



EQUESTRIAN SPORTS NEW ZEALAND

Thanks so much for your support of the 2024 NZ Secondary Schools Championships 2-5 September, being held concurrently at the Fiber Fresh National Equestrian Centre, Taupō and the Dunstan Horsefeed National Equestrian Centre, McLeans Island, Christchurch. We are looking forward to a very busy show in both locations. There is lots of information below so please read carefully.

Please note that only horses entered in the competition are allowed at our events as there is no space available for non-competition horses except by pre arrangement (must be exceptional circumstances).

Sunday Arrival, Parking, Camping etc

You are able to arrive at the NEC on Sunday from 2pm. This is included in your event fees this year so you don't need to arrange this with anyone. You must use your allocated yard for Sunday night.

Parking and Yards

This will be sent via Evo Events later in the week. Please park sensibly (i.e. close together) and as close to your yard as possible. We will have people to help you find your area on Sunday.

Please report any breakages to the office ASAP. We will have people on site who will be able to fix them and therefore not require you to move as yards are limited.

When allocating yarding we will be keeping schools together wherever possible. Please use only the yard you are allocated. Please remember to leave your yard as you would wish to find it.

Any yards left dirty at the end of the event will be charged at \$50 per yard to the rider's EE account.

Powered Sites

You will get your allocated power site later this week. Please only park in your allocated space.

Back Numbers

These need to be **worn at all times** when riding. You will need a **back number holder** of your own and we will email your numbers so you can print them at home before you arrive.

Exercising Horses

As per above horses must be ridden with a back number, even if just exercising. Helmets, bridles and saddles must be used when riding horses at all times.

Hay

Hay that has been purchased through EvoEvents will be able to be picked up at the NEC during the following periods. This will be in the shed with the Horse Ambulance (opposite the pipe yards).

Sunday: 4pm – 5pm

Monday: 10am – 12 noon and 4pm – 5pm

Tuesday: 10am – 12 noon and 4pm – 5pm

Wednesday: 10am – 12 noon and 4pm – 5pm

If you didn't manage to order Hay before we had sold out Tauhara Pony Club has some hay available which will need to be organized with them directly. Contact Stacy McKee 0212952040

Horse Feed and Shavings

If you need any horse feed or shaving, other than what is supplied by NEC, these can be purchased from Taupo Equestrian Supplies 07 377 8370 or visit their website.

Communal space

Sleeping on the mattresses in Charisma Hall are still available - \$14 per night. 8 mattresses available. Please bring your own heaters for this space.

Tents

Tents may only be erected by the fence opposite the ablution block for safety.

Offsite Accommodation

Remember if you are staying offsite and your horse is left onsite then you need to nominate someone be responsible for your horse while you are not onsite. Thanks to all those that have done this already.

- Fiona Wilson has an air B n B and grazing on Tukairangi Road. The air Bnb is listed as Tukairangi Farmstead.
- The Dowsett Family have a lovely air b n b on Palmer Mill Road:
<https://www.airbnb.com/slink/CJXHo2aY>
- Mica and Ryan have an air b n b called Farriers Rest on Poihipi Road. Grazing is available.
https://www.airbnb.com.au/rooms/1134958424731657185?guests=1&adults=1&s=67&unique_share_id=1d350dcf-b9dc-4e5d-8ca0-19f3353c8430

Horse ID Tags

All horses must wear ID tags at all times during the event - including when yarded and being ridden (in case you fall off and we need to get the horse back to the yards without you). The tag should have the horse's name, rider's name and an up-to-date contact phone number.

Evening Activities:

Each days' prizegiving will be at 5.30pm in the Indoor arena

Here are a couple of evening activities:

1. Hobby Horse on Monday night. One of the fun social events at this year's competitions will be the Hobby Horse teams freestyle dressage evening. It's open to all competitors, parents, teachers and supporters. Teams of any size, if your school doesn't have a team feel free to team up with another school. If you don't have a Hobby Horse of your own, make one! There are

plenty of tutorials on YouTube to help you.

You will find the rules for this event here: <https://bit.ly/3AMY3St>

You will find the "test" here: <https://bit.ly/3MkPfG1>

You enter via Google Forms at this link: <https://forms.gle/KZzhmgTUpmTgtrMq7>

2. Dunstan and Taupo Equestrian Supplies Quiz Night on Tuesday night. A great fun evening on Tuesday September 3rd. This quiz night is designed to bring teams together for a fun and engaging evening of friendly competition, focused on horse-related topics, where teamwork and quick thinking are key.

All the quizzers will get a free Build-A Burger. Supporters and non-quizzers can buy a burger for \$10 cash. All entries and orders must be received by Monday 2 September at 5pm.

You will find the rules here: <https://bit.ly/3yR6P1s>

You enter and book your supporters burgers via Google Forms at this link:

<https://forms.gle/Qvs9gGeSYcaBpQXcA>

On Tuesday, there will also be Stewards and judges present from 5pm to 5.30pm to help talk you through rules and equipment allowed for jumping and Show hunter before the prizegiving at 5.30pm. Bring your gear to check its legal.

3. Meet and Greet on Wednesday night. At 6pm after the prizegiving, Olympian and High-Performance Manager Jock Paget will be talking and answering questions about everything horsey. We also have NZ Thoroughbred Racing, ESNZ staff, NZPCA staff, Equine Academy & NZ Skills, Youth Dressage Council, ESNZ Eventing and Riders Reps present for you to come and meet, and answer questions you may have. Light snacks and lollies will be provided to keep your energy levels up.

Timetable, Draw and Changes:

You have had the timetables, and we will send out the updated timetables later this week. Please note these are draft timetables and while we attempt to follow these the Jumping and Arena Eventing timetables can be fluid, so it is your responsibility to ensure you keep up with how the rings are running.

Draw

All classes, in all disciplines will be in Draw order. This means you will be allocated the order in which you have to ride. If you fail to be ready to ride at your allocated time you risk elimination. If there is a problem and you have a genuine reason for not being able to make your time you must notify the gate steward **in advance**. They will check with the judge and move you into a different slot.

Changes to Entries

If you need to scratch from a class, change classes or equines etc please go to My Entries on EvoEvents website and request the change. That will come directly to my software and I will make the change for you. Once it is made it will change on the website. Please be aware that any scratchings from now on will only receive a refund if accompanied by a medical or vet certificate. These can be sent subsequent to the scratching. Class changes for dressage can be made until midday on Sunday and they are only possible if there is a place in the class and that it works with your draw. Changes to Jumping and Arena Eventing can be made until 4pm on Monday.

Other Information:

Back Protectors

As per Rules for Eventing, current back protectors will need to be worn in Arena Eventing. See pdf: [https:// www.nzequestrian.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/body-protector-policy-2021-update.pdf](https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/body-protector-policy-2021-update.pdf)

Dressage

The level 0 and level 1 tests will be ridden in 40x20m arenas the other levels will all be in 60x20m arenas. Test can be called at all levels. The dressage tests are the 2023 tests.

Duties

Each team will be required to do duties such as writing for dressage, acting as gate stewards etc. For parents, teachers and supporters this is a fun way to learn more about the competition. We have cheat sheets to explain each role. Plus you will get to meet others who may share your interests as supporters of young riders in equestrian. Each parent would have selected one duty, if this hasn't been done a duty will be allocated to each rider.

Stewards

As this event is run under ESNZ rules please familiarize yourself with them. There will be stewards on the grounds checking gear. They are here to help you and ensure you are using the correct gear.

Competition Dress Code

Helmets are essential and must be yellow-tagged to show compliance with ESNZ competition regulations - see our website: <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/safety/helmet-tagging/>. Competition dress for the show is your school's equestrian uniform for all events. Ribbons plaited into the mane or tail in your school colours is allowed. Coloured quarter markers are also allowed

Plaiting

Plaiting is encouraged for Dressage and Show Hunter.

Health and Safety

The OC has a H and S plan. You accepted the Disclosure Statement when entering. If you see anything unsafe or untoward, please report it to the office ASAP.

Please familiarize yourself with the Health and Safety form here - <https://bit.ly/3YYI8un>

Dogs

We would prefer that you leave your dog/s at home. If you must bring your dog, it must be on a lead at all times

Motorbikes or motorized Vehicles

These are not permitted to be used on site. Bikes must be ridden with a safety helmet.

Farrier

Paul Nelson – 027 444 0207 will be on call. This is an emergency service incase you lose a shoe or have a shoeing issue. It is not for routine shoeing. Please ensure this is done before you arrive at the event.

Vet

Waikato Equine Veterinary Services (Taupo) are on call: 027 333 2042

Food

Savanah's, Kiwi Food and Mr Whippy will be onsite with food. All food stands have barista coffee available! They may stay open slightly later for dinner.

Suncourt Indian will deliver to NEC. Their menu is available at the office. There will be a cut off time for ordering then all the orders will be delivered at the same time.

DeBrett's Hot Pools

DeBretts hot pools have offered a 50% discount on entry tickets. Use the code NISS2024 at the ticket office. Costs will be age 13 – 17 \$8.50 each, 18+ are adults and \$12 each.

Sponsors

We encourage all participants to recognise and thank the wonderful sponsors that have contributed to the success of this event, so please ask your athletes to make an effort to show their appreciation where ever possible. There will be cards in the office for you to write a small thank you to the sponsors. It would be nice to see these cards full at the end of the week so we can post them to them with a few photos. If you do sign the cards, this does not mean you don't need to send a personal thank you as well. Sponsors have ensured we can keep the costs as low as possible. Please, please, please take the time to thank sponsors.

Helpful Links:

EvoEvents: <https://www.evoevents.co.nz/resultClass/2135886593/0>

Equestrian Sports New Zealand Interschools page: <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/youth-programmes/>

ESNZ Facebook (North Island) <https://www.facebook.com/share/PJgiYTJbn5PLqdD9/>
(South Island) <https://www.facebook.com/share/oimNe5rTXE7FaeTa/>

ESNZ Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/equestriansportsnz/>