



TAUPO CHRISTMAS CLASSIC



19th - 22nd December 2019 National Equestrian Centre - Taupo

Thursday 19 December

Greenlea Premier Meats Main Arena - Thu 19 December, 9:00 a.m.

1	Open Pony 1.20m Article 274.1.5.3 (2 phase)	EF: \$25.00	PM: \$100, 75, 50
2	Waikato Equine Vets Open Horse 1.40m Article 238.2.2	EF: \$60.00	PM: \$400, 300, 200
3	Equifibre Junior Rider Article 238.2.2 <i>Winner to receive a Zilco sponsored Rug</i>	EF: \$45.00	PM: \$230, 160, 120, 95, 70, 60

APL Indoor Arena - Thu 19 December, 9:00 a.m.

4	Greenlea Premier Meats Open Horse 1.20m Article 274.1.5.3 (2 phase)	\$35.00	PM: \$175, 125, 90, 70, 55, 40
5	International Teams <i>Run under the International Teams Competition Rules</i>		
6	Open Pony 1.10m Article 274.1.5.3 (2 phase)	EF: \$25.00	PM: \$100, 75, 50
7	McIntosh Global Equestrian Horse 1.30m Special <i>Evening Class</i> Article 274.2.5.1 (2 phase special) <i>Winner to receive a Zilco sponsored Rug</i>	EF: \$250.00	PM: \$2600, 1800, 1050, 650, 450, 350, 300, 295

Waikato Equine Vets Grass Arena - Thu 19 December, 8:00 a.m.

8	Open Horse 1.10m Article 274.1.5.3 (2 phase)	EF: \$20.00	PM: \$75, 50, 40, 35, 30, 25
9	Open Horse 1.25m Article 274.1.5.3 (2 phase)	EF: \$35.00	PM: \$175, 125, 90, 70, 55, 40

Purepine Shavings Sand Arena - Thu 19 December, 8:00 a.m.

10	Open Horse 90 cm Article 274.1.5.3 (2 phase)	EF: \$20.00	PM: \$75, 50, 40, 35, 30, 25
11	Open Horse 1.00m Article 274.1.5.3 (2 phase)	EF: \$20.00	PM: \$75, 50, 40, 35, 30, 25

Cricklewood Horse Coaches Sand Arena - Thu 19 December, 8:00 a.m.

12	Open Pony 80 cm Article 274.1.5.3 (2 phase)	EF: \$20.00	PM: \$75, 50, 40, 35, 30, 25
13	Open Pony 90 cm Article 274.1.5.3 (2 phase)	EF: \$20.00	PM: \$75, 50, 40, 35, 30, 25
14	Harrison Lane Open Pony 1.00m Article 274.1.5.3 (2 phase)	EF: \$25.00	PM: \$100, 75, 50, 40, 35, 30

15	Acacia Lakeview Motel Open Pony 1.25m Article 238.2.2	EF: \$35.00	PM: \$175, 125, 90
16	Harrison Lane Pro Am Rider Article 238.2.2 <i>Winner to receive a Zilco sponsored Rug</i>	EF: \$40.00	PM: \$200, 150, 100, 90, 75, 60
17	Open Horse 1.30m Article 238.2.1 (A2)	EF: \$40.00	PM: \$200, 150, 100, 75, 60, 50
18	Horse 1.45m Article 238.2.1 (A2)	EF: \$60.00	PM: \$400, 300, 200
19	Area Teams <i>Run under the International Teams Competition Rules</i>		

APL Indoor Arena - Fri 20 December, 9:00 a.m.

20	Dynavte Horse 1.10m Article 239 Table C <i>In addition to the PM all placegetters receive a Dynavte Voucher equal to the PM. Winner to receive a Zilco sponsored Rug</i>	EF: \$20.00	PM: \$75, 50, 40, 35, 30, 25
21	Equissage Pony 1.10m Article 239 Table C	EF: \$20.00	PM: \$75, 50, 40, 35, 30, 25
22	FMG Young Rider Article 238.2.2 <i>Winner to receive a Zilco sponsored Rug</i>	EF: \$50.00	PM: \$400, 300, 200, 150, 100, 70
23	Pony 4 bar - <i>Jude Sherriff Memorial Trophy - Evening Class</i>	EF: \$20.00	PM: \$250

Waikato Equine Vets Grass Arena - Fri 20 December, 8:00 a.m.

26	Open Horse 1.15m Article 238.2.1 (A2)	EF: \$30.00	PM: \$150, 100, 80, 60, 40, 35
27	East Coast Performance Horses 5 Year Old Article 238.1.1	EF: \$20.00	PM: \$250
28	International Teams <i>Run under the International Teams Competition Rules</i>		
29	Maxlife Batteries Great Lake Challenge Qualifier 1.20m Article 238.2.1 (A2) <i>Conditions apply, please see class conditions below</i>	EF: \$75.00	

Purepine Shavings Sand Arena - Fri 20 December, 8:00 a.m.

30	Open Horse 95cm Article 274.1.5.3 (2 phase)	EF: \$20.00	PM: \$75, 50, 40, 35, 30, 25
31	Open Horse 1.05m Article 274.1.5.3 (2 phase)	EF: \$25.00	PM: \$100, 75, 50, 40, 35, 30

Cricklewood Horse Coaches Sand Arena - Fri 20 December, 8:00 a.m.

32	Open Pony 85cm Article 238.2.1 (A2)	EF: \$20.00	PM: \$75, 50, 40, 35, 30, 25
33	Open Pony 95cm Article 238.2.1 (A2)	EF: \$20.00	PM: \$75, 50, 40, 35, 30, 25
34	Open Pony 1.05m Article 274.1.5.3 (2 phase)	EF: \$25.00	PM: \$100, 75, 50, 40, 35, 30
35	Open Pony 1.15m Article 274.1.5.3 (2 phase)	EF: \$25.00	PM: \$100, 75, 50, 40, 35

**Greenlea Premier Meats
Main Arena**

APL Indoor Arena

**Waikato Equine Vets
Grass Arena**

**Purepine Shavings
Sand Arena**

**Cricklewood Horse
Coaches Sand Arena**



Saturday 21 December**Greenlea Premier Meats Main Arena - Sat 21 December, 8:30 a.m.**

36	Cheleken & Ultramox 6 Year Old Series Article 238.1.1	EF: \$30.00	PM: \$350
37	Cheleken Equestrian Horse 1.30m Article 238.2.2 (including Main Events University Series) <i>Winner to receive a Cheleken Equestrian sponsored rug</i>	EF: \$40.00	PM: \$200, 150, 100, 75, 60, 50
38	Matthews Hanovarians 7 Year Old Series Article 238.2.2	EF: \$45.00	PM: \$230, 160, 120, 95, 70, 60
39	POLi Payments World Cup Grand Prix CSIW 1* 1.40m-1.60m Article 273.3.3.2 & 273.4.3 <i>Entry fee includes \$50 EADCMP fee. Prize money distributed as per FEI rules Conditions apply, please see class conditions below. Winner to receive a Zilco sponsored rug.</i>	EF: \$300.00	PM: \$7500

APL Indoor Arena - Sat 21 December, 8:00 a.m.

40	Dunstan Horsefeeds Amateur Rider Article 238.2.2 <i>Winner to receive a Zilco sponsored rug.</i>	EF: \$30.00	PM: \$150, 100, 80, 60, 40, 35
41	International Teams <i>Run under the International Teams Competition Rules</i>		
42	Equestrian Entries Pony 1.15m - 1.20m Special Article 274.2.5.1 (2 phase special) <i>Winner to receive an Equestrian Entries sponsored rug</i>	EF: \$65.00	PM: \$875, 625, 375, 250, 125, 100, 75, 75

Waikato Equine Vets Grass Arena - Sat 21 December, 8:00 a.m.

43	Rookie Rider 1.15m Article 238.2.2 <i>Conditions apply, please see class conditions below. Winner to receive a Zilco sponsored rug.</i>	EF: \$35.00	PM: \$300, 200, 150, 110, 80, 50
44	Equine Supergoo Masters 1.15m Article 238.2.2 <i>Conditions apply, please see class conditions below. Winner to receive a Zilco sponsored rug.</i>	EF: \$45.00	PM: \$400, 300, 200, 150, 100, 70
45	Open Horse 1.20m Article 238.2.2	EF: \$30.00	PM: \$150, 100, 80, 60, 40, 35

Purepine Shavings Sand Arena - Sat 21 December, 8:00 a.m.

46	Open Horse 1.00m-1.05m Article 238.2.1 (A2)	EF: \$20.00	PM: \$75, 50, 40, 35, 30, 25
47	Equestrian Concepts Horse 1.10m Article 238.2.1 (A2)	EF: \$25.00	PM: \$100, 75, 50, 40, 35, 30

Cricklewood Horse Coaches Sand Arena - Sat 21 December, 8:00 a.m.

48	Open Pony 85cm Article 274.1.5.3 (2 phase)	EF: \$20.00	PM: \$75, 50, 40, 35, 30, 25
49	Open Pony 95cm Article 274.1.5.3 (2 phase)	EF: \$20.00	PM: \$75, 50, 40, 35, 30, 25
50	Jump-a-Bull Open Pony 1.05m Article 238.2.1 (A2)	EF: \$25.00	PM: \$100, 75, 50, 40, 35, 30

Sunday 22 December**Greenlea Premier Meats Main Arena - Sun 22 December, 8:30 a.m.**

51	Maxlife Batteries Great Lake Challenge Final 1.25m Article 238.2.2 <i>Winner to receive a Zilco sponsored rug</i>		PM: \$1200, 800, 600, 400, 200, 100
52	Country TV Pony Grand Prix Article 273.3.3.1, 273.2.2.2 <i>Skylight Trophy. Winner to receive a Zilco sponsored rug.</i>	EF: \$50.00	PM: \$400, 300, 200, 150, 100, 70
53	Events Capital TDC CSI 1* 1.40 Article 273.3.3.2, 273.4.3 <i>Entry fee includes \$35 EADCMP fee. Prize money distributed as per FEI rules. Conditions apply, please see class conditions below. Winner to receive a Zilco sponsored rug.</i>	EF: \$150.00	PM: \$4500

APL Indoor Arena - Sun 22 December, 8:30 a.m.

54	Open Pony 1.00m Indoor Derby Article 238.2.1 (A2)	EF: \$20.00	PM: \$100, 75, 50
55	Open Horse 1.10m Indoor Derby Article 238.2.1 (A2)	EF: \$20.00	PM: \$100, 75, 50

56	Open Horse 1.25m Classic Article 238.2.2 IJO	EF: \$40.00	PM: \$250, 150, 100, 75, 60, 50
57	Dudley Mechanical Horse 1.15m Classic Article 238.2.2 IJO	EF: \$35.00	PM: \$175, 125, 90, 70, 55, 40

Purepine Shavings Sand Arena - Sun 22 December, 8:00 a.m.

58	Open Horse 1.05m Classic Article 238.2.2 IJO	EF: \$30.00	PM: \$150, 100, 80, 60, 40, 35
59	Open Pony 1.20m Classic Article 238.2.2 IJO	EF: \$35.00	PM: \$175, 125, 90

Cricklewood Horse Coaches Sand Arena - Sun 22 December, 8:00 a.m.

60	Open Pony 90cm Classic Article 238.2.2 IJO	EF: \$20.00	PM: \$75, 50, 40, 35, 30, 25
61	Open Pony 1.00m Classic Article 238.2.2 IJO	EF: \$25.00	PM: \$100, 75, 50, 40, 35, 30
62	Zilco Pony 1.10m Classic Article 238.2.2 IJO	EF: \$30.00	PM: \$150, 100, 80, 60

Championships

Winners to receive a Zilco sponsored Rug

Taupo Vets Pony 90cm Championship

12. Pony 80cm Thursday
13. Pony 90cm Thursday
32. Pony 85cm Friday
48. Pony 85cm Saturday
60. Pony 90cm Classic Sunday

Acacia Lakeview Motel Pony 1.00m Championship

13. Pony 90cm Thursday
14. Harrison Lane Pony 1.00m Thursday
33. Pony 95cm Friday
49. Pony 95cm Saturday
61. Pony 1.00m Classic Sunday

Zilco Pony 1.10m Championship

6. Pony 1.10m Thursday
14. Pony 1.00m Thursday
21. Pony Speed 1.10m Friday
34. Pony 1.05m Friday
50. Jump-a-Bull Pony 1.05m Saturday
62. Zilco Pony 1.10m Classic Sunday

Greenlea Premier Meats Pony 1.20m Championship

1. Pony 1.20m Thursday
6. Pony 1.10m Thursday
35. Pony 1.15m Friday
42. Equestrian Entries Pony 1.15m - 1.20m Special Saturday
59. Pony 1.20m Classic Sunday

Purepine Shavings Horse 1.05m Championship

10. Horse 90cm Thursday
11. Horse 1.00m Thursday
30. Horse 95cm Friday
31. Horse 1.05m Friday
46. Horse 1.00m-1.05m Saturday
58. Horse 1.05m Classic Sunday

Dunstan Horsefeeds Horse 1.15m Championship

8. Horse 1.10m Thursday
11. Horse 1.00m Thursday
20. Horse Speed 1.10m Friday
26. Horse 1.15m Friday
43. Rookie Rider 1.15m Saturday
44. Equine Supergoo Masters 1.15m Saturday
40. Dunstan Horsefeeds Amateur Rider Saturday
47. Horse 1.10m Saturday
57. Dudley Mechanical Horse 1.15m Classic Sunday

Waikato Equine Vets Horse 1.25m Championship

3. Equifibre Junior Rider Thursday
4. Greenlea Premier Meats Horse 1.20m Thursday
9. Horse 1.25m Thursday
16. Harrison Lane Pro Am Friday
29. Maxlife Batteries Great Lakes Qualifier Friday
45. Horse 1.20m Saturday
51. Maxlife Batteries Great Lakes Final Saturday
56. Horse 1.25m Classic Sunday

Conditions

Horses can only nominate for one Championship series

Must nominate for your chosen Championship online, changes can be made until 6pm Saturday 21st December

Championship points are allocated to a Horse and Rider combination

You can compete in multiple qualifying classes a day but only the highest points for that day will count for the Championship

The Sunday classes are worth double points

Points will be allocated on a sliding scale with 20 points for 1st, 19 points for 2nd 1 point for 20th placing.

Mr Versatile Trophy - Best performed registered Thoroughbred horse.

Highest placed Thoroughbred horse in a Rider Class (including classes 3, 16, 22, 40, 43 and 44).

Horse must be registered Thoroughbred with sire and dam information recorded with ESNZ

In the case of a tie the winner will be the horse jumping the highest height class.

Must nominate for this award online before 6pm Friday 19th December 2019.

Fees and Charges

These fees are for the entire duration of the show

Facility Fee	Compulsory per horse	\$40
Admin Fee	Compulsory per rider	\$10
Wristband 18 years and over	Each person attending the show, excluding riders, staying on the grounds or not, per show	\$10
Wristband under 18 years. Under 5 years free	Each person attending the show, excluding riders, staying on the grounds or not, per show	\$5
Catalogue	Compulsory per entry	\$10
ESNZ Jumping Levy	Compulsory per horse	\$5
ESNZ Casual Jumping Levy	Required by horses not fully registered for Jumping, jumping up to 1.10m Required by ponies not fully registered for Jumping, jumping up to 1.00m	\$20
Stabling		
Portable Pipe Yard - Day	Compulsory for all horses to have a yard	\$20
Open Yard - Overnight	Permanent wooden yards allocated on a 'first in first served' basis. <i>Not refundable after 2/12/2019</i>	\$40
Portable Pipe Yard - Overnight	<i>Not be refundable after 2/12/2019</i>	\$40
Paddock	Minimum 3 horses per paddock, allocated as received. If sharing both parties need to request to share.	\$60 per horse
Covered Yard/Stables	Priority is NEC lease holders, Sponsors, World Cup horses, Volunteers. Any remaining covered yards will be allocated as received. <i>Not refundable after 2/12/2019</i>	\$100
Premium Stables (uncovered)	Includes 3 bales of Purepine Shavings. Must be requested and paid for by 2/12/2019. <i>No refunds after 2/12/2019</i>	TBA
Premium Stables (covered)	Includes 3 bales of Purepine Shavings. Must be requested and paid for by 2/12/2019. <i>No refunds after 2/12/2019</i>	TBA
PurePine Shavings		\$16 per bale
Hay	Orders prior to show but can be delivered in parts daily. Limited available to purchase at the show.	\$17 per bale
Camping		
Unpowered, per truck/float/caravan		\$40
Powered, per truck/float/caravan	Very limited availability, allocated on a 'first in first served' basis	\$60

Terms and Conditions

Entries:

ONLINE ENTRIES: www.equestrianentries.co.nz.

ENTRIES OPEN: Monday 18th November

CLOSE OF ENTRIES: Monday 2nd December 2019

PAYMENT: Payment must be made at time of entry via Poli (internet banking) or Stripe (credit card) or entry will not confirm. Payments made via Stripe will have a 3.2% fee added.

LATE ENTRIES: **Entries made after 11th December will incur a late fee of 50% of the class entry fees. Horse accommodation not guaranteed after Monday 2nd December.**

CLASS CHANGES: Class change fees after 11th December will be refund less 25% in entered class and entry fee on new class. No class changes or late entries after 6pm the night before.

SCRATCHINGS: Refunds of 25% of entry fees for scratchings received before 11th December 2019. Other fees refunded in full unless stated as non-refundable. Scratchings after 11/12/2019 but before 19/11/2019 will be refunded less 50% of entry fees. Any stabling and Yarding fees are not refundable after the 2nd December 2019. Other fees refunded in full unless stated as non-refundable. No refunds for scratchings at the show without a vet or medical certificate and then at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

REFUNDS: Refunds will be paid electronically following the completion of the show, to the bank account nominated in your Equestrian Entries account. Refunds of less than \$10 will not be paid.

PRIZE MONEY: All advertised prize money will be paid and if required additional prize money will be paid on a 1:7 ratio of starters. Prize money will be paid electronically to the person who made the entry.

Conditions:

All riders, horses and ponies must compete with the appropriate ESNZ membership

All classes are run under ESNZ rules, with the exception of the World Cup and CSI* which will run under FEI rules.

Formal attire in all competition rings All rings will run in draw order, and you must ride at your allocated slot.

All fees and prize money are inclusive of GST.

All series classes are run under the relevant ESNZ Jumping Series conditions.

Any queries involving refunds or prizemoney payments will not be considered after 30th January 2020.

The Organising Committee reserves the right to alter the programme and prize money. Riders will be advised about any changes via email so please ensure your contact details are up to date. Entries may be limited in some classes and places will be offered on a first paid basis. Those not accepted into a class will be eligible for a full refund of entry fees for that class.

Parents are responsible for children under the age of 18 at all times.

All competitors enter at their own risk and abide by the Health & Safety Act and the National Equestrian Centres Health and Safety Policy.

Rookie Rider: Open to riders who are 21 years and under on 30th July 2020 (season rule), and who have not, or will not, compete in classes 1.30m or higher at this show.

Masters: Open to riders who are 35 years and over on 30th July 2020 (season rule), and who have not, or will not, compete in classes 1.30m or higher at this show.

Great Lake Challenge: The first round on Friday will be run under Article 238.2.1. Approximately the top 40 combinations, and at least all clear rounds, will go forward to the second round, run on Sunday under Article 238.2.2. Penalties will not be carried forward. The draw for the final will be reverse placing order from the Qualifier. Class is restricted to horses only competing in 1.30m or less for the duration of the show.

FEI Classes: Classes 39 and 53 will be run under FEI rules. There will be a trot up for these classes on Saturday Morning (time to be confirmed). Competitors in class 39 must produce their horses FEI Passport/Recognition Card and National ID Book at the trot up. Competitors in class 53 do not require a FEI passport but must produce their horses National ID Book at the trot up. Horse and Riders must be FEI Registered to compete in these classes. Horses may only compete in one of these classes at the show.

Class 39, if you scratch by 5pm 20th December you will receive a refund of \$200.

Sunday Classes: Horses may only compete in one class on Sunday. With the exception of the show cross, classes 54 and 55 which maybe entered in addition to any other class on Sunday.

Stabling & Camping:

Except for permanent NEC Covered Yards/Stables, all yarding will be allocated on a 'first in first served' basis. Only horses entered in the show allowed on the grounds.

NEC Covered Yards/Stables will be allocated to NEC Lease holders, Sponsors and World Cup (only WC not full team) horses, and volunteers first. NEC Open wooden yards will be allocated first followed by the portable pipe yards.

Premium Stables, both covered and uncovered will come with three bags of PurePine Shavings. Premium Stables must be booked by 2nd December 2019. No refunds on stabling after 2nd December 2019.

Additional bags of PurePine Shavings may be purchased if desired. These may be pre-ordered, limited quantity available for purchase at the show. Horses are not to be left unattended at the National Equestrian Centre.

Camping fee is per truck/caravan/float. Please add registration number to your Equestrian Entries account.

Passes to be displayed in the front window for the duration of the show. Passes will be included in the Rider Welcome Pack.

No power access will be allowed unless you have a current electrical fitness certificate which meets the required legislation standard AS/NZ 5301.

Wristbands:

Rider wristband is free. All other persons attending the show will need to purchase wristband. Wristbands purchased at the time of entry will be issued in the Rider Welcome Pack. Additional wristbands can be purchased from the Event Office during the show.

Dogs

Dogs are welcome at the NEC but must be on a leash at all times, 24 hours per day. This applies to all parts of the property, including the XC course and hacking areas. Dogs are not allowed in any building. Owners are required to pick up any droppings and dispose of them in the skip bins. Failure to comply will result in the dog having to be removed from the grounds.

ESNZ Policies

Competitors and their supporters need to familiarise themselves with the following ESNZ policies which will be enforced at the show.

Social Media policy - <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Social-Media-Policy-Dec-2019.pdf>

Code of Conduct - <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/ESNZ-Code-of-Conduct-2019-final.pdf>

Member Protection Policy - https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/wpcontent/uploads/ESNZ_Member_Protection_Policy-2019.pdf

Behaviour Policy - <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/ESNZ-Behaviour-Policy.pdf>

Officials

Event Manager: Yvette Lawson: xmasclassic@equestrianentries.co.nz

Show Secretary: Vicki Lawson: secxmasclassic@gmail.com

Yard Manager: Di Russek

President of Ground Jury: Audrey Cameron

Chief Steward: Susan O'Brien

Technical Delegate: Neville Edge

Health & Safety Officer: Kelly Newby

Drug & Alcohol Policy

The ESNZ drug and alcohol policy will be enforced at this show. Underage drinking and the use of illegal drugs will not be tolerated at the National Equestrian Centre Taupo. Security may be patrolling the site, including the truck park, and may check ID's. People under the age of 18 must be under adult supervision.

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Health and Safety Policy

The Taupo Christmas Classic and the National Equestrian Centre is committed to providing and maintaining a safe and healthy event for all staff, and to providing the information, training and supervision needed to achieve this.

We will take all practicable steps by;

- Providing a safe event, safe equipment and proper materials
- Identifying and monitoring hazards and using the hazard management hierarchy of eliminate, isolate or minimise.
- Insist upon establishment of safe methods and best practices
- Comply with all H&S legislation, regulations and codes of practice

We will take responsibility for health and safety procedures, however, **ALL PEOPLE ON THIS SITE** need to be aware of their responsibilities and comply with the event's health and safety policy.

COMPETITORS will be responsible for themselves at ALL times by observing safe practices and rules/instructions relating to their competition.

Every person involved in the Taupo Christmas Classic is encouraged to play a vital and responsible role in maintaining a safe and healthy event through:

- Being involved in the event health and safety system.
- Following correct procedures.
- Safe and proper use of equipment.
- Keeping horses under proper supervision or suitably yarded at all times
- Wearing protective clothing and equipment as and when required.
- Reporting any pain or discomfort as soon as possible.
- Ensuring all accidents and incidents are reported.
- Help new employees, trainees and visitors to understand the right safety procedures and why they exist.
- Informing the office immediately of any health and safety concerns.
- Keeping the event facilities tidy to minimise the risk of any trips and falls.

**FOR ANY INFORMATION ON HEALTH AND SAFETY AT ANY TIME PLEASE
CALL THE EVENT HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICERS**
– Kelly Newby 021 868012 or Elliott Newby 021 1415314

THE FEI CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE WELFARE OF THE HORSE

The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) expects all those involved in international equestrian sport to adhere to the FEI's Code of Conduct and to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.

1. At all stages during the preparation and training of competition horses, welfare must take precedence over all other demands. This includes good horse management, training methods, farriery and tack, and transportation.
2. Horses and competitors must be fit, competent and in good health before they are allowed to compete. This encompasses medication use, surgical procedures that threaten welfare or safety, pregnancy in mares and the misuse of aids.
3. Events must not prejudice horse welfare. This involves paying careful attention to the competition areas, ground surfaces, weather conditions, stabling, site safety and fitness of the horse for onward travel after the event.
4. Every effort must be made to ensure that horses receive proper attention after they have competed and that they are treated humanely when their competition careers are over. This covers proper veterinary care, competition injuries, euthanasia and retirement.
5. **The FEI urges all involved with the sport to attain the highest levels of education in their areas of expertise.**