

ESNZ EVENTING CROSS COUNTRY STYLE PRIZE

ESNZ Eventing are looking to introduce a cross country style prize, to be awarded at most national level events around the country, to be judged at 1.05m level and below, for riders that are uncategorised. The aim of this initiative is to encourage good, safe cross country riding, and educate our riders in this area. We would love your event to be included.

ESNZ Eventing will fund a prize to the value of \$50 for each event, to go to the winner of the style prize. We envisage that the competition be judged over a section of the course that is reasonably visible to enable a spread of fences to be analysed. It will be up to the Organising Committee of each event to select an appropriate person to judge the award. We suggest that a suitable person could be your Course Designer, TD, announcer, or someone else who is in a position to watch a good number of riders over a section of the course and has good knowledge in the field of cross country riding.

The winner of the award should display a good rhythm, with correct setting up appropriate to the type of fence to be judged. We also suggest that the potential winner have their cross country time checked to ensure they are reasonably close to the optimum time, and not several minutes under! The best process would probably be for your judge to select a few potential candidates, to be checked against the list of eligible riders to ensure they are not categorized, and to make sure their optimum time is acceptable. We will provide a list of ineligible riders (ie riders that are categorized) prior to your event.



This initiative has been born out of a belief that a number of our more inexperienced riders have limited knowledge as to what makes for good cross country riding. We hope to educate riders by providing as much publicity as possible around these style prizes.

If you are happy to have your event included, we ask for your help in promoting the awards within your area prior to your event, and if not too late, including some details of this within your event schedule. This could simply be done by adding a condition stating: “ESNZ Eventing Cross Country Style Prize – special award - to be judged at 1.05m level and below”.

We discussed this initiative during the open forum at the Eventing conference. There was some enthusiasm for this award to include 1* and above, however the Eventing Board are keen to keep the focus at 1.05m and below as we feel this is the area where greater education is needed at this point. It was however decided that if events wanted to include

the higher levels, this could be done with an additional award to be funded by the event. This is something you may wish to consider.

The process will be as follows: Class judged at the event, winner announced, ESNZ Sport Manager contacted post event and provided with:

- Event name,
- Rider name,
- Horse name,
- Class competed in
- Rider phone contact or email address

The Sport Manager will then contact the rider to establish bank account details and will organize a direct credit of \$50 to the riders bank account.

If you have any questions on the above, please contact myself or any of the other ESNZ Eventing Board members. Can you please confirm your interest to be included with the Eventing Administrator, Gillian Hayes, at eventingadmin@nzequestrian.org.nz