



Pony Rider Rising Star Top Ten League 2025 - 2026

The Tackshop.co.nz Pony Rider Rising Star Top Ten League is set to encourage and inspire our riders of the future. This is an opportunity for riders to compete in a national series against riders of similar age, experience and grade of 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.

Eligibility

- 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 registration.
 - Novice and Above:** Riders must have an ESNZ Full Competitive registration.
- ESNZ Horse Registration Requirements for Series**
 - Participating ponies must be ESNZ registered and have an Annual Dressage Start (purchased on Horse Reg).
- Bronze or Silver classification is at the date the entry is made on EvoEvents.
- Downgraded ponies are eligible
- Ponies:** Riders must be 16yrs or under at 1st August 2025.
- Riders who are not eligible to compete in any pony division because they are 17yrs or older as at 1st August 2025 may compete in the Tackshop.co.nz U25 Rider section on a pony.

Conditions

- The competition runs from 1st August 2025 until 30th April 2026
- Riders must nominate on www.evoevents.co.nz by 1st December 2025
- Ponies may be entered for only one National section and may enter any level for which they are eligible under the dressage grading system. *eg A pony graded Preliminary may enter Novice but only scores from Novice and above tests will be accrued. If a pony is graded Preliminary but competes in a higher level during the season, the higher-level points will be counted.*

National Pony Section: Riders 16yrs and under at 1st August 2025

Pony Preliminary	Combination Classification Preliminary Bronze or Preliminary Silver
Pony Novice	Combination Classification Novice Bronze or Novice Silver
Pony Elementary to Advanced Medium	Combination Classification Elementary to Advanced Medium Bronze or Advanced Medium Silver

Special Awards – for anyone eligible

Top Score Rider North Island	12yrs & under at 1 August 2025
Top Score Rider South Island	12yrs & under at 1 August 2025
Newcomer ESNZ graded Dressage rider.	Must have not earned any dressage grading points on any horse or pony prior to 1/4/2025

Scoring

- Maximum of 10 scores to count from Graded events on the official DNZ Calendar.
- In the event of a tie, the combination with the highest average percentage from the top ten scores will be deemed the winner.
- League Points will be allocated as follows:

Percentage	Points	
	Preliminary-Elementary	Medium-Advanced Medium
Less than 57%	4	5
57 - 59.99%	5	6
60 - 64.99%	6	7
65 - 69.99%	7	8
70% plus	8	9

Prizes & Presentations

Area Prizes

Rosettes will be awarded to the highest scoring pony 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

To be awarded at the Dressage NZ Annual Awards Dinner 2026: Date & Venue TBC

- Section Champions receive presentation Rug, Sash and \$50 Tackshop.co.nz voucher
- Section Reserve Champion receives a sash.
- Top Score Rider North Island 12yrs & under receives a winner's sash and \$50 Tackshop.co.nz voucher
- Top Score Rider South Island 12yrs & under receives a winner's sash and \$50 Tackshop.co.nz voucher
- Newcomer ESNZ graded Dressage rider receives a winner's sash and \$50 Tackshop.co.nz voucher