity they would have B level status and be able to judge up to Int 1.

No area would be disadvantaged by this system and the sport would have more A level judges than we currently have List 1 judges.

This will be implemented only if we adopt the USDF tests alongside DA. If implemented, the JSC will conduct road shows explaining the new system and test requirements.

**It was agreed in principle that delegates take this proposal back to areas for further consideration with further discussion to be held at conference.**

## 2) Stewards – Jane Robertson (Steward General)

Jane Robertson noted with the meeting that it may be necessary to make changes to the rule to ensure all areas use stewards at events

The Sport Manager proposed a vote of thanks to Jane and her stewarding team who work such long hours, particularly at the national events

---

### AGENDA ITEM 5: REMITS

---

#### **REMIT 1:**

##### **Re Abuse of Horses**

**Submitted By:** Alicia Zeludko (NI Riders Rep)

##### **NEW RULE**

That a rule be initiated that protects equine participants in dressage from abuse occurring through being ridden at a level higher than their capabilities.

##### **OPTIONS**

“That a certain number of scores at X level be obtained before being able to ride at that level in RE or above rated competitions”

AND/OR

“That if during a performance a horse scores a 4 or less on more than X amount of movements, and the final score is less than 50%, that the combination will be withdrawn by officials from that level for the remainder of the competition”.

**Both options FAILED**

**It was agreed that there are currently sufficient rules available to protect equine participants from abuse but officials must be clear about their application**

---

#### **REMIT 2:**

##### **Re Prize Givings**

**Submitted By:** Alicia Zeludko (NI Riders Rep)

##### **NEW RULE**

That prize givings are only held no earlier than 30 minutes after the official results of a class are posted.

**FAILED**

### **REMIT 3:**

**Re: Arena Familiarisation**

**Submitted By:** Alicia Zeludko (NI Riders Rep)

#### **Article 473(4)(4.1) Arena Familiarisation**

All arena familiarisation is under the jurisdiction and control of the OC and should be advertised in the schedule prior to the event. Arena familiarisation is defined as permission to work around the outside of the competition arena, unless the OC has stated this is allowed under Article 473.1.

- **It was agreed**  
**In principle arena familiarisation should allow walk, trot and canter around the outside or inside of the arena. Conditions of familiarisation will be left up to each area as event/ground conditions are different and may require amending for any reason at the event.**
  - **The Rules Officer to amend the rules and present new wording at conference to reflect the above**
- 

### **REMIT 4:**

**Re: Identifying young/green/problem horses with tail ribbon**

**Submitted By:** Alicia Zeludko (NI Riders Rep)

#### **NEW RULE**

To be under Article 477 – Saddlery

For the purposes of safety, horses known to kick are permitted and encouraged to wear a red ribbon in their tail at all times whilst being ridden and/or handled except in actual competition. Young or green horses are permitted to wear a green ribbon whilst being ridden and/or handled except in actual competition.

**Agreed in principle: The Rules Officer to amend the rules and present new wording at conference to reflect the above**



## **REMITs 5 & 6:**

### **RE: Noseband Taper Gauge**

#### **Submitted By:**

- 5. Jody Hartstone (member) & supported by Dressage Bay of Plenty
- 6. Alicia Zeludko (NI Riders Rep)

#### **5. AMEND CURRENT RULE/ARTICLE NUMBER: Article 477 (Saddlery) 4.10**

---

That Article 477 (Saddlery) 4.10 be deleted and replaced with:

**REMIT:** That all Dressage New Zealand stewards are provided with an approved Noseband Taper Gauge in order to test the tightness of nosebands in an equitable way. This Noseband Taper Gauge needs to be used on the Nasal Planum (front of nose) to ensure that there is room for two fingers placed beside each other horizontally underneath the noseband.

Stewards MAY check noseband tightness at any time during an event. Any official / judge can ask a steward to check the tightness of a horse's noseband at any time during an event. If the noseband is found to be too tight before a dressage test has been ridden, the rider will be given the opportunity to loosen the noseband until it is of the correct tightness.

If the rider is found to have ridden a horse/pony in a test with a noseband tighter than set out in the guidelines for the Noseband Taper Gauge, they will be eliminated from that test.

Stewards MUST check noseband tightness using the taper gauge at all mandatory inspections.

### **6. re: Noseband Taper Gauge**

**Submitted By:** Alicia Zeludko (NI Riders Rep)

#### **NEW RULE**

That New Zealand Dressage Stewards be provided with an approved Noseband Taper Gauge so that noseband tightness can be checked in a systematic way without any room for subjectivity.

**Although there was no support for the current rule, after lengthy discussion remits 5 & 6 both FAILED**

**It was agreed that Scott McKenna, Alicia Zeludko and Susan Tomlin consider a fair way to measure the tightness of all types of nosebands in consideration of the welfare of the horse and represent a new rule at conference to reflect this**

## **REMIT 7:**

**Submitted By:** Scott McKenna (Technical Officer)

**Re: Article 454: Lameness, Blood or Welfare Concerns  
Amend**

Article 454 – Lameness, Blood or Welfare Concerns

1. Any horse that shows lameness while competing will be eliminated. The Judge or Chief Judge will ring the bell to stop the test and explain the reason for the elimination to the rider. There is no appeal from this decision.
2. (as per existing clause 3)
3. The Chief Judge may stop a test at any point and eliminate the rider if for any reason the Judge believes it is contrary to the best interests of the horse and/or rider to continue the test.

**PASSED**

**Comment:**

---

## **REMIT 8:**

**Submitted By:** Scott McKenna (Technical Officer)

**Art 453: Re Use of Voice**

Amendment to Article 453

Amend to;

1. The use of the voice or clicking of the tongue is prohibited and will be penalised by the loss of two marks from those that would have been awarded for the movement in which this occurred.

**PASSED**

**Comment**

---

## **REMIT 9:**

**Submitted By:** Scott McKenna (Technical Officer)

**Re Art 451.12: Commencement of Test**

**Amendment**

Clause 12 – Amend to

12. The rider has 45 seconds from the sounding of the bell to commence the test. The test commences from the point the horse proceeds on the centre line.  
If the test is not commenced within 45 seconds of the sounding of the bell the rider will be penalised 2 points per judge.  
If the test is not commenced within 60 seconds of the sounding of the bell the rider will be eliminated.

**Proposed by S Tomlin: add ... After the bell has rung**

**PASSED**

---

## **REMIT 10:**

**Submitted By:** Scott McKenna (Technical Officer)  
**Re Art 451.15: Horse Leaving Arena During Test**

### **Amendment**

Clause 15 – Amend to

- 15 A horse leaving the arena with all 4 feet between the time of commencement of the test and the time of exit from the arena will be eliminated. The only exception to this rule is when a horse is required to recommence a test pursuant to article 451(4).

**PASSED**

---

## **REMIT 11:**

**Submitted By:** Scott McKenna (Technical Officer)  
**Re Art 441.2 Placement of Judges**

### **Amendment**

Amend Article 441 as follows;

- (2) The Judge(s) should sit between 3 and 5 metres from the outside of the arena. If the dimensions of the competition area do not permit the Judge to sit at least 3 metres from the edge of the arena then the Judge should sit as far from the edge of the arena as possible.

**PASSED**

---

## **REMIT 12:**

**Submitted By:** Scott McKenna (Technical Officer) on behalf of the Dressage NZ Board  
**Amendments Rules for Dressage Administration ESNZ By-Law 17**

### **11. THE COMMITTEE**

- a) iv The President and the CEO/ GM of ESNZ ex officio, **Add: as observers only**

### **16. FINANCIAL**

Two Officers and the Dressage **Sport General Manager** will be appointed by the Board of Dressage NZ to authorise all transactions and at least 2 Officers will sign off on all transactions.

**Delete General**

### **17. SELECTORS**

**c. Selectors will be subject to a yearly review.** Delete this para.

### **19. SUB-COMMITTEES**

~~The Board of Dressage NZ may form sub-committees for a specific purpose. The Board must inform the committee of the membership and Terms of Reference annually to the Committee.~~

Delete this para. Duplicated in Board procedures 10(a) as below

### **10. BOARD PROCEDURES**

a) The Dressage NZ Board may regulate its own procedure and may co-opt, appoint or employ individuals or subcommittees for any specific purpose falling within its functions.

**PASSED**

## **AGENDA ITEM 6**

### **GENERAL BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION**

---

#### **Item 6.1**

**Submitted by:** Betty Brown (AMDG Delegate)

**Presenter:** Karen Shields (AMDG President)

**TOPIC: NEW JUDGES (List 5)**

Dressage Auckland – Manukau concerned that it is difficult to secure mentors and the current structure to enlist and train new judge is not really working.

Sue Hobson agreed the JSC to review the criteria at the lower levels to make this more attractive but at the same time riders should be able to expect judges to have sufficient knowledge to capably judge their level of competition. If areas are having difficulty securing mentors, they should contact her for assistance

---

#### **Item 6.2**

**Submitted by:** Betty Brown (AMDG Delegate)

**Presenter:** Karen Shields (AMDG President)

**TOPIC: GRAZING OF STALLIONS**

**It was agreed Scott McKenna discuss this with the ESNZ technical committee**

The Sport Manager noted the importance of keeping gates shut not only within the venue but also road gates

It was noted by the NZPCA CEO that some venues simply do not have the appropriate facilities for stallions to be safely on the grounds and these events should not permit stallions to enter

Alicia Zeludko noted any stallion handler must be capable and any grazing of horses should only be permitted in an enclosed area

---

## Item 6.3

**Submitted by:** Betty Brown (AMDG Delegate)

**Presenter:** Karen Shields (AMDG President)

**TOPIC:** RIDDEN PONY STALLIONS at EVENTS

**Recommendation** - An age limit (not specified) be imposed

**FAILED**

It was agreed that subject to there being no issues of control, this is permissible, noting that Organising committees can ask anyone to leave an event if there a considered risk.

---

## Item 6.4

**Submitted by:** Scott McKenna (Technical Officer)

**TOPIC:** ERROR OF COURSE / ERROR OF TEST

**Proposal and / or Rationale for Forum Discussion**

Article 451 uses the terms “error of the course” and error of the test”, neither of these terms are defined, but examples are given. It is proposed that the committee agree on comprehensive definitions of each of these terms.

**It was agreed that Scott McKenna be given a mandate to discuss this further with the Judges Officer to compile a list of definitions**

**It was agreed that the issue of conferring between judges on the issue of course errors be clarified and confirm the authority of the issue of a course error**

---

## Item 6.5

**Submitted by:** Dressage Bay of Plenty

**Presenter:** Janine van der Horst

**TOPIC:** VENUE FOR NZ DRESSAGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Bay of Plenty delegate referred to the submission regarding hosting the nationals at Taupo NEC

It was noted that the Board has recommended the Nationals will stay at Manfeild for 2019 but anticipates a move to Taupo in 2020. It is unsure when the NEC facilities indoor will be completed, particularly the kitchen and consideration for lighting if night shows are to be held.

---

## AGENDA ITEM 7

### TOPIC:

#### **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS PLANNING 2019 and beyond**

Refer to Agenda Item 6.5

It was noted Celine Filbee has resigned from the position of national events manager effective Feb 2018 and that EOI are being sought for a replacement EM

The Sport Manager noted she had been invited to attend a Taupo NEC meeting in February which had been positive progress in understanding the NEC developments. Feedback around the facility following the Waikato RE had been well received by the Taupo committee.

#### **HOSTING A CDI 3\***

Riders /members had requested a breakdown of costs associated with hosting the national championships and /or a CDI in conjunction with a regional show. Comparative figures were presented from BoP and Waikato RE at Taupo NEC and the NCH at Manfeild. This demonstrated the differences with the NCH having a budget of approx three times the RE listed. Some points around the BOP RE budget were clarified. The Waikato Delegate noted their OC gratuities should be \$12,000 not \$1200, but that the total is correct

Sharon Field requested that EM payment to run the four day April show be reviewed and that she should not be underpaid for work done

## AGENDA ITEM 8

### TEST BOOK REVIEW UPDATE

This was discussed in Item 4 Officials Pathways & Updates

---

## AGENDA ITEM 9

### CALENDAR

#### a) North Island Championships:

- The updated draft calendar for 2018/19 was tabled noting that Wairarapa have withdrawn from hosting NI Champs in 2019. Central Districts are hosting NI Champs 2018.
- A sub-committee comprising of delegates identified from areas who were identified as having suitable venues for NICH, Alicia Zeludko, Dana Haszard, Janine van der Horst, Debra Cowen, Karen Shields, Amber McGovern-Wilson & Rosanne Rix be delegated to investigate possible rotation and date setting in advance for planning purposes.

#### b) NZPCA & Dressage NZ

- **Samantha Norman**, dressage competitor and NZPCA CEO spoke to the meeting re difficulty of scheduling NZPCA /ESNZ dates to avoid clashes and the apparent short length of the season.
- **Karen Shields** noted that AMDG has a Young Rider event and suggested a joint venture with Pony Club Championships
- **Scott McKenna** asked if it was possible to “tag” PC Champs to a DNZ event
- **It was agreed** there is a need to work together where possible for the benefit of the development of dressage in both organisations

#### c) 2018/19 Calendar Draft for Review.

- The Southland delegate noted the only date they could host SICH in Gore 2020 was 8/9 Feb
  - The Sport Manager requested that areas be as prompt as possible submitting dates in order potential clashes can be avoided. Asked for any further dates by 20<sup>th</sup> April
- 

## AGENDA ITEM 10

### COMMUNICATION

#### a) ESNZ Website

The SM outlined progress on the website noting that some items were still a work in progress and results from mid-December were still waiting to be uploaded hence the difficulty accessing current points & profiles. Gen Quin noted she liked the new look of the site

#### b) Dressage NZ Bulletin Review

A general view that some members find accessing and reading on the Issuu platform too difficult but the magazine was high quality. Michelle Zielazo outlined the “website blog” option which was viewed favourably if easy to read. It was resolved to explore the blog option further.

### **c) Communication**

Areas were invited to outline how they communicate with their members. Otago and Southland both noted the social aspect of getting together at events really supported communication

Dana Haszard from Taranaki sought confirmation that any newsletters from Dressage NZ could be used in area websites. This was encouraged.

## **AGENDA ITEM 11**

### **ROADSHOW 2018**

Areas were asked if they would like a roadshow this season.

There was support for this in principle as it gave groups the chance to meet the leaders of the sport.

Karen Shields supported Board/SM attendance at events in order they can meet riders/others. She also supported the work of the Board but would like to know more. It was noted that a Board Minute Summary is posted on the website

### **Roadshow Topics Suggested**

- Update re Woodhill Sands Trust. What user groups should be asking for to maximise the “new” venue
- How do we best represent ourselves to the managers of our grounds to get them to understand our needs
- Meeting Etiquette & Procedure (x 2)
- Volunteers
- What’s In It for the members (DNZ)
- Communicating with other groups in our area and getting more riders at our competitions
- How to promote grass roots (x3)
- Development opportunities for starting riders
- Managing finances and budgets
- Event organisation
- Committee management
- Q & A session
- Training opportunities
- Area obligations to DNZ



## AGENDA ITEM 12

### **Training & Development Overview 2018/19 – J Alderdice (TD Board Member)**

The Performance Pathway for the 2018/19 season was outlined

Squad criteria to be published before the season begins

Ponies will now be included in the Youth Squad with no separate pony squad being selected

Qualifying scores are likely to remain the same as for this season but those who meet the criteria will not automatically be included. The Selectors will retain the right to consider all other factors when naming squads.

The Talent ID squad attracts large number applications but there are only limited resources and places available.

DNZ is producing a format for regional development that areas groups are encouraged to adopt.

Dressage NZ has ppt presentations points on rules and social media use that can be made available to areas.

Dressage NZ is looking to make the composition of the Performance committee more flexible and include island riders reps where appropriate

## AGENDA ITEM 13

### **a) Conference Update. WEG Theme & Fundraising possibilities**

To be hosted by Dressage Central Districts. Sat 30 June, Sun 1 July.

The format was discussed noting the AGM is largely a limited number of elections, reports and ratification of reports discussed at the Planning Forum. That this could be completed in the Saturday morning session and the committee meeting beginning in the afternoon followed by the Awards Dinner. There was support for a meeting on Sunday but finishing early afternoon

### **b) Officer & Sub-Committee Elections & Appointment 2018**

The following vacancies were noted

- i. Finance Officer. S Bright not available for re-appointment. Three year term.  
Appointed Board member
- ii. Judges Officer. Board position available for re-election by rotation. Sue Hobson indicated her availability for election for a further three year term
- iii. NI Young Rider Convenor. Two Year term. By appointment

**The Chair declared the meeting closed at 3.45pm**

**Agenda Item 2d**

Matters Arising

**Agenda Item 2e**

General Business Not on the Agenda

---

**Agenda Item 3****Correspondence**

1. From Bill Noble re Test Review. To be tabled
2. From Bill Noble re Taper Gauge To be tabled

---

**Agenda Item 4****Finance**

T & D levies plus an interim report to May 31<sup>st</sup> follows

A full end of year/annual financial (unaudited) report will be tabled at conference

**TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT LEVIES**  
**Changes 2017/18 - 2016/17**

	Graded			Non-Graded			TOTAL		
	2017/18	2016/17		2017/18	2016/17		2017/18	2016/17	
Level 1	4264	4895	-12.9%	3571	3994	-10.6%	7835	8889	-11.9%
Level 2	4355	4255	2.4%	1265	1357	-6.8%	5620	5612	0.1%
Level 3	2664	2596	2.6%	272	245	11.0%	2936	2841	3.3%
Level 4	1789	1824	-1.9%	132	111	18.9%	1921	1935	-0.7%
Level 5	1193	1456	-18.1%	74	118	-37.3%	1267	1574	-19.5%
Level 6/7	909	929	-2.2%	23	20	15.0%	932	949	-1.8%
Level 8	218	190	14.7%	6	7	-14.3%	224	197	13.7%
Level 9	223	198	12.6%	4	1	300.0%	227	199	14.1%
other* (includes Training Tests)	283	262	8.0%	2778	2795	-0.6%	3061	3057	0.1%
TOTAL	15898	16605	-4.3%	8125	8648	-6.0%	24023 20962	25253	-4.9%

**Other  
\***

Level 0	2174	2349	-7.4%
other	887	708	25.3%
WDC, CDIY, Para, YDH, TOC, PC			
TOTAL	3061	3057	0.1%

**Percentage at each Level**

Graded only = registered horses  
Exclude  
"other"

	Graded 2017/18		Assuming 1600 horses registered
Level 1	4264	27.3%	437
Level 2	4355	27.9%	446
Level 3	2664	17.1%	273
Level 4	1789	11.5%	183
Level 5	1193	7.6%	122
Level 6/7	909	5.8%	93
Level 8	218	1.4%	22
Level 9	223	1.4%	23
TOTAL	15615	100.0%	1600

## Dressage NZ

### Income & Expenditure May:2017/18

	This Actual	Month Budget	Year Actual	To Budget	Date Variance	Full Year Budget	Last YTD Actual
<b>Income</b>							
Registration Fees	4,130	3,500	113,604	115,500	(1,896)	115,500	112,623
Training & Development Levy	6,091	3,500	65,941	60,000	5,941	60,000	66,847
Downgrading Fees	87	90	2,087	1,470	617	1,470	1,478
Annual Conference Income		0	6,058	0	6,058	0	0
Fundraising	600	0	8,140	15,300	(7,160)	15,300	23,878
Grants		0	23,130	16,000	7,130	16,000	16,000
Course Fees		0	17,996	10,000	7,996	10,000	14,252
Interest Received - TSB	153	150	6,775	5,750	1,025	5,750	7,401
Interest Received - NZEF	109	109	1,443	1,443	0	1,443	0
Interest Received - Other		0		0	0	0	878
Sponsorship		0	42,289	46,000	(3,711)	46,000	45,941
Donations		0	4,926	3,000	1,926	3,000	5,218
Entry Fees	(240)	0	124,819	96,000	28,819	96,000	96,021
Event Sponsorship	7,000	0	50,265	36,000	14,265	36,000	40,791
Other Event Income	633	0	9,871	2,300	7,571	2,300	987
Stationery Sales	1,212	500	14,610	13,600	1,010	13,600	15,784
Merchandise Sales	122	0	3,573	5,700	(2,127)	5,700	8,047
Cost of Sales		0	(2,391)	(2,720)	329	(2,720)	(4,218)
Sundry Income	85	0	281	0	281	0	14,719
	19,982	7,849	493,417	425,343	68,074	425,343	466,647

### Expenditure

Accommodation & Meals	89	500	26,147	27,960	(1,813)	27,960	29,995
Administration	2,100	1,600	25,288	26,700	(1,412)	26,700	25,378
ESNZ Service Fee - Audit		0	2,000	0	2,000	0	0
Bank Charges	67	50	435	590	(155)	590	519
Catering & Bar Purchases	686	200	31,568	21,500	10,068	21,500	21,135
Coaches/Lecturers		0	10,799	12,700	(1,901)	12,700	8,172
Depreciation	69	69	823	828	(5)	828	532
Computer/Software		0	246	800	(554)	800	4,114
FEI Fees	2,484	0	4,467	2,000	2,467	2,000	3,404
Gratuities		0	14,119	10,900	3,219	10,900	12,759
Hospitality		0		500	(500)	500	232
Insurance & ACC Levies		0	470	650	(180)	650	550
Judging Gratuities	1,164	0	15,745	8,500	7,245	8,500	11,670
Legal Expenses		0		3,000	(3,000)	3,000	39,954
Loss on Disposal of Asset		0		0	0	0	886
Medals, Rosettes & Rugs	494	1,500	24,464	24,300	164	24,300	25,627
Personal Grants		0		10,000	(10,000)	10,000	37,570
Postage & Courier	45	50	1,614	1,310	304	1,310	2,351
Printing		300	12,109	15,200	(3,091)	15,200	15,176
Prize Money		1,000	17,296	24,600	(7,304)	24,600	26,924
Promotion & Marketing	880	500	17,214	14,650	2,564	14,650	16,619
Result Processing		0	3,721	3,400	321	3,400	3,553

## Dressage NZ

### Income & Expenditure May:2017/18

	This	Month	Year	To	Date	Full Year	Last YTD
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Variance	Budget	Actual
Salaries	7,100	7,000	64,372	63,300	1,072	63,300	61,724
Sound Systems & RT's		0	4,269	7,000	(2,731)	7,000	6,112
Sponsor Servicing	788	0	2,096	2,550	(454)	2,550	988
Stationery & Photocopy	51	100	4,401	4,450	(49)	4,450	4,373
Sundry Expenses	3,160	200	14,456	14,950	(494)	14,950	15,048
Telephone & Fax	243	280	2,986	3,360	(374)	3,360	3,200
Television/Video Production		0		1,000	(1,000)	1,000	0
Training Grants		0		0	0	0	1,560
Travel	(2,690)	600	42,433	38,700	3,733	38,700	41,767
Travel - Mileage Travel	98	200	8,043	5,370	2,673	5,370	4,727
Subsidies Uniforms		0	15,743	17,300	(1,557)	17,300	10,411
Venue/Equipment Hire		0	4,375	2,300	2,075	2,300	2,272
Veterinary	2,981	200	64,466	45,800	18,666	45,800	46,921
		0	3,008	800	2,208	800	1,050
	19,807	14,349	439,173	416,968	22,205	416,968	487,271
<b>Excess Income over</b>	175	(6,500)	54,244	8,375	45,869	8,375	(20,624)

### TSB Bank Balances

			Balance				
TSB on call Deposit	(9,847)	0	122,232	0	122,232	0	(51,835)
TSB - Cheque Account	(10,186)	0	10,528	0	10,528	0	2,533
Forum Cheque Account	(2,618)	0	1,419	0	1,419	0	2,656
TSB Term Deposit - 01		0	60,000	0	60,000	0	0
TSB Term Deposit - 02		0	15,000	0	15,000	0	0
TSB Term Deposit - 03		0	30,000	0	30,000	0	30,000
TSB Term Deposit - 04		0	65,000	0	65,000	0	0
ESNZ - Loan	(1,041)	0	26,293	0	26,293	0	0
Fundraising in Advance (WEG)	1,936	0	11,314	0	11,314	0	3,000
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>(10,675)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,716</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,716</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17,983</b>
<b>Accounts Payable</b>	<b>(36,673)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15,497</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15,497</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,694</b>

## 9.15: Agenda Item 5

### SPORT MANAGER REPORT

#### a) BULLETIN

ISSUE 23 has just been published. Snaffle Design continues to produce a high quality magazine. The Bulletin serves a number of functions for members

1. Education
2. Entertainment and fan based stories about NZ members at home and overseas
3. Official News
4. Sponsor Servicing
5. Event & Series results and reports
6. International Events

There is no immediate plan to change the format but this continues to be reviewed by the Board

#### b) TOP TEN LEAGUES

We owe Jos Gresham huge thanks for sorting the results this year. Although entries and results were automated, with a large number of events, some cross over between grades of combinations, and some non-graded results being loaded in, there was manual checking at the end. In principle it's great for riders to be able to enter on line and follow the results but the system will need some refining for next season. Sponsorship proposals are underway. AllinFlex is not renewing their sponsorship for Amateur Series this coming season, meaning this series will require a new supporter to continue.

#### c) WEBSITE

Progress is being made on many of the database functions, but there is still a lot of work to be done. Dressage is doing well in the viewing stats is encouraging. The image is a snapshot of 18 May – 16 June



## d) CONTRACTS & APPOINTMENTS

### NCH Event Manager

Discussions with a candidate for the NCH manager role are progressing favourably.

### NI Young Rider Convenor & TID Camp

Leanne Stokes from the Waikato has been appointed.

## e) HOY 2019 & MUSICAL FREESTYLE LEADERBOARDS

The HOY Dressage section will introduce separate Level 6 & 7 Titles in 2019. Suggested schedule:

**Level 6:** Warm up 6B, Title PSG & Level 6 Freestyle

**Level 7:** Warm up 7A, Title Int I and Level 7 Freestyle or FEI Int I Freestyle

**Qualification: To be discussed.**

**Area group input invited around the logistics and financial implications of splitting of the Level 6/7 Freestyles at regional level. 6/7 is offered separately at the NCH so riders aiming for HOY will probably have their Freestyles organised at the appropriate level. Could this be optional at RE? Zilco Leaderboards will require reformatting on the basis of the decision at RE. This possible change will be discussed with the sponsor**

Consideration to not offering prize money in warm up classes is being discussed. Dressage remains the most expensive discipline on a per capita basis to deliver owing to the large number of officials required and support team required, plus the cost of annually putting down the all weather surface. Dressage has been asked to look at other possible sites for a permanent arena. It has been agreed that the ability for good public of the dressage viewing remains important but good arenas are also important following issues on the warm up in 2018

## f. ESNZ AFFILIATIONS

As of 1 Aug ESNZ is implementing a tiered system for all OC's offering events using ESNZ rules. The Dressage Board is discussing how this will relate to dressage competition. Refer to the Official Word newsletter attached



## **9.40 AGENDA ITEM 6: CALENDAR**

Copies of the 2018/19 calendar are attached

Notes:

1. As Central Districts are hosting NICH on their regular PL date in late October , there is the possibility for another PL qualifying event to be hosted. Looking at the calendar, it would be ideal for members and the series if there was another PL event in the northern region prior to 31 Dec if it can be organised with no clash of dates
2. If any dates are to be changed for any reason, please ensure the google calendar is updated
3. Any date amendments must be notified to the Sport Manager
4. Link to google calendar for your device or desktop.  
The link is  
<https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/disciplines/dressage/competition/show-dates-card-for-2018-2019/>

## **10.00 AGENDA ITEM 7: SERIES & PREMIER LEAGUE EVENTS**

Celine Filbee to give an overview of requirements and reporting

## **10.20 AGENDA ITEM 8: HEALTH & SAFETY**

1. Refer to the Official Word Newsletter attached for updates on Concussion & Serious Injury Blue Cards.
2. Not all incidents and injuries are being reported from Dressage Events. These can be done on line or sent to Dressage NZ in paper format. Please note the former option is the most preferred, but copies must also be kept for your own group files.

## **10.40 BREAK**

## **11.00 AGENDA ITEM 9: ISSUING WARNING CARDS (YELLOW CARDS)**

1. Refer to the Official Word Newsletter attached for update on issuing of warning (yellow) cards.
2. Scott McKenna to present an overview and Q & A session

## 11.20 AGENDA ITEM 10: TEST REVIEW

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### PARTICIPATION DATA

### UPDATE

As advised at the Planning Forum the Judges sub-committee has recommended the adoption of the USDF tests v 2018 subject to viewing the final version and with Dressage NZ approval. The degree of difficulty of each level v2018 therefore has yet to be confirmed. The committee agreed to progress investigations and discussions.

#### Background Information:

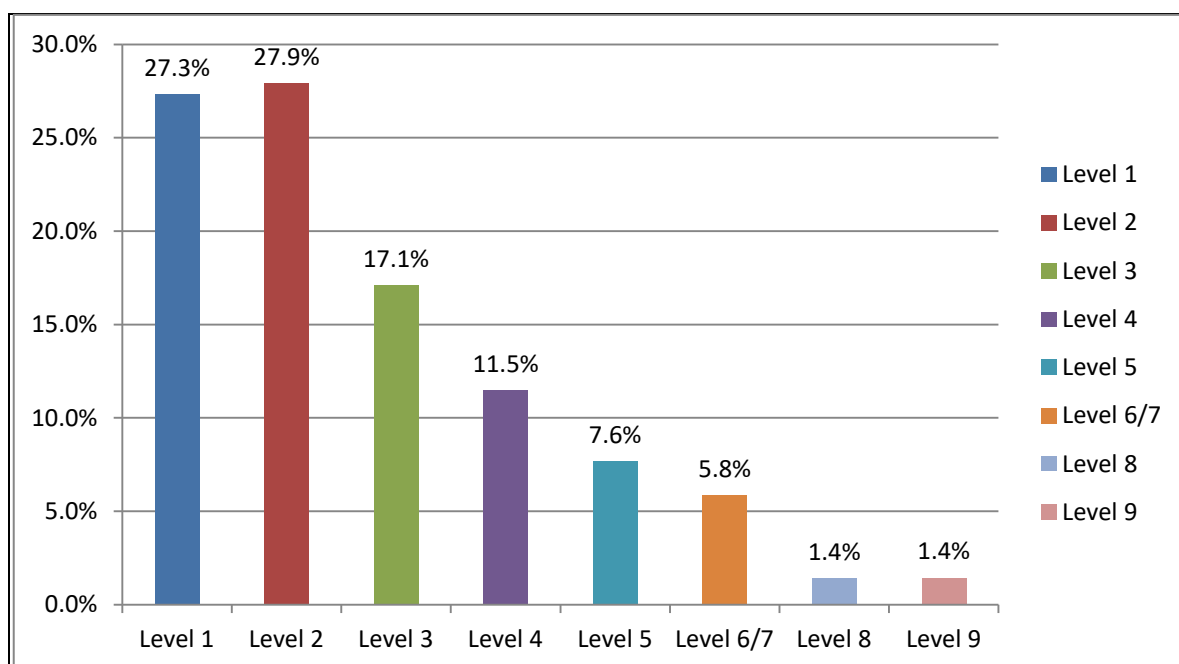
In 2013 Dressage NZ produced a set of tests which is still in use today.

- A significant income stream is derived, plus a useful service is provided to OC's through the provision of test pads. Three years ago delegates discussed the possibility of OC's printing their own, and decided at the time, the preference for Dressage NZ to continue to supply. Refer to sales figures below
- The EFA that the current license between USDF & EFA permits digital supply on website only, no tests books or pads may be printed /sold. EFA is permitted to print a copy of a test and post to a rider on request.

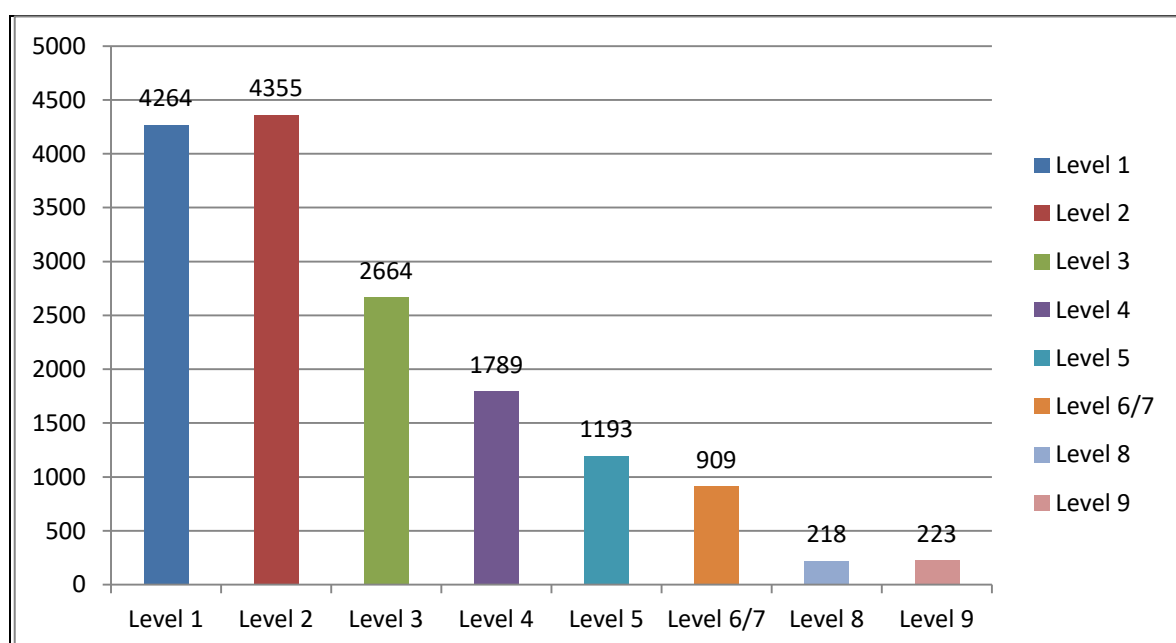
Dressage NZ - Stationery Sales		Year ended 31/5/2014 - 31/5/2018 all excl GST	
Sales	Test Books	Judging Pads	TOTAL
Y/E 31/5/18	10,090.31	4,519.48	14,609.79
Y/E 31/5/17	11,817.10	3,966.81	15,783.91
Y/E 31/5/16	11,343.81	5,793.45	17,137.26
Y/E 31/5/15	17,621.77	5,421.86	23,043.63
Y/E 31/5/14	52,061.66	14,237.88	66,299.54
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>102,934.65</b>	<b>33,939.48</b>	<b>136,874.13</b>
Purchases	Test Books	Judging Pads	TOTAL
Y/E 31/5/18	5,212.00	956.50	6,168.50
Y/E 31/5/17	5,186.00	1,749.20	6,935.20
Y/E 31/5/16	4,953.00	5,849.40	10,802.40
Y/E 31/5/15	5,864.00	8,886.20	14,750.20
Y/E 31/5/14	15,770.00	21,789.21	37,559.21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36,985.00</b>	<b>39,230.51</b>	<b>76,215.51</b>
Stock on Hand	Test Books	Judging Pads	TOTAL
Y/E 31/5/18	3,049.00	11,700.27	14,749.27
<b>Five year profit</b>	<b>68,998.65</b>	<b>6,409.24</b>	<b>75,407.89</b>
		Yearly average	15081.578
		say 1500 horses registered	10.05
		plus GST	<b>11.56</b>

## LEVELS

- The current NZ system of levels provides for one non-graded level (Level 0), and nine further levels which can be used as graded or non-graded competitions.



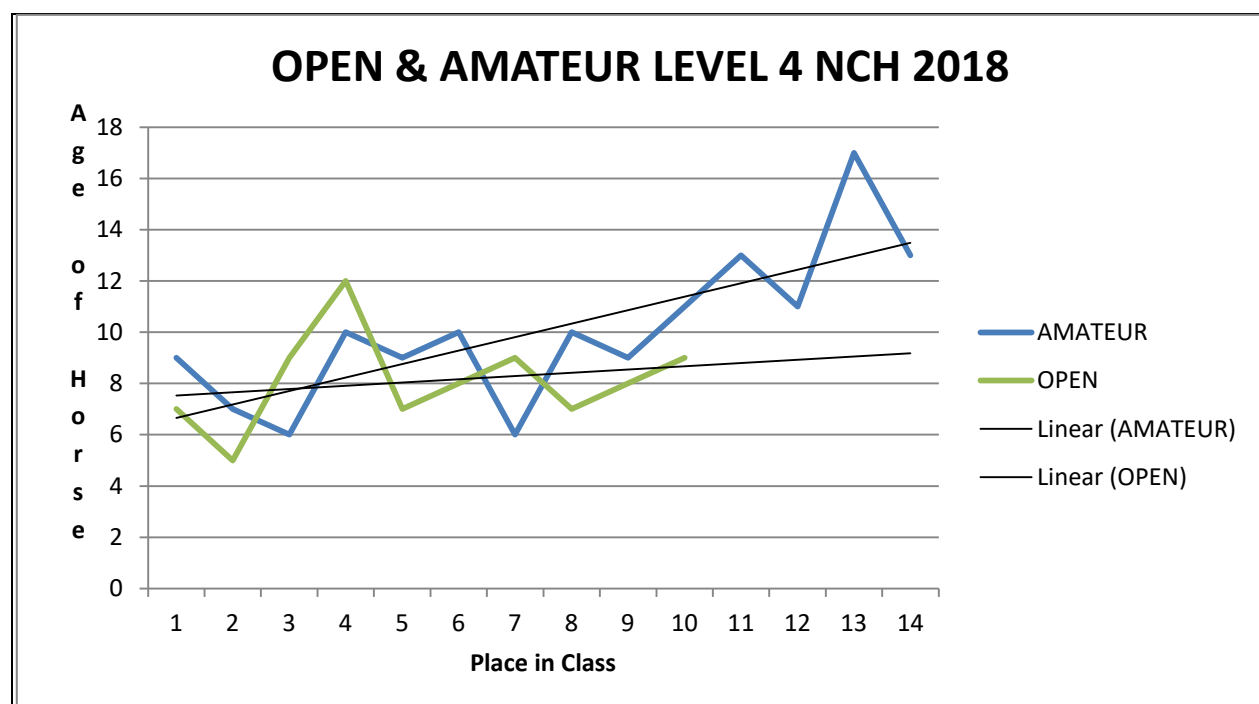
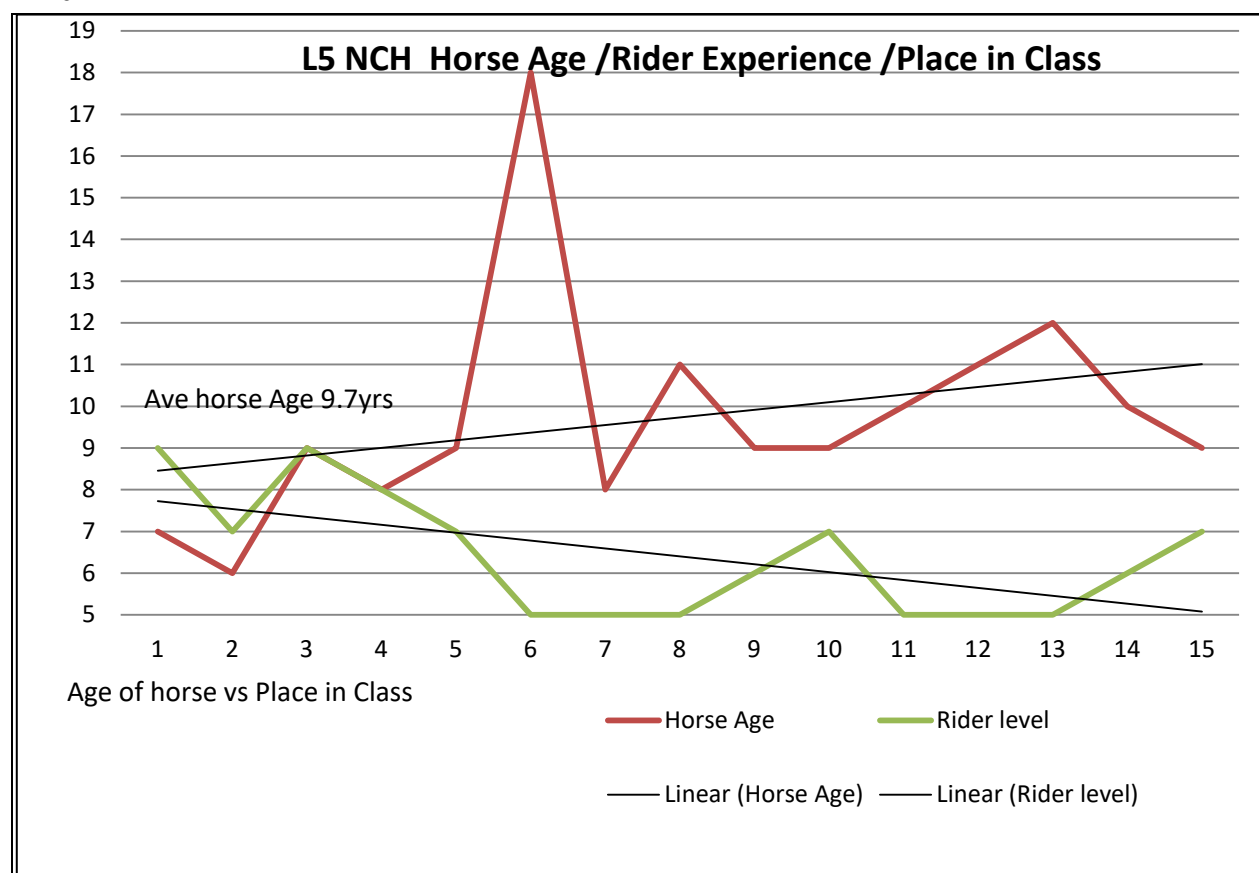
*% in Levels*



*Tests Ridden 2017/18*

- Possible Regrading of Horses**  
As per discussion at the 2018 Planning Forum I have made initial inquiries about the logistics / cost of downgrading or regarding multiple horses should the degree of difficulty alter and the sport considers this may be necessary
- Possible Changes to Rider Categories**  
As above

## Some Interesting Level 4 & 5 Statistics from the NCH 2018



Average Age of Horse in Open Level 4 is 8yrs  
 Average Age of Horse in Amateur Level 4 is 10yrs

## UPDATE FOM THE JSC 24 MAY

### UPDATE ON TEST REVIEW AND USDF NEW TESTS: THIS IS A SERIOUS HALF HALT!!!!!!

Unfortunately we still are no further ahead with viewing the new USDF tests and Australia has still not received them so until such time as we know exactly what is in each level we are “stalled” in our test review process. It is frustrating but it is essential we get this thoroughly looked over before we start changing things. I know many of you are concerned about some levels having difficult movements in them that “MAY” be of concern BUT we cannot speculate on what is or what is not in each level until we see them.

I do know that the US have spent many hours with senior qualified judges, riders and trainers going back and forth to make sure all levels are of the relevant standard and ask the correct questions. This is one of the reasons they are taking so long before they will release them to Australia.

Once Australia has them they will also review them with many of their top judges to make sure they will fit in with their training system. Once we have had chance to look at them in NZ we will certainly be putting together a small committee to review them, ie 2 riders reps, 2 trainers, JSC and hopefully our Sport Manager as she will be looking at administrative issues to go through. It will not be done without serious thought and the view to progress our sport, please be fully aware of that fact.

Once Australia have confirmed how they will use them and the levels then they will be sent over to NZ to look at and make sure they will fit our system. It is a huge lengthy process and many, many experienced people have gone through them to make sure they meet training scale, and challenges for each level that are appropriate for the confident training of horses to FEI level. I know many comments are floating around about the fact we must look after the grass roots riders and we certainly will be addressing that. No matter what your ambitions are the basic levels 0, 1 and 2 cover the correct basic way of starting off from grass roots and then continue to get a little more difficult depending on the training ability of the horse and rider.....no one, and certainly not the JSC, is wanting to bring in new tests that our riders cannot cope with but in saying that we have to be more thorough in our basic training so that when combinations do go to the next level they are very confident in being able to execute the movements in that level. Again, remember no one has to go up to the next level either until they are confident and secure in the level they are at.

It could be that some riders may find themselves in the changeover period (especially from level 3 to 4) but I am sure with some sensible thinking we can overcome this in some way without losing the integrity of the tests.

It is very important we look at this very carefully as whatever happens these tests will stay in place for the next 4 years and probably won't be put into effect until 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2019.

It is imperative we all keep an open mind about this process and work together. I assure you all that as soon as I see these tests and Australia have worked them into their system I will send them out to all Areas for discussion. Any movement of judge levels etc will only take place at this stage of the process as we need to be committed to following the Australian system fully to be able to use tests, training videos, clinic literature, exchanging judges across the Tasman and making sure we have same levels in place as the Oceania system.

## WORK COMMITMENTS FOR OUR FEI JUDGES AND ALSO EXCHANGE JUDGES IN THE NEAR FUTURE:

It is very exciting to know that our FEI judges have been working very hard internationally over the past year with invitations for the new season still coming in.

Also I would mention that Kristin Cottam (Southland) has just sat and passed her List 2 examination and will be part of our judge exchange scheme to NSW later this year. Travelling with Kristin will be Virginia Tocher (Waikato) – they will both judge at the NSW State Championships at SIEC in Sydney. Also on the exchange scheme we have Judith Cunningham and Judy Alderdice travelling to Boneo for the Young Rider Championships in Melbourne early 2019. It is hoped also that we will have an opening for two judges to Queensland also but this is to be confirmed at this time. We are also hoping to welcome an A Level judge from Melbourne to NZ – Mr. Adam Reese for the North Island Championships in Feilding and also two NSW exchange judges to Wairarapa Championships in January 2019. This exchange system is working well and is an essential tool for the training and development of our judges.

Other great news is we have had confirmation from Maja Stukelj (Slovenia – 4\*) that she will come to NZ early next year and be available to judge at SI Champs, Waikato Festival and also the Bates Nationals at Manfeild so it will be great working with Maja again. At this time also we are working on our International judges to invite to Bates Nationals and Horse of the Year 2019. We have sent out some invites and fingers crossed they can come. Once we get confirmation I will let you all know who they will be.

All for now but please keep an open mind on the test review until such time as we get to actually see the proposed tests that come in from Australia. We may be pleasantly surprised and it is so imperative we all stay focused on the positive.

As usual any questions or queries please don't hesitate to ring me or email me – I will be happy to assist.

Sue Hobson  
National Judges Office

## 11.40 AGENDA ITEM 11: THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

A short workshop around our organisational culture and values

The Dressage NZ values are identified in the Strategic Plan

Development  
Respect  
Engagement  
Sportsmanship  
Success  
Accessibility  
Goals  
Education

How do we think we measure up as

- a discipline
- a national organisation



ESNZ Core organisational values are:



Welfare of the  
Horse  
Integrity  
Excellence  
Unity  
Fairplay

Next Meeting Date:

## 12.45 LUNCH & FAREWELL

# THE OFFICIAL WORD

WWW.NZEQUESTRIAN.ORG.NZ



EQUESTRIAN SPORTS  
NEW ZEALAND



This ESNZ officials' newsletter is designed to keep you updated on all things 'official' including rule updates, seminar/course dates, health and safety, interesting discipline news etc.

## WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING

Pop the dates below in your diary! We are combining board meetings and the AGA with a Concussion workshop and Governance training for board members to enable as many of you as possible to participate. The Concussion workshop and Governance training are free of charge and will be in Wellington. Please register your interest with Heidi Bulfin at [sport@equestrian.org.nz](mailto:sport@equestrian.org.nz)

8 October 2018	9 October 2018
Morning - early afternoon Discipline Board Meetings	Morning Boardworks Governance Training Graeme Nahkies from Boardworks
Lunch/ Nibbles	Lunch/ Nibbles 1pm AGA
Afternoon Concussion workshop Dr Stephen Kara from Axis Sports Medicine	Afternoon 3-5pm - ESNZ Board meeting

expected to provide effective direction and oversight for your respective disciplines which includes being financially responsible as part of the ESNZ structure.

Governance training is useful expertise to have. The following topics will be covered in the workshop:

- The challenges of organisational governance
- The nature and importance of the board's role
- Getting (and keeping) the board focused on its own job
- Strategic and policy leadership at the board level
- Enhancing the best use of the board's time
- Factors relating to the conduct of effective board meetings
- Linking governance and management
- Expectations of individual board members

### GOVERNANCE TRAINING FOR BOARD MEMBERS

A half-day governance training workshop for discipline board members and anyone aspiring to be a board member will be held on the morning of 9 October. The training will be conducted by Graeme Nahkies of Boardworks <https://boardworksinternational.com/>

Discipline board members, particularly those new to the role, are encouraged to attend. As board members you are

### FIRST AID TRAINING

First Aid provider the Red Cross offers a sports specific first aid course, which is a shortened course focusing on sports injuries. These are mainly run, routinely, in the larger centres but can be also run privately if groups request this. The course is four hours long and costs \$70 per person (with the certificate valid for two years), but they also offer group discounts for 10 or more persons.

<https://www.redcross.org.nz/first-aid/all-available-courses/sports-first-aid/>





# DISCIPLINARY SYSTEM REVIEW

ESNZ has engaged sport lawyers Gibson Sheat to review and provide options to the ESNZ board for an updated disciplinary system.

The ESNZ board recognised that the current legal system was delivering well at competition level with sound Ground Jury and Appeal Committee processes. However, beyond that, the increasing number of complaints and issues that could only be sent to the Judicial Committee was going to require a different approach.

Gibson Sheat will be recommending an intermediate process which will be able to deal more quickly and efficiently with most disciplinary issues. More to come on this once the ESNZ board has received options. Gibson Sheat has also identified a number of issues and anomalies in the General Regulations, discipline rules and bylaws that will be fixed over time.

This review dovetails with the Constitution Review which requires an updated legal disciplinary system referenced in any new constitution. The constitution review will be part of a wide consultation process with all members.

It is important to note that ESNZ will be taking a hard line with behavioural issues that reflect badly on the sport in the future. A key change to our processes already in the General Regulations will see all official warnings made public on the website.

Officials and volunteers are urged to use the verbal and official warning processes at any events by discussing issues with the Ground Juries whenever they feel it is warranted. It will take a collective approach to delivering better behaviour in the arena and outside of it!

## AFFILIATED EVENTS AND INSURANCE

All affiliated ESNZ events that are run in accordance with ESNZ General Regulations, Discipline Rules and have a clear Health and Safety Plan are covered by our insurance. That means all ESNZ members (including casual) and ESNZ officials are covered by our policy while at ESNZ events.

From August 2018 any events that are not run by ESNZ area groups, the RAS or NZPCA will be required to be affiliated with ESNZ. This is so that any event can use the ESNZ rules, officials and disciplinary system, and so any ESNZ officials working at these events are covered by insurance.

All ESNZ officials must be financial members of ESNZ to be covered by our insurance (either full membership or non-competing membership). It will also be up to you to check online whether your sports day down the road has

paid an affiliation fee to be able to use your services in a way that ensures you are covered by ESNZ insurance.

Events can sign up to be affiliated online at [www.nzequestrian.org.nz](http://www.nzequestrian.org.nz) and can be immediately affiliated for \$60.

If you are officiating overseas, FEI events will always be covered by the FEI's insurance, however, at non-FEI events overseas you won't be covered by FEI or ESNZ insurance. We are working on a way that we can help officials with this.



# OFFICIAL WARNING PROCEDURE - YELLOW CARD

ESNZ currently has an Official Warning Procedure whereby ESNZ officials can issue the warning for the inappropriate applicable behaviour/action. It is then filed with ESNZ and the recipient is sent a letter and it is added to their profile on the database.

The new website now has the functionality to log all warnings online. And the system will send the email automatically to the person, the issuing official and ESNZ.

## OFFICIAL WARNINGS ARE GIVEN FOR

- Abuse of horse
- Safety of others
- Incorrect behaviour
- Abuse/disregard of official
- Dangerous riding
- Non-compliance with rules

ESNZ officials will be able to log in, select which offence above applies and record it in the database against a member's profile\*. They will then receive notification and copy that they have registered the Official Warning.

All members will be able to see this information on the database when they are logged on (just as anyone can view the Yellow Card notifications on the FEI website).

Riders will receive notification of being given a warning card and will have to tick a box to say they have accepted the warning.

ESNZ admins will be able to run a report showing all Official Warnings, and will also be able to report by discipline.

Official Warnings will still be recorded with the date because if a rider receives more than one in a 12 month time period there are further consequences.

\*Training will be given to all Officials on how to record the Yellow Card warnings online.



Gary Sinclair – measuring up



# CONCUSSION AND SERIOUS INJURY BLUE CARD

One of the main jobs of ESNZ officials at events is keeping riders safe. ESNZ takes concussion injuries very seriously. We are doing a number of things to support officials in their job, particularly with respect to concussion.



Leading up to the start of the competition season later this year we will be providing information and training to all involved in equestrian sports to reduce the risks associated with concussion. ESNZ is supporting officials with our Blue Card process. We will continue to raise awareness by publishing information on concussion and the new policy in plenty of time before the start of the new season. There is also an opportunity for the disciplines to talk about this at their upcoming AGMs and conferences.

ESNZ has been working with Dr Stephen Kara of Axis Sports Clinic to finalise a Concussion policy for use in ESNZ competition. Information will be provided at the disciplines' AGMs in June and July and training for officials will be provided by Dr Kara in conjunction with ESNZ's AGA on 8 October (see AGA Workshops and Training). The workshop will cover the Concussion policy, the role of ESNZ officials with respect to the policy and its implementation (the Blue Card process) and what symptoms to look for with suspected concussion.

## THERE ARE THREE KEY STEPS IN RECOGNISING AND MANAGING CONCUSSION INJURIES:

- **Recognising** the signs and symptoms of concussion and seeking urgent medical treatment if required
- **Removing** the person from the event
- **Returning** to competition

## RECOGNISING THE SYMPTOMS

Officials have an important role in observing possible concussion and its effects (e.g. behaviour/symptoms) and should take responsibility for removing the injured rider from the event. In cases of uncertainty always adopt a conservative approach – If in doubt sit them out.

Concussion can occur when a rider receives an impact to the head or body that causes the brain to shake inside the skull, so is not necessarily caused by direct impact to the head. If a rider is knocked out or loses consciousness they have obviously sustained a concussion, but it is important to remember that a person can be concussed without losing consciousness.

The Concussion Checklist is an essential tool for determining the signs and symptoms of concussion. ESNZ has a supply of these pocket-sized checklists and can provide them on request or you can order them direct from ACC <https://accsportsmart.co.nz/home/resources/>

To help an unconscious rider:

- Apply first aid principles – DRSABC (Danger, Response, Send for help, Airway, Breathing, Circulation).
- Treat all unconscious riders as though they have a neck injury.
- An unconscious rider must **ONLY** be moved by a medical professional trained in spinal immobilisation techniques.
- Call 111 if you are concerned about the risk of head or neck injury as urgent hospital care is required.





Immediately after a fall, the rider may feel completely fine, as concussion symptoms may take hours or days to appear. When a rider gets back on to ride or compete with a concussion, they put themselves at unnecessary risk of suffering from another blow that could cause devastating, life changing consequences.

## REMOVE FROM THE EVENT

Riders who are concussed are often unaware of their symptoms and may want to continue riding. It is imperative that the Ground Jury at the event takes responsibility for the rider's wellbeing, assesses the rider and make an informed choice about whether the rider should continue to ride or not – if any doubt the rider must be removed from the event as per the Blue Card process.

In order to help limit the risk of re-injury soon after a concussion, ESNZ's Blue Card process has been developed to keep riders safe and to support officials in their duty of care:

### General Regulation 150:

1. The Ground Jury may at any time exclude from further participation in a competition or an entire event any rider who is deemed unfit to continue by reason of a serious or potentially serious injury, impairment or health condition. Medical clearance to compete again must be given by a registered GP or registered medical specialist.
2. If a concussion or serious injury is suspected by a member of the Ground Jury at the event, the rider should be immediately removed from participating and be issued with a Blue Card concussion note\*\*. A Blue Card means that a rider is stood down from all riding activities until clearance from a registered GP or registered medical specialist can be obtained. A copy of their Blue Card will also go straight to ESNZ, which will then go on that rider's profile.
3. If a rider issued with a Blue Card at an event refuses to withdraw from the event, this may result in disciplinary action taken through the disciplinary process set out in the ESNZ general regulations.
4. All riders who have been withdrawn from competition due to a suspected concussion are required to provide ESNZ with a medical clearance note from a registered GP or registered medical specialist before they are able to compete again. Once this has been received the Blue Card will be withdrawn and removed from a rider's profile.
5. If a rider who has been issued with a Blue Card competes without first providing medical clearance, this may result in disciplinary action taken through the ESNZ disciplinary process set out in the ESNZ general regulations.

\*\*ESNZ will give training to Officials on how to lodge a Blue Card on our website

Even if there are no immediate symptoms of concussion these can show up later, so it is important to keep a close eye on the rider.

Make sure the rider has a 'buddy' (parent/guardian/family member/friend) who will ensure they are monitored, not left alone for the first four hours and will get the rider home safely. Riders with a suspected concussion should not drive a motor vehicle.

Give a Concussion Checklist to the rider and their buddy/guardian so everyone knows what to watch for over the first 24 - 48 hours.

Concussed riders must get urgent medical treatment if they show signs of:

- Worsening headache
- Increased drowsiness or can't be woken up
- Vomiting
- Increased confusion or agitation
- Weakness in any limbs
- Slurred speech
- Loss of consciousness or seizure.

### Returning to competition

Riders should not return to riding until symptom free AND medically cleared (as per the ESNZ Blue Card process above).

If a rider returns too soon, while symptoms are still present, it will slow recovery and put them at risk of further concussions.

If a rider sustains a second concussion before the previous one has fully resolved the impact will be more severe and can in some instances be fatal.

### More information

To assist in the awareness process, it is recommended that all officials familiarise themselves with any online Concussion learning site.

<https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/index.html>

and download the CDC HEADS UP App from the apple or google smartphone stores.

HeadsUp online concussion training - <https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/index.html>

Brain 101 20 minute online concussion training - <http://brain101.orcasinc.com/4000/>

ACC-funded concussion clinics - <https://www.axissportsmedicine.co.nz/our-services/concussion-clinic/>

ACC Concussion Guide - <https://accsportsmart.co.nz/assets/assets-final/resources-final/acc7554-accsportsmart-concussion-coach-guidebook.pdf>

Riders4Helmets - <https://www.riders4helmets.com/>



# DRUG FREE SPORT – ATHLETE TESTING NEXT SEASON

Both Drug Free Sport NZ (DFSNZ) and FEI have indicated to ESNZ that they will increase athlete drug testing in the 2018/2019 season.

“It is vital that everyone participating in equestrian sport fully understands the importance of clean sport and the rules they must adhere to, at both national and international level,” said ESNZ’s General Manager Dana Kirkpatrick.

The rules apply to both human and equine athletes.

Officials play an important role in promoting the clean sport message and in helping to educate riders and their support people.

Testing of horses and riders can take place at both National and International competitions. National competition testing in New Zealand is carried out and governed by Drug Free Sport NZ. The FEI Code governs FEI events. Horse and rider testing can take place at any FEI event, any time.

Dana urges all riders to familiarise themselves with banned substances.

“Things you might never suspect as being on the banned substance list or ingredients in what you might consider harmless supplements often catch people out,” she said.

There are excellent DFSNZ anti-doping e-learning courses and resources available and ESNZ urges all involved

in equestrian sports to educate themselves <https://drugfreesport.org.nz/what-we-do/education/e-learning/>

The FEI also provides a lot of information about the FEI anti-doping Code for humans and horses <https://inside.fei.org/content/anti-doping-rules>

Both DFSNZ and FEI rules are aligned to those set by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) <https://www.wada-ama.org/>

ESNZ has athlete testing booklets and wallet cards in stock to give out as applicable.

## THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTIONS (TUES)

TUEs will often be granted for certain controlled medications if taken for medicinal purposes and supported by the athlete’s GP or health specialist.

For National testing, TUEs can be granted and approved retroactively, however, for International testing, retroactive TUE applications will not be accepted and therefore all TUE applications must be submitted for approval before the athlete competes with the medication in their system.



It would be good practice for those not competing in FEI competition to also submit TUE applications to DFSNZ before competing.

Any athletes competing in FEI competition, or considering doing so, should take note of this website page and follow the recommended steps:

<https://drugfreesport.org.nz/for-athletes/information-for-athletes-that-may-be-tested/therapeutic-use-exemptions/>

## THE PROHIBITED LIST

Supplements such as protein shakes, pre-workout shakes, energy drinks, herbal remedies or vitamins continue to be an issue for NZ athletes.

### From DFSNZ

No supplement is 100% safe, however batch tested products are the lowest risk. Be aware that batch tested supplements do not provide a guarantee against testing positive.

Supplements can be accidentally cross contaminated by other substances made in the same factory, or can be deliberately spiked by the company to ensure users get results.

Many supplements have inaccurate labelling.

Ingredients can have more than 20 different names and not every version is listed on the label. Labels may also fail to list every ingredient or refer to “proprietary blends” where ingredients are not specified. Many studies suggest there is little evidence that athletes need supplements given a well-balanced diet.

Most recreational drugs are prohibited in sport and many are stored in the body for an extended time period. Use of them is taking a great risk.

## DANGERS OF DOPING

Doping is a concern beyond being against the rules of sport. There are risks associated with using supplements, as well as the health consequences associated with specific substances (including steroids, EPO, stimulants, hGH, masking agents, marijuana and narcotics).

For more information - <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/education-and-prevention/dangers-of-doping-get-the-facts>

# GROUND JURIES FOR EVENTS

Some of our sports' smaller events often run without Ground Juries which negates any disciplinary process for competitors should it arise.

It is important that competitors have access to a disciplinary process at any ESNZ event where points or qualifications towards Championship Events, HOY, etc can be gained. At the very least two Ground Jury members need to be in attendance.

# FEI OFFICIALS EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

ESNZ officials are encouraged to apply for a new FEI Officials Exchange Programme which is available for all FEI officials in all FEI disciplines.

The exchange programme enables FEI officials to gain experience through officiating at events on a higher level than those available in their own country. The programme will help National Federations and FEI officials to get access to international events and to be an official member of the respective discipline team of officials.

FEI officials will be able to access financial contributions for travel, accommodation and other related expenses.

For more information and an application form <https://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/official/reining/exchange-programme>



# GENERAL REGULATION CHANGES

There will be several important changes to the ESNZ General Regulations on 1 August 2018.

## Article 144: Complaints/Appeals

144.4. Complaints must be in writing signed by the complainant and lodged with the General Manager of ESNZ together with a deposit of \$500. Part of this deposit may be refundable, to be decided on by the Judicial Committee after the hearing.

## CHAPTER SIX: HORSES

### Article 127: Age Definition and Classification of Horses and Ponies

1. The minimum age for any horse entered in any event will be determined by the Discipline Board.
2. To compete as a pony in competitions under the Constitutional Rules and Regulations the pony must measure 148cm or under. The person responsible must be in the possession of an annual or life measurement certificate issued by the Royal Agricultural Society for that pony. A copy of this must be lodged with ESNZ on the pony's file to complete the process.
3. Classification of the height of a pony is up to and not exceeding 148cm. Once a pony is registered with ESNZ it may, if its height changes, be re-registered as a horse. However, once re-registered as a horse it cannot be registered again as a pony.
4. Classification of a horse is height over 148cm. Once a horse is registered with ESNZ it may, if its height changes, be re-registered as a pony, provided it has a current RAS height certificate or life certificate. However, once re-registered as a pony it cannot be registered again as a horse.

### 150. Officials and concussion rules

7. The Ground Jury may at any time exclude from further participation in a competition or an entire event any athlete who is deemed unfit to continue by reason of a serious or potentially serious injury, impairment or health condition. Medical clearance to compete again must be given by a registered GP or registered medical specialist.
8. If a concussion or serious injury is suspected by a member of the Ground Jury at the event, the rider should be immediately removed from participating and be issued with a Blue Card concussion note. A Blue Card means that a rider is stood down from all riding activities until clearance from a registered GP or registered medical specialist can be obtained. A copy of their Blue Card will also go straight to ESNZ, which will then go on that rider's profile.
- 8.1. All riders who have been withdrawn from competition due to a suspected concussion are required to provide

ESNZ with a medical clearance note from a registered GP or registered medical specialist before they are able to compete again. Once this has been received the Blue Card will be withdrawn.

8.2 If a rider who has been issued with a Blue Card competes without first providing medical clearance this may result in disciplinary action taken through the ESNZ disciplinary process set out in the ESNZ general regulations.

### Article 153: Minimum Standards for Medical Personnel and Services at National Federation Events

1. Prior to the event Organising Committees:
  - 1.1. Must notify the Regional Ambulance Control Room for that area of the date and location of the event and explain the potential accidents that can occur at such an event.
  - 1.2. Should provide a centrally sited medical station with contact details of the nearest A&E or after hours GP.
  - 1.3. Should ensure that there is good access to all parts of the course.
  - 1.4. Should provide a good system of communication to and from all parts of the course and to emergency services.
  - 1.5. Must have an agreement in place with the venue/property owner as to the official take over times for the venue and who is responsible in case of an emergency before the competition begins and after it finishes.
2. During the event:
  - 2.1. A doctor or an ambulance staffed by an Ambulance Officer must be available within 30 minutes of being called.
  - 2.2. A holder of a first aid certificate must be on the grounds at all times during competition hours with appropriate first aid kit/gear.

All events must also comply with discipline safety and medical rules as set out in the discipline rules.

### Annex a: minimum standards for esnz approved portable yards

The use of ESNZ approved portable yards at events is by permission of the Organising Committee. If portable yards are not allowed to be used this should be advertised in the event schedule.

<https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/esnz-portable-yards.pdf>

SOUTH ISLAND			
Jul-18			
1	Marlborough	Marlborough Dressage/Marlborough Equestrian Barn Winter Series #3	Training
1	Canterbury	Winter Series Day 2	Training
29	Northern Equestrian Group	NEG Day 3 Winter Series	Local
Aug-18			
5	Canterbury	Canterbury Dressage Winter Series Day 3	Local
5	Marlborough	Marlborough Dressage/Marlborough Equestrian Barn Winter Series #4	Training
19	Ashburton	Ashburton Dressage Spring Series	Training
26	Northern Equestrian Group	NEG Winter Series Day 3	Local
26	South Canterbury North Otago	SCNO Dressage Winter Show	Local
Sep-18			
2	Canterbury	Canterbury Dressage Spring Series Day 1	Local
15/16	Nelson	Nelson Area Dressage Group Richmond Roast House Eyeopener Tournament	Local
16	Ashburton	Ashburton Dressage Spring Series	Training
16	North Loburn Equestrian Centre	Day One NLEC Spring Series	Local
22	Marlborough	Marlborough Dressage Summer Series #1	Local
22/23	South Canterbury North Otago	SCNO Dressage Spring Championship Tournament	Premier League
23	Marlborough	Marlborough Dressage Summer Series #2	Local
30	Northern Equestrian Group	NEG Spring Series Day 1	Local
Oct-18			
6/7	Otago	Dressage Otago Spring Tournament	Local
7	Canterbury	Canterbury Dressage Spring Series Day 2	Local
13/14	Central Otago	Central Otago Dressage	Local
13/14	North Loburn Equestrian Centre	NLEC Spring Tournament	Local
20/21	Equidays	Christchurch	
27/28	Marlborough	Marlborough Dressage Premier League Show	Premier League
27/28	Southland	Southland Spring	Local
28	Northern Equestrian Group	NEG Spring Series Day 2	Local



Nov-18			
3/5	Nelson	Nelson Area Dressage Group Richmond Roast House Qualifying Tournament	Premier League
4	Canterbury	Canterbury Dressage Spring Series Day 3	Local
10/11	Otago	Dressage Otago Summer Championship	Premier League
17/18	Ashburton	Ashburton Dressage Mainland Coachwork Summer Championship	Premier League
18	North Loburn Equestrian Centre	Day three NLEC Spring Series	Local
25	Northern Equestrian Group	NEG Spring Series Day 3	Local
Dec-18			
1/2	Canterbury	Canterbury Championships	Premier League
8/9	Southland	Southland Premier League	Premier League
16	North Loburn Equestrian Centre	NLEC Christmas Dressage	Training
Jan-19			
12/13	Nelson	Nelson Area Dressage Group Richmond Roast House Championship Tournament	Local
12/13	Southland	Southland Summer	Training
20	North Loburn Equestrian Centre	Day one NLEC Summer Series	Local
25/27	Canterbury	South Island Festival of Dressage	Premier League
Feb-19			
9/10	Otago	Dressage Otago Tournament	Local
16/17	Southland	Southland Autumn	Local
17	North Loburn Equestrian Centre	Day Two NLEC Summer series	Local
23/24	South Canterbury North Otago	SCNO Dressage Summer Championship Tournament	Local
24	Marlborough	Marlborough Dressage Summer Series #3 TBC	Local
24	Northern Equestrian Group	NEG Training Day	Training
Mar-19			
3	Canterbury	Canterbury Dressage Autumn Series Day 1	Local
9/10	Otago	Dressage Otago Autumn Tournament	Local
17	North Loburn Equestrian Centre	Day Three NLEC Summer series	Local
23/24	Southland	Dressage Southland	Local
31	Northern Equestrian Group	NEG Autumn Series Day 1	Local

Apr-19			
5	Canterbury	FEI World Dressage Challenge	National
6/7	Canterbury	South Island Festival of Future Stars.	Local
7	South Canterbury North Otago	SCNO Dressage Autumn Show	Local
13/14	Central Otago	Central Otago Dressage	Local
21	North Loburn Equestrian Centre	Day one NLEC Autumn series	Local
28	Ashburton	Ashburton Dressage Autumn Series	Training
28	Northern Equestrian Group	NEG Autumn Series Day 2	Local
28	Nelson	Nelson Area Dressage Group Winter Series #1	Local
May-19			
5	Canterbury	Canterbury Dressage Autumn Series Day 3	Local
19	North Loburn Equestrian Centre	Day two NLEC Autumn Series	Local
20	Ashburton	Ashburton Dressage Autumn Series	Training
26	Northern Equestrian Group	NEG Autumn Series Day 3	Local
26	Nelson	Nelson Area Dressage Group Winter Series #2	Local
Jun-19			
2	Canterbury	Canterbury Dressage Winter Series Day 1	Local
16	North Loburn Equestrian Centre	Day three NLEC Autumn Series	Local
30	Northern Equestrian Group	NEG Winter Series Day 1	Local
30	Nelson	Nelson Area Dressage Group Winter Series #3	Local
Jul-19			
7	Canterbury	Canterbury Dressage Winter Series Day 2	Local
28	Northern Equestrian Group	NEG Winter Series Day 2	Local
28	Nelson	Nelson Area Dressage Group Winter Series #4	Local

Jul-18			
8	Horowhenua	Horowhenua Dressage Group Ribbon Day	Training
28/29	Taranaki	Dressage Taranaki Winter Event	Local
Aug-18			
4/5	Waikato Equestrian Centre	Waikato Equestrian Centre Winter Dressage Series - Final Day	Local
12	Auckland-Manukau	Auckland-Manukau Dressage Group	Local
12	Rotorua	Dressage Rotorua Spring Spectacular Series	Local
12	Horowhenua	Horowhenua Dressage Group Ribbon Day	Training
19	Northern Hawkes Bay	Dressage Hawkes Bay Training Day	Training
25/26	Taranaki	Dressage Taranaki Winter Event	Local
26	Woodhill Sands	Spring Festival of Dressage	Local
Sep-18			
2	Gisborne	Gisborne Dressage Training Day	Training
2	Taupo	Taupo Dressage Group Ribbon Day (TBC)	Training
2	Tauranga	Tauranga Dressage Group Practice Day	Training
2	Waikato Equestrian Centre	Waikato Equestrian Centre Spring Dressage Series - Day One	Local
2	Wairarapa	Wairarapa Dressage Spring Series #1	Local
9	Auckland-Manukau	Auckland-Manukau Dressage Group	Local
9	Woodhill Sands	Spring Festival of Dressage FINAL	Local
16	Rotorua	Dressage Rotorua Spring Spectacular Series	Local
16	Wairarapa	Wairarapa Dressage Spring Series #2	Local
23	Gisborne	Gisborne Dressage Spring Tournament	Local
23	Horowhenua	Horowhenua Dressage Group Spring Tournament	Local
29	Taranaki	Dressage Taranaki Spring Fling	Local

Oct-18			
7	Auckland-Manukau	Auckland-Manukau Dressage Group	Local
7	Gisborne	Gisborne Dressage @ Poverty Bay A&P Show	Local
7	Northland	Northland	Local
7	Waikato Equestrian Centre	Waikato Equestrian Centre Spring Dressage Series - Final Day	Local
14	Central Hawkes Bay	CHB Spring Tournament	Local
14	Waitemata	Dressage Waitemata Spring #1	Local
17	Northern Hawkes Bay	Dressage @ HB A&P Show	Local
20/22	Bay of Plenty	Total Industrial Solutions Dressage Bay Of Plenty	Premier League
26/28	Central Districts	NICH & Central Districts Premier League Show	Premier League
28	Northland	Northland	Local
28	Warkworth	Warkworth Dressage Local Day	Training
Nov-18			
3	Morrinsville/Te Aroha	MTDG Summer Garland Dressage Show Day 1	Local
4	Waitemata	Dressage Waitemata Spring #2	Local
4	Taupo	Taupo Dressage Group	Local
8	Central Hawkes Bay	Central Hawkes Bay A&P Show	Local
10/11	Wellington	Dressage Wellington Championships	Premier League
11	Auckland-Manukau	Auckland-Manukau Dressage Group	Local
15	Taranaki	Egmont A & P Show Dressage	Local
17/18	Gisborne	Gisborne Dressage Championship Show	Premier League
18	Tauranga	Tauranga Dressage Group Registered Show	Local
18	Warkworth	Warkworth Dressage Local Day	Local
24/25	Northern Hawkes Bay	Hawkes Bay Dressage Regional Championship	Premier League
25	Northland	Dressage at Dargaville	Local
25	Waikato	Dressage Waikato Local	Local

Dec-18			
1	Morrinsville/Te Aroha	MTDG Summer Garland Dressage Show Day 2	Local
1/2	Southern Hawkes Bay	Southern Hawkes Bay Dressage Championships	Premier League
8	Taranaki	Dressage Taranaki Christmas Cracker	Local
8/9	Waitemata	Dressage Waitemata Regional Championship Show	Premier League
15/16	Northland	Northland Premier League Show	Premier League
15/16	Taihape	Taihape Xmas Championships	Premier League
16	Auckland-Manukau	Auckland-Manukau Dressage Group	Local
16	Waikato	Dressage Waikato December	Local
16	Warkworth	Warkworth Dressage Local Day	Local
Jan-19			
12/13	Taranaki	Dressage Taranaki Premier League Event	Premier League
18/20	Auckland-Manukau	Auckland-Manukau Dressage Group Championship	Premier League
19	Warkworth	Warkworth Dressage Local Day	Local
19/20	Wairarapa	Wairarapa Dressage Championships	Premier League
28	Waitemata	Dressage Waitemata Summer Series #1	Local
Feb-19			
2/3	Waikato	Waikato Premier League	Premier League
10	Waitemata	Dressage Waitemata Summer Series #2	Local
10	Northland	Northland	Local
10	Wellington	Wellington Summer Series	Training
13/17	Dressage NZ	Dressage NZ National Championships	Premier League
17	Taupo	Taupo Dressage Group	Training
24	Auckland-Manukau	Auckland-Manukau Dressage Group	Local
24	Gisborne	Gisborne Dressage Summer Tournament	Local
24	Warkworth	Warkworth Dressage Local Day	Local

Mar-19			
3	Wellington	Wellington Summer Series	Training
9	Waikato Equestrian Centre	Waikato Equestrian Centre Autumn Dressage Show	Local
12/17	Horse of the Year	Horse of the Year	National
24	Waitemata	Dressage Waitemata Autumn #1	Local
24	Gisborne	Gisborne Dressage Autumn Series - Day 1	Local
31	Waikato	Dressage Waikato March	Local
31	Horowhenua	Horowhenua Dressage Group Autumn Tournament	Local
31	Taupo	Taupo Dressage Group Ribbon Day	Training
31	Warkworth	Warkworth Dressage Local Day	Local
Apr-19			
7	Auckland-Manukau	Auckland-Manukau Dressage Group	Local
7	Northern Hawkes Bay	Dressage Hawkes Bay Autumn Series	Local
7	Morrinsville/Te Aroha	MTDG Autumn Non-Grading Dressage Series Day 1	Training
11/14	Dressage NZ	North Island Future Stars & U25 National Championships	Premier League
13	Taranaki	Dressage Taranaki Local Event	Local
14	Waitemata	Dressage Waitemata Autumn #2	Local
21	Warkworth	Warkworth Dressage Group Autumn #2	Training
28	Gisborne	Gisborne Dressage Autumn Series - Day 2	Local
May-19			
4/5	Waikato Equestrian Centre	Waikato Equestrian Centre Winter Dressage Series - Day One	Local
5	Auckland-Manukau	Auckland-Manukau Dressage Group	Local
5	Northland	Northland	Local
12	Northern Hawkes Bay	Dressage Hawkes Bay Autumn Series Day Two	Local
12	Waitemata	Dressage Waitemata Autumn #3	Local
12	Horowhenua	Horowhenua Dressage May Ribbon Day	Training
18/19	Central Districts	Central Districts Winter Show	Local

19	Morrinsville/Te Aroha	MTDG Autumn Non-Grading Dressage Series Day 2	Training
26	Gisborne	Gisborne Dressage Autumn Series - Day 3	Local
26	Northland	Northland	Local
Jun-19			
1/2	Waikato Equestrian Centre	Waikato Equestrian Centre Winter Dressage Series - Day Two	Local
8/9	Taranaki	Dressage Taranaki Winter Event	Local
9	Northern Hawkes Bay	Dressage Hawkes Bay Autumn Series Day Three	Local
9	Horowhenua	Horowhenua Dressage Group June Ribbon Day	Training
22/23	Taranaki	Dressage Taranaki Winter Fun Day	Training
Jul-19			
6/7	Waikato Equestrian Centre	Waikato Equestrian Centre Winter Dressage Series - Day Three	Local
14	Horowhenua	Horowhenua Dressage Group July Ribbon Day	Training
27/28	Taranaki	Dressage Taranaki Winter Event	Local
Aug-19			
3/4	Waikato Equestrian Centre	Waikato Equestrian Centre Winter Dressage Series - Final Day	Local
Sep-19			
1	Taupo	Taupo Dressage Group Ribbon Day	Training