



SUMMARY OF ESNZ DRESSAGE RULE CHANGES 2023

ART 415 DRESS (WAS ART 479)

Jodhpurs/Breeches – all levels.

Wording changed to

White, light or dark coloured jodhpurs or breeches are permitted in competition. Bright colours or patterns are not permitted. Contrasting piping is allowed

ART 426.4 SADDLERY – ADDITIONAL ITEMS (WAS ART 477.5.4)

New wording

Fly masks are permitted in training or warming up, and must be removed before entering the competition space under the penalty of elimination. Fly masks must not be attached to the bridle in any way

ART 423.2 NOSE NETS, EAR HOODS & PLUGS (WAS ART 477.3.6)

Added wording

Ear hoods are permitted for events and may also provide noise reduction. However, ear hoods must not cover the horse's eyes and ear plugs are not permitted with the exception of Article 477.3.3.7. The ear hoods should be discreet in colour and design. **Ear hoods may not be attached to the noseband.**

ART 425.5 – DRESSAGE SCHEDULE OF APPROVED SAFETY EQUIPMENT (WAS ART 477.8.1.2)

Amended wording

Neck straps are approved as a safety device for riders use at all levels in National classes. A neck strap is a single plain strap fitted in one loop around the horse's neck, can only be used for safety purposes, cannot be used to stabilise the rider

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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 1st 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 Preliminary Bronze you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete Preliminary Silver you MUST answer NO to BOTH 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 Novice Bronze you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete Novice Silver you MUST answer NO to BOTH 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 Elementary Bronze you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete Elementary Silver you MUST answer NO to BOTH 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 Medium Bronze you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete Medium Silver you MUST answer NO to BOTH 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 Advanced Medium Bronze you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete Advanced Medium Silver you MUST answer NO to BOTH 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		