



EQUESTRIAN SPORTS NEW ZEALAND

Thanks so much for your support of the 2025 NZ Secondary Schools Championships 25-28 August 2025, being held concurrently at the Fiber Fresh National Equestrian Centre, Taupō. We are looking forward to a very busy show. There is lots of information below so please read carefully. If in doubt, ask your Team Manager!

Only team managers may come to the office.

Sunday Arrival, Parking, Camping etc

You are able to arrive at the NEC on Sunday from 8am. Please park in your schools area. There is a map on evo to give you an idea where to head for.

Parking and Yards

The Final yarding will be sent via Evo Events later in the week. Schools have been yarded together as much as possible. Please park sensibly (i.e. close together). We will have people to help you find your area on Sunday. Do not be offended if you are asked to move.

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.

Please use only the yard your school has been 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 forfeit their bond. We will check yards when you leave so give us plenty of time to come and check your yard.

Powered Sites

Powered site allocations have been emailed out. Please only park in your allocated space. Powered sites 1 – 6 are in the hedge immediately inside Gate 2. Powered sites 7-18 are by the ablution block.

Caravans will be parked in designated areas away from the horse areas. See the Overall venue and arena map to see where these are.

Tents

Tents may only be erected away from horse yards. You may be asked to move your tent if it is deemed to be in a dangerous position.

Ablution Block

We have turned the main ablution block by the portacom's into a women's shower and toilet facility.

Men and boys will have their own portaloos and shower round the back.

Back Numbers

These need to be **worn at all times** when riding. You will need a **back number holder** of your own. 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.

Jumping cross country fences (including going through the water jumps) is forbidden. Anyone caught jumping will be eliminated.

The bridle trails are open, but beware of the road and of any slips on the tracks.

Hay

If you ordered hay through Travis, it will be dropped off to your yard/paddock.

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.

Fiber Fresh have a special order for NISS 2025.

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.

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.

Please fill out the google form to nominate the person looking after your horse:

<https://forms.gle/5RkXk9d5Q7B5T78r5>

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. Stewards will send you to get one if you don't have one on your horse.

Stewards

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 Mounted Games, Jumping and Show hunter. Bring your gear to check its legal.

Ambassadors

We have ambassadors for each discipline. They will have white caps on and are there to help you if you have any questions.

Timetable, Draw and Changes:

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.

Dressage

The level 0 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: Level 0 C and D; everything else is Tests B and C. The dressage will all be ridden on artificial surfaces.

Jumping: The large numbers mean that to get through the classes we have had to change the AM5 – Instant Jump off class to an Accumulator class.

The show jumping will all be on artificial surfaces. Drag breaks have been factored into the timetables.

There are new rules about the number of times a horse can be whipped. Please be aware of the new rules and their implications.

Show Hunter:

The Pony 80/90cm; Pony 90/1m; Horse 90/1m and Horse 1.05/1.15 classes will be on grass.

Mounted Games:

Your pairs have been drawn and I will send them out this week.

There will be time to practice games in your pair on Tuesday.

The games for the first session are: Speed Weavers, Sock and Bucket, Mug Shuffle and Flag Fliers.

The games for session 2 are: 2 Flags, Association Game, Founders Game and Bottle Swap.

The Final will be: Speed Weavers, Sock and Bucket, Bottle swap and Flag Fliers.

Every person doing games must bring a helper.

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 judge **in advance**. They will check with the gate steward to check if its possible to 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 will only receive a refund if accompanied by a medical or vet certificate. These can be sent subsequent to the scratching.

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)

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.

If you have a specially talented team member who can write for dressage, or help course build then let us know.

Stewards

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

The officials will all have light blue caps on.

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>

Companion Animals

The size of the event prohibits companion animals unless they are specific therapy animals. If you need dispensation contact Jo Colin at ESNZ.

Motorbikes or motorized Vehicles

These are not permitted to be used on site. Bikes must be ridden with a safety helmet. If you do not wear a helmet your bike may be confiscated for the show. This includes adults.

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

We have two equine vet clinics on call:

Vet First: 0274 420 963

Waikato Equine Veterinary Services (Taupo): 027 333 2042

Food

Savanah's, Cushla's, Fat Buddha, 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.

Savanahs will be open on Sunday: 4pm to

Then open 7am until 7pm Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Thursday 7am until 3pm.

This is the menu for Sunday night



Suncourt Indian will deliver to NEC. There will be a cut off time for ordering 5.30pm 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 NISS 25 at the ticket office. Costs will be age 13 – 17 \$8.50 each, 18+ are adults and \$12 each. Slides are \$7 extra.

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 foyer for you to write a small thank you to the sponsors and the judges. 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>

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

ESNZ Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/503017279458619>