

NOTIFICATION OF OFFICIAL WARNING

ESNZ official warnings can be given out at any ESNZ event, or ESNZ venue, by the ESNZ competition Ground Jury or Appeal Committee to an ESNZ member. This is throughout the course of an event, not just in the competition arena.

Official Warnings may be issued for any of the following:

- Abuse of Horse
- Abuse/Disregard of Official
- Safety of Others
- Dangerous Riding
- Incorrect Behaviour
- Non-compliance with Rules

PROCEDURE

After the official warning has been issued to the member and accepted by the member, ESNZ will receive a copy of it from the appropriate official.

ESNZ officials will be able to log in to the database, select which offence applies and record it against a member's profile. They will then receive notification and copy that they have registered the Official Warning. This will ensure that if another official warning is logged against that Rider/PR within 12 months it will be captured. This will include FEI warnings and warnings from other National Federations where the Rider/PR is a member of ESNZ and is competing on a Rider License issued by ESNZ.

At this point ESNZ will need to know all details in reference to the offence including the relevant articles that were invoked. This is more than what is on the form. This needs to be supplied by the GJ or Chief Steward that initially signed the tri form.

Members will receive notification, by email, of being given a warning card. This will be the '**Official Warning**'. This will be listed on the ESNZ database, against the member's profile and visible to all members. It will also be placed on a list that is posted on the ESNZ website. It will remain on the profile for 12 months.

A Second Official Warning will penalise the Rider/PR from competing for two months within the season calendar and will incur a \$200 fine along with being listed on the ESNZ Website. It will also remain on the member's profile for 12 months.

The Rider/PR can appeal the **penalty** and its severity within one month of the second letter. This appeal is to be made to the ESNZ Technical Committee only. So as not to delay the decision a Technical Committee sub group may be formed which will include the Technical Committee Chair. This is a non-bias group where the Rider/PR will receive a fair hearing.

Once one month has passed the penalties will be imposed and publication will be made unless an appeal is lodged.

Any third or subsequent official warning in the 12 month period will be referred to the ESNZ Judicial Committee.