



Dressage Rising Stars Top 10 League 2025 - 2026

The Jump 4 Joy Rising Stars 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 26yrs and over at 1/8/2025 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 st April 2025
Partnership Award	Horse may not have earned grading points with any other rider at any time.

Eligibility

1. All Riders must be 26yrs and over at 1st August 2025
2. **ESNZ Rider Membership Requirements for Series:** Entries will not be accepted without registration as follows
 - **Preliminary:** Riders must have an ESNZ Introductory, Child or Full Competitive membership.
 - **Novice and Above:** Riders must have an ESNZ Full Competitive membership.
3. **ESNZ Horse Registration Requirements for Series**
 - All participating horses/ponies must be registered and have an Annual Dressage Start (purchased on Horse Reg) for graded competitions.
4. Downgraded horses are eligible.
5. Bronze, Silver or Gold classification is at the date the entry is made on EvoEvents.

Conditions

1. Riders must nominate on www.evoevents.co.nz by 1 December 2025.
2. Competition runs from 1 August 2025 to 30th April 2026.
3. A separate entry for each horse must be made.
4. Rider may only enter one national section per horse/pony.
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 combination 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 TBC

- 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 receive a Sash
- Newcomer Award (First year member), Sash
- Partnership Award, Sash to winner