



North Island Secondary Schools Equestrian Championships 2025

Sunday 24 – Thursday 28 August 2025
Fiber Fresh National Equestrian Centre,
Rapids Road, Taupō

Entries Open: 30 May 2025
Entries Close: 27 June 2025
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Welcome to the North Island Secondary Schools Equestrian Championship 2025 brought to you by Equestrian Sports New Zealand, the New Zealand Pony Club Association, and New Zealand Mounted Games.

AIM: The North Island Secondary Schools Equestrian Championship, held annually in Taupo, is New Zealand's largest junior equestrian event. This unique multi-disciplinary event was initiated to celebrate our diverse school-age riders from all areas and educational backgrounds to compete in a variety of disciplines, interact with each other, and develop social skills. The championships are an opportunity for our competitors to try something new, and the format of the four-day competition/experience has been developed so rider can take part in different disciplines as well as supporting their teammates. The event offers experiences in Competitive Trail Riding (CTR), Arena Eventing, Jumping, Show Hunter and Dressage. In 2025, two new disciplines have been added: Mounted Games and 3 Day Event.

The Championship is a strategic partnership between School Sport NZ, Equestrian Sports New Zealand, the New Zealand Pony Club Association, and New Zealand Mounted Games. These different official discipline boards are actively involved in sharing knowledge and expertise before and during the event, with discipline Ambassadors lending a hand at the event.

Since it began in 2022, the North Island Secondary Schools Equestrian Championship has grown significantly. From 203 competitors representing 56 schools and four sporting codes, it expanded in 2024 to welcome 417 competitors and 115 schools at the event.

The Championship will be held at the Fiber Fresh National Equestrian Centre, Taupo from 24th to 28th August 2025 and we look forward to welcoming riders from across the North Island.



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Planning Timetable

Mark these dates in your diary - don't miss important 2025 deadlines!

Friday 30th May

Registrations open via our online registration system.

Registrations will only be accepted from the school's designated NISS Equestrian Championship Coordinator.

Friday 27th June

Entries close for the 2025 NISS Equestrian Championship at 5:59 PM. Schools agree by registering teams and individual athletes that registrations for their school **as at this date** will be paid for in full on receipt of the invoice. No exceptions. If registration for a discipline is oversubscribed, then the opportunity to compete will be at the discretion of the executive committee and the individual/team registration fee will be refunded.

Friday 11th July

Latest date that schools will be in receipt of their registration fee invoice for the NISS Equestrian Championship.

Friday 18th July

All schools must have paid their registration invoice to have their entry confirmed. Late entries (if accepted and only where a discipline is not already at capacity) will incur a 50% penalty fee.

Monday 11th August

Yarding allocations will be emailed out to schools

Thursday 21st August

Individual draws will be published on the EvoEvents website.

Sunday 24th August

The NISS Equestrian Championship opens.
Opening Ceremony and Evening function

Thursday 28th August

The NISS Equestrian Championship finishes with a prizegiving ceremony



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Provisional Timetable (tbc)

This year, we will have the opportunity on Sunday evening at the welcome function to discuss and answer questions relating to the rules or the various classes. You may bring along any equipment for checking. While there are no compulsory gear checks, there will be ESNZ stewards who may perform random gear checks during each event.

Please carefully check the timetable of the events, always keeping in mind the welfare of the horse. The event has been timetabled on the basis that students can compete in all disciplines and stay for four days of competition. There is something for riders of all abilities.

Please read the general conditions before you enter. It is each school's responsibility to know the rules and conditions of this event.

Schedule of Events

Sunday 24 August	Teams arrive
	CTR Briefing
	Welcome function

Monday 25 August	CTR
	Dressage

Tuesday 26 August	Dressage
	Arena Eventing

Wednesday 27 August	Jumping
	Mounted Games - Pairs

Thursday 28 August	Mounted Games - Pairs
	Show Hunter
	Prize Giving



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Conditions

This event is governed by the ESNZ General Regulations and relevant policies and codes, and where applicable, discipline sport rules and bylaws. All of these can be accessed via the Equestrian Sports New Zealand website: <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/esnz/rules-regulations/rules-and-regulations/>

Disclaimer of liability: *Neither the organisers of the event nor ESNZ nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies accepts any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, spectators, land, vehicles, their contents and accessories or any other personal property whatsoever whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or in any other way.*

The Organising Committee may, at their absolute discretion, decline to receive any entry, or return any fee without being required to give any reason or being liable for any compensation.

The Organising Committee, in consultation with the President of the Ground Jury and/or Technical Delegate, reserves the right: to cancel any class or event, to divide any class, to alter advertised times, to transfer competitors between sections of competition.



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Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in this event, riders must be a current full, child, or introductory member of ESNZ or a current member of NZPCA – if not a current member of either organisation, then you must become a casual member for the event, and this is payable with the entries. You will be required to put in each rider's ESNZ or NZPCA membership number on the entry form.

Student Eligibility

See <https://www.schoolsportnz.org.nz/Sport-1/Events/eligibility-regulations-1> for full details of student eligibility. A student eligible to compete in this event must:

- be enrolled as a bona fide (Year 9 or above) student at their school of representation and studying at least 80% of a programme that is part of the timetable provided by the school for at least four weeks immediately before the event in which they seek to compete;
- have a satisfactory attendance record at the school. The final decision will be at the Principal's discretion; and
- be under 19 years of age at the first of January in the year of the competition, unless specified otherwise in these Regulations for a particular competition.
- the school must be prepared to authenticate a student's birth date. Organising committees may require validation by a birth certificate or passport.

This event is also open to year 7 and 8 students to compete individually; however, if event capacity is oversubscribed, year 7 and year 8 entries will not be accepted. This will be notified at the close of entries.

Starting out?

Our introductory membership gives you annual multi-disciplinary access for only \$54.30 incl GST.

What you get

Dressage	Jumping & Show Hunter	Eventing	Para	Endurance
Non Graded all levels	Introductory Ponies up to 80cm Horses up to 90cm	Arena & Express Eventing CCN 65cm	Non Graded all levels	Endurance & CTR 0-39km

One riding membership with access to all 5 disciplines at introductory levels

*competition fees still apply

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Entries

Entries will be made through the School. Each School will collate and enter the team through a form. Payment will be made by invoice to the School. By entering online, you are making an agreement with the Organising Committee, and all fees are due. Entries not fully paid on receipt of the invoice will not be accepted but will be held until payment is received and then accepted into the event, provided the event has not closed entries. Late entry fees will apply if payment is received after the closing of entries.

All competitors must enter through the school where they are enrolled. No individual entries will be accepted. Please ensure each rider has an account with EvoEvents (www.evoevents.co.nz), and that their school and year level are entered in their "My Account" on EvoEvents before the school entry being made.

- **Teams:** A team comprises a maximum of 6 riders and a minimum of 3 riders. When schools do not have a sufficient number of riders to make a team, riders compete as individuals. Schools with more than 6 competitors will be asked to split their teams relatively evenly, with no team having fewer than 3 riders.
- **Composite Teams:** Composite teams from true sister/brother schools are permitted, but this must be evidenced and approved before entries are accepted.
- **Maximum Classes:** A Horse/Pony may only compete in one level in Dressage, Jumping, and Arena eventing. Each combination is only eligible to enter a maximum of 5 disciplines (with the 5th being the ODE, meaning 3 of the others must be Dressage, Arena Eventing, and Jumping).
- **Number of horses:** Riders are limited to competing with only one equine at the event. Should numbers permit, entries may open for a second horse per rider. This horse may only be considered an individual entrant.
- **Stallions:** No stallions are permitted to enter.



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Important Information

Responsible Adults: All riders must have an adult on the grounds who is responsible for them. This is not the function of the team manager. Each adult can only be responsible for a maximum of 4 riders. It is the responsibility of the school to ensure this is adhered to.

Cancellation: In the unlikely event of cancellation, an email will be sent to all entrants. Notice will also be posted on ESNZ Facebook and Instagram.

Communication: Team Managers are responsible for all aspects of communication, safety, and conduct of their team riders, horses, equipment, supporters, and vehicles. Managers will be the only point of contact between the event and the team, from entry through to the conclusion of the event. A WhatsApp or Team Reach site will be made to help facilitate communication. There is a 2025 NISS Equestrian Championship Event page on Facebook that will have a lot of information. See link: [Equestrian Sports NZ Facebook Event](#)

Disputes procedures/protests: All protests will be dealt with by the Organising Committee. A written protest from the team manager must be received within half an hour of posting the results, upon receipt of a \$50 protest fee. This fee will be refundable if successful. The decision of the Organising Committee will be final. ANY PROTEST TO DO WITH THE FAIR PLAY RULES MUST BE DONE BEFORE the start of the competition. No disputes can be made over this after the start of the show.

Dogs: We would prefer if you leave your dogs at home. If necessary, dogs are permitted on site but must adhere to the Fiber Fresh NEC rules around areas in which they are permitted. In permitted areas, dogs must be on a lead at ALL times. Loose dogs may be crated, and there is a \$50 release fee.

Draw Order: All riders must compete in draw order. Failure to compete in draw order (without a reasonable excuse) will result in elimination from that round/class. If you can't ride in draw order, permission must be obtained from the judge of that class. Draws will be available on the EvoEvents website.

Dress: School Team uniform must be worn for all events. Formal riding jackets or Fancy Dress is not permitted. Please supply your own back number holder. Back numbers must be worn at all times while mounted, including dressage and even for exercise. Your numbers will be emailed before the event for printing. Yellow-tagged helmets are to be worn at all times while mounted. Safety-tagged back protectors must be worn for arena-eventing. Gloves are compulsory for dressage. Officials will not perform uniform or gear checks, but we may do spot checks. Team Managers are responsible for presenting their riders/teams in their school sports uniform and ensuring riders are wearing yellow-tagged safety helmets, and appropriate equipment and tack.



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Team members and their supporters should wear uniforms at all times so that teams can be recognised for the Sportsmanship Award

Duties: To assist with the running of the show, all schools will have duties, therefore, each school will be allocated roles throughout the event. Please ensure that as a school, you have enough adult supporters to attend to the roles. It is the manager's responsibility to ensure there are adequate people available to perform these roles. While some may be undertaken by competitors, adults must be available at all times. It is possible that you may have to do your role at times when you have riders competing. We will publish a list of the duties and times before the event. Team penalties will be applied if duties are not conducted, and you may forfeit your place in this competition in future years.

Extra notes: Hacks and ponies may compete against each other in certain classes

Falls: Any rider who has an injury or fall on the grounds during the Championships (including warm-up or exercising) is required to see the official Event Medic before remounting. The Medic's decision on whether a rider continues or not is final.

Fair Play: Please make sure your riders enter appropriate divisions and follow the "Change The Rein"/Fair Play frame works. Riders must enter classes at the same level at which they currently compete unless the team manager has received a dispensation from the Organising Committee via email.

Food: There will be food trucks at the event serving hot and cold food. There will also be local restaurants that will deliver food to the event in the evening.

ID tags: All horses must have an ID tag on them (horse/owner's name and contact phone number) while in the yards, and also attached to a piece of saddlery while being ridden.

Manure: All manure MUST be picked up from all walk ways and areas and put in a skip or wheelbarrow. Please ensure your school supporters or riders pick up their manure for all team members. Manure in the arenas MUST be picked up immediately.

Scratchings - All scratchings are to be notified immediately to the Event Secretary.

Start times – All rings will start at 8am, any updates to this will be communicated to your team managers



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Refunds - Riders scratching from the event 48 hours before the start of competition (before 8.00am Friday 22 August 2025) will be entitled to a 100% refund of entry fees, less EvoEvents Online Booking fees and administration fee, on presentation of a veterinary or medical certificate.

Team changes: All changes to your team (riders or mounts) before the event are to be sent via your Team Manager to the Event Secretary. All changes after the draw have been made must be in writing, signed by the Team Manager, and must be delivered to the office before 8.00 am on the first day of the competition.

Trade Village: There will be trade stands from a variety of equestrian retailers all week.

Merchandise

This year we will have Merchandise again that can be ordered direct from the supplier and will be delivered to you before the Event. More details to follow.

Parking & Camping

Parking: Parking will be allocated to each school in advance. Each vehicle booked for camping will be allocated an overnight vehicle pass that will need to be printed and displayed. On arrival, please park in your designated area. When trucks are being parked together, they must be nose-to-nose with enough clearance for the ramp to be dropped at each end without blocking vehicle access. As there is no tying of horses to trucks, vehicles can be parked very close together. There are no facilities for the erection of gazebos or communal tents in the parking area.

Due to limited space, we ask that everyone be considerate of others' surroundings and space.

- The parking crew can ask for a truck/float to be moved at any stage of the show. This must be done in a timely manner.
- Additional vehicle passes are available on request at a maximum of one pass per campsite.
- Additional vehicles may need to be parked away from your site if capacity requires. Parking passes must be displayed on your vehicle at all times.
- No roadways can be blocked by parked vehicles.
- Horse trucks and/or floats cannot be transported in and out throughout the show week unless they have booked day parking. They must remain on their allocated site till they depart.

Camping: This event will be held in winter in Taupo. The temperature can drop to negative numbers. Please be prepared for all weather conditions.

NEC Taupō Portacabins are not available at this time.



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Powered Sites - There are very limited powered sites available, which will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

Powered Site Caravan Hire – Rock n Roll Caravans will have 12 allocated powered sites at the POP site. Please don't book a rental caravan that needs power without confirmation that you have been allocated a site. There are caravans available for hire complete with power, linen etc. Contact Rob at Rent n Roll Caravan Hire 027 253 8702

Charisma Hall – The Charisma Hall is available for communal camping. BYO stretcher, mattress and bedding. Use of the Kitchen is not included in the price per night.

Camping - Camping on grounds is not compulsory; however, students are strongly encouraged to stay on site. An onsite guardian must be nominated for each horse if the owner/rider is staying off-site.

- Accommodation/camping is to be completed online with your entry.
- All vehicles remaining overnight must display an Overnight Vehicle pass. Additional overnight vehicle passes are available on request at a maximum of one additional pass per overnight site. Additional Overnight Site applications submitted online are not guaranteed.
- In the event that Overnight Sites reach capacity, no additional sites will be given.
- Overnight sites that have not purchased power must not occupy sites with a power connection.
- All overnight site holders who are connected to a power supply must have a current electrical certification. This will be monitored, and if this certification is not held, the cord will be disconnected and removed.
- All overnight site material (including tents, vehicles, etc.) must remain within the site boundaries set in the overnight site areas. Any additional vehicles or equipment must be removed from the overnight site area.
- Overnight site holders staying in tents must ensure that tents are secured to the ground.
- We recommend that self-contained facilities be conservative, and the length of stay be taken into consideration. If you require your systems to be emptied, self-contained vehicles must empty the vehicle's wastewater and sewage tanks in approved facilities.
- Where more than one camper is using a self-contained vehicle, the total number of campers using that vehicle must not exceed the maximum number of occupants stipulated on the vehicle's self-containment warrant and certificate.
- Overnight Sites may not be available for local competitors if capacity exceeds out of town requirement. Local Competitors are those who normally reside within 50 km of the showgrounds. A full refund will be given on camping fees in the event of this being observed.
- No music or social activities outside after 9 pm curfew.
- Activities after 9 pm must be at a noise level that is respectful to other campers.
- Event Staff and Security have the right to shut down any activities if they see cause.
- Overnight site holders/campers returning to their trucks from other sites must do so in a respectful manner without interfering with or disturbing others.

- All students camping must be accompanied by a parent or guardian (see the responsible adults section above for ratio). If the student is accompanied by a guardian, both the parent and guardian



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must provide the team manager with signed confirmation that both parties accept responsibility for the student. The guardian must be at least 25 years old at the time of entry.

- As this is a Secondary Schools NZ event, there is a no alcohol and no smoking/vaping policy applied. Any competitors found to be breaking these conditions will be eliminated, reported to their school principal, and will be removed from the competition.

General Fees

All fees listed in this schedule include GST.

Fees this year are packaged to bring this event in line with other Secondary Schools Sports Week events.

Event Fee – This includes Ground Fee, Administration fee, Medical levies, rider levies, etc.	\$145
ESNZ Casual Membership Fee (where riders are not already members of ESNZ or NZPCA) per rider	\$16.30
Human accommodation	
Camping – 1 rider and 1 support person Sunday to Thursday	\$80
Camping – Additional support person Sunday to Thursday	\$40
Camping – Powered site, Optional upgrade	\$150
Charisma Hall – per person Sunday to Thursday	\$60
Competition	
2 Events – Any of CTR, Dressage, Jumping, Arena Eventing, Games	\$100
3 Events	\$120
4 Events	\$140
5 Events – 5 th event has to be the ODE, meaning the combination also needs to enter the dressage, arena-eventing, and jumping.	\$160



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Stabling/Yarding for the Event

There are limited covered yards, paddocks and powered camping sites available.

Those with lease yards at NECs will be allocated their yard.

Paddocks do not have a yard allocated with them. Please note: If you get a paddock there is nowhere to tie up your horse/pony.

All schools wanting stables or covered yards must initially book and pay for an event Open Yard Fee of \$75 per horse and a bond of \$500 per school. Covered yards will be allocated as available, with the balance to be paid on invoice to secure.

Compulsory Yarding Fees

Based on 5 days/4 nights	
Bond – Returned at completion of event when yards/stables/paddocks are left in appropriate condition	\$500
Day Yard – for the duration of the event, no overnight stays	\$48
Open Yard	\$75
Stable/Covered yard	\$130
Paddocks - Each paddock will hold 2 horses. There are no pens with the paddocks. Names of horses per paddock must be supplied on entry form.	\$160

Those with lease yards at NECs will be allocated their yard, please indicate this on entry.

Upgrades

- Upgrade requests (e.g., for paddocks, covered yards or premium stables) must be made at the time of entry. Upgrades are at the discretion of the Stabling Coordinator. Schools will be allocated yards/stables together, all horses must be in the same type of accommodation (special conditions accepted at the discretion of the Event Secretary). The only exception is horses with a lease yard at Fibre Fresh NEC Taupo.
- Successful upgrade allocations will be emailed with an invoice, which must be paid within three days. Failure to pay will result in forfeiture of the upgrade and placement at the end of the waitlist.
- Once allocations are confirmed, any changes must be requested before the show. Requests after the show commences will be at the discretion of the Stabling Coordinator.

Stabling Bond Refund Policy:

- To qualify for a bond refund, stables/yards/paddocks must be left spotlessly clean (no manure, soiled bedding, hay, or rubbish).



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- Competitors are advised to take a photo of their stables/yards on departure, showing the yard number for proof of cleanliness.
- On departure, competitors must text the Stabling Team with their yard/stable numbers. Text acknowledgment confirms receipt.

Conditions:

- Stables and yards must be booked for competing horses only. No unentered horses are allowed on the grounds.
- Horses or ponies deemed dangerous to others will not be stabled or yarded on the grounds; those showing this behaviour may be asked to leave during the event.
- Walkways must always remain clear (e.g., no gear buckets or trolleys).
- Temporary yards or tape fencing are not allowed.
- Owners are responsible for any damage caused by their horses to stables/yards. The bond will not be refunded if damages occur, and the owner will be charged for repairs.
- There will be a maintenance team on call for the repair of yards.

Allocations:

Stable allocations will commence after the close of entries. Where possible, school teams will be kept together. Lease yard holders will get their yard.



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Welfare of the Horse

In all equestrian sports, the welfare of the horse must be considered paramount.

- The well-being of the horse shall be prioritised above the demands of breeders, trainers, riders, owners, dealers, organisers, sponsors, or officials.
- All handling and veterinary treatment must ensure the health and welfare of the horse. The highest standards of nutrition, health, sanitation, and safety shall be encouraged and always maintained. Adequate provision must be made for ventilation, feeding, watering, and maintaining a healthy environment when horses are being transported.
- Emphasis shall be placed on education in training practices and promoting scientific studies in equine health.
- In the interests of the horse, the fitness and competence of the rider shall be regarded as essential.
- All riding and training methods must consider the horse as a living entity and must not include any technique considered by ESNZ to be abusive.
- ESNZ will establish adequate controls to ensure all persons under its jurisdiction respect the welfare of the horse.
- National and international rules and regulations in equestrian sport regarding the health and welfare of the horse must be adhered to during events and training.
- Competition rules and regulations will be continually reviewed to ensure such welfare is upheld.

Health & Safety

Full Health and Safety regulations and Risk Management assessments will be sent to the schools in advance.

Handling of horses outside competition:

- All horses and ponies being ridden must wear a bridle with a bit and reins; riders and handlers must wear their back numbers.
- Riding in halters or lead ropes is prohibited. Violations may result in the horse being impounded and a \$50 fee.
- Riders and handlers are prohibited from using cell phones while riding.

The use of bicycles is allowed on the grounds, subject to the following rules:

- Helmets must be worn at all times.
- Bicycles must not be taken into secure areas, around practice arenas, or within stable/yard areas.
- Riders must not use cell phones while cycling or riding their horses.
- Any breach of bicycle rules will result in the bicycle being confiscated and placed in a lock-up until the show concludes. It can be collected at the end of the show.



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Unauthorised use of motorised vehicles (e.g., quad bikes, gators, electric scooters, etc.) is prohibited unless pre-approved under specific dispensation clauses.

Any verbal or physical abuse, racial remarks, or other inappropriate behaviour will result in immediate removal and withdrawal from classes without refund.

- All competitors, spectators, and others on-site are responsible for their own safety and must act safely at all times.
- All individuals must comply with the health and safety conditions of the show.
- Any hazards identified must be reported to the Equestrian Office immediately.
- A full copy of the Health and Safety Plan is available at the Equestrian Office.
- No vehicle movement is allowed in the secure area after dark or during low visibility unless permission is granted by security or show management.

PERSONAL DATA & MEDIA

By entering or attending NISS Equestrian Championships, participants consent to event photographers and videographers capturing images/videos that may be used for promotional activities. *If this is not permitted for individuals, please contact the Event Secretary directly.*

Images/videos may be shared with third-party event partners, but only in connection with the event. Title winners and placegetters must be available for interviews and photo opportunities. Participants will be notified of the time and location. By entering, participants consent to the collection of contact details for administrative purposes and their potential use by sponsors or affiliated organisations. Information collected may be used in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020 for purposes connected to the administration of equestrian sports in New Zealand.

GROUND RULES

- NISS Equestrian Championships is committed to ensuring the health and safety of all people at the event and providing a safe environment.
- NISS Equestrian Championships Board enforces strict drug, alcohol, and conduct policy. Non-compliance will result in disciplinary action or, if necessary, police intervention.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- The use of illicit drugs on-site is strictly prohibited. Violators will face police involvement and immediate removal.
- Theft or deliberate property damage will result in police involvement, removal from the grounds, and withdrawal from all classes entered without refund.



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POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

NISS Equestrian Championships follow ESNZ Rules and Regulations. Key policies include:

- ESNZ Drug and Alcohol Policy
- ESNZ Code of Conduct
- ESNZ Social Media Policy
- ESNZ Behaviour Policy
- ESNZ General Regulations

and can be found here: <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/esnz/rules-regulations/rules-and-regulations/>



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Scoring

Points are awarded per placing.

Each discipline level will have the same amount of points available to add to the team score.

As CTR, Show Hunter, “3 Day Event” and Arena Eventing only have one class per level, 2 x the number of points will be awarded than that of the other classes. For example,

Dressage, Mounted Games and Jumping- Each class is allocated 35 placings to gain points, 1st is awarded 35 points, 35th is awarded 1 point, 36th is awarded zero points.

CTR, Show Hunter, “3 Day Event” and Arena Eventing- 1st place is awarded 70 points, 2nd place 68 points, 35th place is awarded 2 points, 36th is awarded zero points.

Awards

Individual Awards

1st to 6th placing will be awarded in each class/round

1st to 6th placing will be awarded in each level/height

Team Discipline Awards

1st to 3rd in each discipline – Dressage, Arena Eventing, CTR, Jumping, Mounted Games, “3 Day Event”, & Show Hunter.

Points for placings will be allocated for each class. For Dressage, Mounted Games, and Jumping, which have 2 classes at each level, these are added together for each rider to give total points for the level.

For CTR, Show Hunter, “3 Day Event” and Arena Eventing, the class points directly make the total level points. The top 3 individual-level scores from each team will count towards the overall discipline team score.

Championship Team

1st to 6th overall team – cross-discipline award.

The overall team score is the scores of each team discipline award added together.

Year 7 & 8 Team Championship

1st to 3rd year 7 & 8 team – cross-discipline award. Minimum of 3 in a team.

The scores are calculated by taking the top 2 scores from each discipline and adding them together.

Sportsmanship award

The Sportsmanship award will be awarded to one team that displays good sportsmanship throughout things such as:

- Supporting their teammates and others in the warmup or as a cheer squad whilst their teammates are competing
- Helping ring set up before the show starts/during & after



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- Helping to keep the grounds clean, picking up rubbish or manure
- Helping to pick up rails when they fall during the show, and with changing jump heights

To help us judge this, it is suggested that all team members, parents, coaches & support crew wear their school colours/uniforms. Anonymous judges will be checking all areas of the grounds throughout the competition to observe sportsmanship and horsemanship.

NB: Only results from years 9-13 students will be eligible for the team discipline awards and the overall championship team award.

Trophies

Best Performed North Island Show Hunter Horse 2025

Waikato Trophy : Best Performed North Island Show Hunter Pony 2025

The Chevaux Dansants- Donnerubin Trophy : Best Performed Dressage Combination 2025

Champion Team Dressage 2025

Champion Team CTR 2025

Champion Team Jumping 2025

Champion Team Eventing 2025

Champion Team Overall 2025



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Competitive Trail Riding

Gather your team and give CTR a go, this will be a great warm up event before the jumping and dressage competitions get underway.

CTR	Distance
Novice	Class 1: 10km

- **ESNZ Membership**
 - Full Member/Child Member/Introductory Member/Casual Member/NZPCA Riding Member
 - ESNZ Horse Registration - Not required for this competition

About CTR

CTR is a timed event with individuals given start times approximately five minutes apart. You will be given an optimum time (e.g. 90 minutes) to complete the 10km course. We send out 2-3 riders at a time and do our best to send team members together where possible.

Faults are for being too fast (2 time faults for every minute or part thereof under), too slow (one time fault for every minute or part thereof over) and also taken from heart rates – which are recorded when they cross the finish line and again at the final vet check (not more than 30 minutes after finishing).

Find out more about what CTR is via this link to the ESNZ website
<https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/disciplines/endurance-ctr/about-ctr/>



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Dressage

	Class A	Class B
Level 0	Test 0E	Test 0F
Level 1	Test 1B	Test 1C
Level 2	Test 2B	Test 2C
Open Level 3+	Level of Choice B	Level of Choice C

Dressage Conditions

- ESNZ Membership
 - Non-graded classes: Full Member/Child Member/Introductory Member/Casual Member/NZPCA Riding Member
 - ESNZ Horse Registration: Not required for this competition.
- Combinations can only ride at **one level**
- Downgraded horses and ponies are eligible.
- Introductory (Level 0): Horses/ponies may not have more than 30 Level 1 points unless the rider has never earned any grading points in ESNZ Dressage on any horse or pony.
- Preliminary (Level 1): Horses/ponies may not have more than 30 Level 2 points unless the rider has never earned any grading points in ESNZ Dressage on any horse or pony
- Novice (Level 2): Horses/ponies may not have more than 30 Level 3 points unless the rider has never earned any grading points Level 1 or above in ESNZ Dressage on any horse or pony.
- Open: Open to all horses/ponies/riders. The tests you will ride must be nominated on the entry form.



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Arena Eventing

Arena Eventing
Pony AE65
Pony AE80
Pony AE95
Pony AE105
Horse AE65
Horse AE80
Horse AE95
Horse AE105

Arena Eventing Conditions

- ESNZ Membership
 - Full Member/Child Member/Introductory Member/Casual Member/NZPCA Riding Member
 - ESNZ Horse Registration – Not required for this event
- Combinations can only compete at **one level**
- Approved Back Protectors must be worn
- Refer to ESNZ Eventing Rules Annex 7 – Arena Eventing for rules about Arena Eventing.
- In the interests of creating a fair competition, the Arena Eventing Competition does not allow Cross Country watches to be worn
- Horse and pony classes may be combined at the discretion of organisers.
- There will be no changes of level accepted after 4pm Monday 25 August 2025, except in extenuating circumstances with the permission of the appropriate official.



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“Three-Day Event”

New in 2025, this event will test riders over three days competing in dressage, showjumping, and arena eventing. Riders use their scores from their first dressage test, their arena eventing and the first showjumping class to give a composite score – just like a real three day event!

	Dressage Test	Arena Eventing	Show Jumping
Pony 65	Level 0, Class A	Pony 65	Pony 60-70cm (intro)
Pony 80	Level 1, Class A	Pony 80	Pony 70 – 80cm (intro)
Pony 95	Level 2, Class A	Pony 95	Pony 90 – 1.00m
Horse 65	Level 0, Class A	Horse 65	Horse 70 – 80cm (intro)
Horse 80	Level 1, Class A	Horse 80	Horse 70 – 80cm (intro)
Horse 95	Level 2, Class A	Horse 95	Horse 90 – 1.00m
Horse 105	Level 2 or Open class A	Horse 105	Horse 1.00 - 1.05m
Horse 115	Open Class A	Horse 1.15	Horse 1.05-1.10m

“Three Day Event” Conditions

- Riders will ride the classes above, and their scores will be collated as per a three day event.
- Combinations can only compete in one level
- Horse and pony classes may be combined at discretion of organisers.
- There will be no changes of level accepted after 4pm Monday 25 August except in extenuating circumstances with the permission of the appropriate official.



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Jumping/Show Hunter

Height	Class A	Class B	Class C
Pony 60 -70cm	Art 238.2.2 AM5	Art 274.1.5.2 2 Phase	Show Hunter
Pony 70 – 80cm	Art 238.2.2 AM5	Art 274.1.5.2 2 Phase	Show Hunter
Pony 80 – 90cm	Art 238.2.2 AM5	Art 274.1.5.2 2 Phase	Show Hunter
Pony 90 – 1.00m	Art 238.2.2 AM5	Art 274.1.5.2 2 Phase	Show Hunter
Horse 70 – 80cm	Art 238.2.2 AM5	Art 274.1.5.2 2 Phase	Show Hunter
Horse 80 - 90cm	Art 238.2.2 AM5	Art 274.1.5.2 2 Phase	Show Hunter
Horse 90 – 1.00m	Art 238.2.2 AM5	Art 274.1.5.2 2 Phase	Show Hunter
Horse 1.00 - 1.05m	Art 238.2.2 AM5	Art 274.1.5.2 2 Phase	Show Hunter
Horse 1.05 – 1:10m	Art 238.2.2 AM5	Art 274.1.5.2 2 Phase	Show Hunter

Jumping Conditions

- **ESNZ Membership**
 - Full Member/Child Member/Introductory Member/Casual Member/NZPCA Riding Member
 - ESNZ Horse Registration – Not required for intro classes, other classes see levies below
- **Jumping Discipline Levies**
 - \$7 per show in addition to the entry fee
 - Pony 80cm-90cm and Pony 90cm-1.00m – Unregistered ponies pay an ESNZ Casual fee of \$5.15 and an ESNZ jumping flexi start of \$25. on top of the entry fee.
 - Horses 90cm-1.00m and 1.00m-1.05m , – Unregistered horses pay an ESNZ Casual fee of \$5.15 and an ESNZ jumping flexi start of \$25 on top of the entry fee.
- Combinations can only compete at one level
- A single entry into a jumping height is for three rounds of jumping at the same height, one round of which is Show Hunter. This round will be judged as per ESNZ Show Hunter rules.
- Horse and pony classes may be combined at the discretion of organisers.
- There will be no changes of level accepted after 4pm Monday 25th August except in extenuating circumstances with the permission of the appropriate official.



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Mounted Games

Another new event for 2025, this year sees the introduction of Mounted Games Pairs competition. There are two levels: Junior (14 and under on 24 August 2025), and Senior.

Height	Session 1	Session 2
Junior pairs (14 & under)	4 Games	4 Games
Open pairs	4 Games	4 Games

Pairs events.

Junior pairs followed by open pairs in each game.

- Speed Weavers
- Sock and bucket
- Mug Shuffle
- Flag fliers

All games will be played by the IMGA rules:

<http://www.nzpca.org/asset/downloadasset?id=12170b8d-9770-4859-9184-732d0f67ab2e>

The exceptions for this event are in line with NZPCA:

- Riders can ride hacks