

## Dressage Amateur Top 10 League 2021 - 2022

The South Canterbury Saddlery Amateur Top Ten League again is set to encourage and inspire riders. This is an opportunity for riders to compete in a national series against riders of similar age, experience and grade of horse or pony at local, regional, and national shows.

Entry conditions this year align with the newly introduced Gold Silver & Bronze Classifications at each level.

Please refer to more information about these divisions on pages 3 and 4.

- The competition is open to riders 21yrs and over at 1/8/2021 and over and is run in four National divisions plus special awards.

### National Divisions

Preliminary	Combination Classification Preliminary Bronze
Novice	Combination Classification Novice Bronze or Novice Silver
Elementary	Combination Classification Elementary Bronze or Elementary Silver
Medium and Advanced Medium	Combination Classification Medium and Advanced Medium Bronze or Medium and Advanced Medium Silver

### Special Awards

Newcomer (First year member)	Open to new ESNZ graded Dressage rider with no grading points in Dressage prior to 1/4/2021
Amateur Owner	Horse with zero grading points from any other rider at any time.

### Eligibility

- Riders must be 21 years and over at 1 August 2021
- Riders must be annual competitive members of the ESNZ
- Bronze, Silver or Gold classification is at the date the entry is made on EvoEvents.
- All participating horses must be ESNZ registered and have annual starts for graded dressage competitions
- Downgraded horses are eligible

### Conditions

- Riders must nominate on [www.evoevents.co.nz](http://www.evoevents.co.nz) by 1 November 2021.
- Competition runs from 1 August 2021 to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022. **Now extended to the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**
- A separate entry for each horse must be made.
- Rider may only enter one national division per horse.
- Horses may be entered in any level for which they are eligible as per the grading rules. Eg below  
If a horse is entered in Novice, but is still eligible for Preliminary Level 1 and competes in any Preliminary tests, the Preliminary scores /points will not count  
If a horse is eligible and entered in Section 1, (Preliminary and also competes at Novice or above, the Novice or above scores/points will be recorded and may count toward the final accumulated score

### Scoring

- Points can be earned in graded competitions only
- Maximum of 10 scores to count from Graded events on the official DNZ Calendar **Reduced to maximum of 7**

scores.

3. In the event of a tie, the combination with the highest average percentage from the top ~~ten~~ **seven** scores will be deemed the winner.
4. Points are awarded as follows

Percentage	Points		
	Preliminary-Elementary	Medium-Advanced Medium	Advanced-Grand Prix
Less than 57%	4	5	6
57 – 59.99%	5	6	7
60 – 64.999%	6	7	8
65 to 69.999%	7	8	9
70% plus	8	9	10

## **Presentations**

### **Area Prizes**

Rosettes will be awarded to the highest scoring pony and horse in each ESNZ area. A rider's Area is determined by the ESNZ Area Boundaries, and not necessarily the Area Group to which they belong

### **National Prizes**

National presentations are made annually at the Dressage Awards Dinner. Date and venue TBC

- Overall National winner receives the Pot Black trophy and Champion sash
- Section Champions receive presentation Rug, Sash
- Section Reserve Champion receives a sash
- Newcomer (First year member), Sash to winner
- Amateur Owner Award, Sash to winner

Items in red are following the review by Dressage NZ Board meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in consideration to the Covid 2021 lockdowns. <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/2022/01/dressage-series-land-rover-horse-of-the-year-qualifications-amended/>