

## Dressage Rising Star Top 10 League 2023 - 2024

The South Canterbury Saddlery Rising Star Top Ten League aims to encourage and inspire new and returning adult 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 align with the Gold Silver & Bronze Classifications at each level.

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

- The competition is open to riders 21yrs and over at 1/8/2023 and over and is run in four National sections plus special awards.

### National Sections

Preliminary	Combination Classification Preliminary Bronze or Silver
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 <sup>st</sup> April 2023
Partnership Award	Horse may not have earned grading points with any other rider at any time.

### Eligibility

1. Riders must be 21 years and over at 1 August 2023
2. Riders must be annual competitive members of the ESNZ
3. Bronze, Silver or Gold classification is at the date the entry is made on EvoEvents.
4. All participating horses must be ESNZ registered and have an Annual Dressage Start for graded dressage competitions
5. Downgraded horses are eligible

### Conditions

1. Riders must nominate on [www.evoevents.co.nz](http://www.evoevents.co.nz) by 1 November 2023.
2. Competition runs from 1 August 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.
3. A separate entry for each horse must be made.
4. Rider may only enter one national section per horse.
5. 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

1. Points can be earned in graded competitions only
2. Maximum of 10 scores to count from Graded events on the official DNZ Calendar
3. In the event of a tie, the combination with the highest average percentage from the top ten scores will be deemed the winner.

#### 4. Points are awarded as follows

Percentage	Points		
	Preliminary-Elementary	Medium-Advanced Medium	Advanced & above
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 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 Award (First year member), Sash to winner
- Partnership Award, Sash to winner

### Gold Silver Bronze Categories 2023-24

- **Bronze eligibility % is 64% ALL LEVELS, Silver eligibility is 67% ALL LEVELS.**
- Riders may compete in their category when GSB is used, or ride in Gold (Open)
- Eight years eligibility calculated from 1<sup>st</sup> August annually
- Eligibility at the evening prior to the event
- Graded competition scores only to count - Freestyle scores are included .
- Small Tour and above is defined as Prix St Georges to Grand Prix Levels incl FEI Young Rider tests

**Preliminary Gold(open):** For riders who are open, or those Bronze/ Silver riders wanting to ride Open.

To compete <b>Preliminary Bronze</b> you MUST answer <b>NO to BOTH</b> statements			To compete <b>Preliminary Silver</b> you MUST answer <b>NO to BOTH</b> statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Elementary or above at any time			As a rider on any horse competed at Medium level or above in the last eight years		
As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 64% or above at any level			As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 67% or above at any level		

**Novice Gold (Open):** For riders who are open, or those Bronze/Silver riders wanting to ride Open

To compete <b>Novice Bronze</b> you MUST answer <b>NO to BOTH</b> statements			To compete <b>Novice Silver</b> you MUST answer <b>NO to BOTH</b> statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Medium level or above at any time			As a rider on any horse competed at Advanced Medium level or above in the last eight years		
As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 64% or above at any level Novice and above			As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 67% or above at any level Novice and above		

**Elementary Gold (Open):** For riders that are open, or those Bronze/ Silver riders wanting to ride Open

To compete <b>Elementary Bronze</b> you MUST answer <b>NO to BOTH</b> statements			To compete <b>Elementary Silver</b> you MUST answer <b>NO to BOTH</b> statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Advanced Medium level or above at any time			As a rider on any horse competed at Advanced in the last eight years		
As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 64% or above at any level Elementary and above			As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 67% or above at any level Elementary and above		

**Medium Gold (Open)** For riders that are open, or those Bronze or Silver riders wanting to ride Open .

To compete <b>Medium Bronze</b> you MUST answer <b>NO to BOTH</b> statements			To compete <b>Medium Silver</b> you MUST answer <b>NO to BOTH</b> statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Advanced or above at any time			As a rider on any horse competed at Small Tour or above in the last eight years		
As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 64% or above at any level Medium and above			As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 67% or above at any level Medium and above		

**Advanced Medium Gold (open):** For riders that are open, or those Bronze/Silver riders wanting to ride Open.

To compete <b>Advanced Medium Bronze</b> you MUST answer <b>NO to BOTH</b> statements			To compete <b>Advanced Medium Silver</b> you MUST answer <b>NO to BOTH</b> statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Small Tour or above at any time			As a rider on any horse competed at Medium Tour or above in the last eight years		
As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 64% or above at any level Advanced Medium and above			As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 67% or above at any level Advanced Medium and above		