

Background:

Recently Dressage NZ surveyed athletes who entered the 2020 National Championships which were postponed from March until November owing to the pandemic

Dressage NZ now invites a wider group to complete a further survey to enable the Dressage NZ Board to consider responses and confirm a date for the 21/22 season event and beyond.

A number of factors (including but not necessarily limited to those in the list below) and stakeholder views will be taken into account when making this decision. This decision will need to be made in the best interests of the event, horses & riders, officials, volunteers, sponsors and our sport collectively – recognizing at the same time that stakeholders may have a personal view for their own reasons. A myriad of factors is involved as can be seen on the Table on page 2. The table is indicative of what is known and predicted as at January 2021.

The FEI 5* Judges meeting has historically made it difficult to secure 5* judges (needed for FEI qualifications) in early February, and the introduction of Willinga Park to the Oceania calendar has added a potential further barrier to a February CDI or CDN

Factors:

- Qualifications (if applicable)
- Series
- NEC Taupo Venue availability advised (indicated in table)
- Local Events Calendar
- National Premier League Calendar
- SICH date
- NICH date
- Horse of the Year Show date and rider preferred time frame between HOY & NCH event
- CDI or National event
- Oceania International calendar & potential clashes for riders & officials
- World Championships 2022 Qualifications and short list selection dates / possible overseas based campaigns & preparation
- Public holidays
- Sponsors preference
- Officials availability incl cost of flights/accommodation
- Volunteer availability
- NCEA exams
- Daylight saving and daylight hours
- Set an annual date for the future for minimum three years if possible
- Possibility to negotiate with some current known bookings

1/1/21: WEG 2020 Qualification Commences			
2021			
November			
18-21	NEC possibly available		
25-28	NEC available	One week later than 2020	
January 2022 – Predicted			
29-30	U 25CH @ Taupo NEC	Auckland Ann W/E. If NCH this weekend possibly difficult to secure foreign FEI 5* judges for WEG qualification	
February			
5 -7	NEC	Dressage Taupo(LE)	? 5*FEI Judges meeting
12-13	NEC	Waikato Show Hunter	
19-27	Willinga Park (AUS) TBC	Possibly affects 2-3 top horses/riders, and 2-3 NZL FEI judges	
26 -27	NEC – Booked	Dressage Taupo	NICH in 2021 DR Waikato
March			
5-6			
8-13	HOY Hastings		
19-20			
24-27	NEC available	Sunrise 7.25am / Sunset 7.25pm	
April			
2-3	NEC – Booked	Dressage Taupo(LE)	Daylight savings ends
9-10	NEC - Booked	Dressage Rotorua(LE)	
15-17	NEC available - Easter.	Note Easter 2023 is 7-10 April	
21-24	NEC available	Sunrise 7am / Sunset 5.40pm	
Monday 25	Anzac Day		
Wed 27 - 1 May	Sydney CDI	Horses would leave depending on planes available. Unknown at this time but could be any day from Sat 23 rd	
August 2022			
6-14	World Championships	Denmark - Qualifications begin 1 Jan 2021 @ CDI	
July 2024			
July	Olympics	Paris – Qualifications begin 1 Jan 2023 @ CDI	