



Dressage Masters Top 10 League 2019-2020

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 whether riders compete locally, at Premier League events or nationally. The competition will be open to riders 50 years (see condition 3) and over and is run in five national divisions plus special awards.

National

Pewter (Area and National)	For CN – C2 Riders on horses competing at Preliminary and above
Bronze (Area and National)	For C3 & C4 Riders on horses on competing Preliminary and above
Silver (Area and National)	For C3 & C4 Riders on horses competing at Elementary and above
Gold (Area and National)	For C5 - C9 Riders on horses competing at Preliminary to Elementary
Platinum (Area and National)	For C5 - C9 Riders on horses competing at Medium and above

Special Awards

Newcomer (First year member)	Open to new ESNZ graded Dressage rider. No grading points in Dressage prior to 1/4/2019
Island Hi-Points Award	Highest Score in each Island
Owner /Horse Combo Award	Highest age horse/rider combined
Amateur Owner	Horse with zero grading points with any previous or current owner

Eligibility

1. All participating horses must be registered and have annual starts for graded competitions
2. Downgraded horses are eligible
3. Riders must be full competitive members of the ESNZ
4. For Riders 50yrs & over (age from the beginning of the calendar year that the rider turns 50)
5. Rider category as at 1 August 2019

Rider Categories

Category N	(CN) Newcomers. For riders who have never earned grading points at any Level
Category 1	(C1) For riders who have never earned 15 or more grading points at any level above Preliminary Level 1
Category 2	(C2) For riders who have never earned 15 or more grading points at any level above Novice Level 2
Category 3	(C3) For riders who have never earned 15 or more grading points at any level above Elementary Level 3
Category 4	(C4) For riders who have never earned 15 or more grading points at any level above Medium Level 4
Category 5	(C5) For riders who have never earned 15 or more grading points at any level above Advanced Medium Level 5
Category Am	Any rider C5 or below is a CAm rider. A CAm rider may compete in Amateur competitions at any level not more than two levels below that rider's rider category. e.g a C5 rider may compete in any CAm competition or series at Elementary L3, Medium L4 and Advanced Medium L5. A C4 rider may compete in any CAm competition or series at levels Novice L2, Elementary L3 and Medium L4

Conditions

1. Enter on line at www.equestrianentries.co.nz no later than 1st December 2019
2. Horses made 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 level 3 will be accrued
3. Competition runs from 1 August 2019 until 30th March 2020
4. Maximum of 10 scores to count from Graded events on the official DNZ Calendar
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 ESNZ database

Scoring

1. Awards points can be earned in graded competitions only
2. Points are accrued as a combination
3. Maximum of 10 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 scores will be deemed the winner.
5. Points are awarded as follows

Percentage	Points
57 – 59.99%	1
60 - 62.99	3
63 - 66.99	5
67 - 69.99	7
70% plus	10

Presentations

Area Prizes:

Rosettes are awarded for each section winner in all 20 ESNZ areas (as per ESNZ area boundaries)

National Prizes

To be awarded at The Dressage NZ Annual Awards Dinner

- Section Champions receive presentation Rug, Sash and \$100 sponsors voucher each
- Section Reserve Champion receives Sash
- Island Hi-Points Sash awarded in each island
- Amateur Owner Sash
- First year member Sash
- Combo Award Sash