

GISBORNE DRESSAGE SPRING TOURNAMENT

Sunday, 21st September 2025 – Gisborne Showgrounds



Entries Close- Sunday 14th September 2025

All enquiries

Event Secretary – Kyla Newton 021 1680303/ gisbornedressage@gmail.com

Responsibility: It is the rider, or person responsible, obligation to read and understand the conditions for this event as published in this schedule.

Important Information

1. **ESNZ Registration for Graded Classes:** Entries will not be accepted without full ESNZ rider and horse registrations current to the 21st September 2025.
2. **Preliminary:** Riders must have an ESNZ Introductory Child or Full Competitive membership.
3. **Novice and Above:** Riders must have an ESNZ Child or Full Competitive membership.
4. **Horse and Ponies:** Must have ESNZ Horse/Pony registration. May compete on an Annual Dressage Start (purchased on Horse Reg) or use flexi start at \$5 per test (payable with entries).
5. **ESNZ Registration for Non Graded Classes:** All Riders must be a Full or Introductory ESNZ member current to 21st September 2025 or pay a \$16.30 per day Casual membership. Horses and Ponies may be registered (with no more than 15 Elementary points, or not be registered. Combinations outside the above criteria may compete Hors Concours (H/C). Walk/Trot tests CN riders only (CN to have no ESNZ grading points). Walk/Trot/Canter tests CN-C3 riders (Riders to have no more than 15 points at any level above elementary).
Junior Riders: 16 Years and under as at 1st August 2025. **Senior Riders:** 17 Years and over as at 1st August 2025
6. **Lead Rein Conditions:** Must compete on a pony 148cm or under. Rider must be under 8 years of age. Must be ridden in a snaffle bridle, lead rein to be attached to a cavesson noseband. Lead may not be attached to bit. The leader must always be on the inside of the pony when in an enclosed area, and by the pony's shoulder. The leader must change sides during the halt in the middle of the dressage test. The leader may only if necessary assist in controlling the pony, they must give the rider every encouragement to have control. The leader must wear appropriate footwear. The leader must not carry a whip. Tests can be found at www.nzpca.org under First Start Competition.
7. **Grading Points:** No ESNZ grading points will be awarded for Non-Graded classes or to unregistered horses.
8. **Rules:** This competition will be run under the current (2021) ESNZ GR's, VR's & ESNZ Rules for Dressage.
9. **Protests:** Must be lodged within 60 minutes of the official finish time in writing including a fee of \$50.00.
1. **Dressage Top Ten Leagues:** Riders wishing to accrue points in any Dressage NZ Top 10 League must have registered online at www.evoevents.co.nz prior to 1st November 2025 for the 2025/26 Season. Conditions for the series can be found at <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/disciplines/dressage/competition/dressage-series-classes/>
10. **Dressage National Leagues & Series:** No points will be accrued for the Super 5 League, Zilco Musical Freestyle Series, Prestige Futures Pony & Young rider Preformance Award at Local Events.
11. **Dressage Tests:** All tests are from DNZ Test book version 2023 or FEI Website.

Event Conditions

1. **Amendments:** The organising committee reserves the right to to refuse entries, cancel the event, alter the programme/schedule and/or prize money within the ESNZ and DNZ Rules.
2. **Riders with more than 2 horses:** The OC will make every effort to ensure that riders have at least 60 minutes between rides. However, if this is not possible owing to the scheduling of classes, the maximum time possible between rides will be allocated.
3. Maximum of 2 Tests per Horse/Pony.
4. **Helmets:** ESNZ approved tagged riding helmets must be worn at all times when mounted.
5. **Non Competing Horses:** All horses and ponies on the grounds after the official start time must be entered at the event. If you want to bring a non-competing horse/pony they must be entered in a class and the rider must have either a full, introductory or casual day ESNZ membership.
6. **Liability:**
 - a. Competitors and spectators attending this event do so at their own risk.

- b. Gisborne Showgrounds, ESNZ, Dressage NZ or Gisborne Dressage group nor any representative of these bodies, accepts any liability for any loss, damage, injury or illness to horse/pony/rider, spectators, land, vehicles or any personal property whether caused by their negligence or breach of contract in any way whatsoever.
 - c. Gisborne Showgrounds, ESNZ, Dressage NZ or Gisborne Dressage group shall not be liable for the safety of any goods/equipment or the loss of, or damage to such, brought in/stored at the venue, during the event.
- 7. Health & Safety:**
- a) ESNZ, Dressage NZ and Gisborne Dressage group is committed to providing and maintaining a safe and healthy event for all participants, and to providing the information, training and supervision needed to achieve this.
 - b) Competitor or Exhibitor must comply with the appropriate Legislation and Health & Safety at Work Act 2015.
 - c) Each Competitor and/or exhibitor must supervise and control their animals at all times and shall be liable for any hazard created, accident, illness or damage caused by the action of themselves at the venue of the Event
 - d) All competitors and associated staff/visitors to the venue must abide by the ESNZ, Dressage NZ Rules, the Gisborne Dressage group and Gisborne Showgrounds Health & Safety Policy's
 - e) Copies of the event Health & Safety policy can be found at the event office.
 - f) Any incident or near miss must be reported to event office and an incident form completed.
 - g) Any hazards identified must be reported to event office.
 - h) Competitors will be responsible for their safety at all times and must observe safe practices and following event rules and officials' instructions at all times, ensuring that others are not put a risk by their actions.
- 8. ESNZ Concussion Policy:**
- a) This event will be run under the ESNZ Concussion Policy Guidelines. [Link to ESNZ Concussion Policy](#)
 - b) Dressage NZ policy requires all riders to report to Medical Officer or Steward following a fall.
 - c) Medical clearance must be obtained before remounting or leaving the grounds.
- 9. ESNZ Drug & Alcohol Policy**
- ESNZ reserve the right to drug or alcohol test any participant at the event under ESNZ Drug & Alcohol Policy 2020. This link will access the policy and frequently asked questions.
<https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/esnz/rules-regulations/esnz-rules/>

Entry Conditions

1. Entries Close **Sunday 14th September 2025**
2. Enter online at www.evoevents.co.nz
3. Late penalty fee: Late entries incur a \$10 penalty and will be put on a waiting list for a scratching (if any).
4. Direct credit must be made by close of entry for entry to be accepted.
5. Direct Credit account number **Gisborne Dressage Group, BNZ Gisborne – 02-0636-0335228-000** with name & rider ESNZ Registration number as reference.
6. Draw will be available at www.evoevents.co.nz
7. Classes count for all local leaderboard challenges (Gisborne Dressage members only).
8. For classes 64, 65, 400 and 401, please state your test of choice (TOC).
9. Non graded classes 50-55 for riders aged 16 or under as at 1-8-25 on a horse or a pony.
10. Non graded classes 56-59 for riders aged 17 or over as at 1-8-25 on a horse or a pony.
11. CN Riders (Newcomer Riders who have never earned grading points at any level at any time in their life)
12. CN-C3 Riders (Riders who have never earned grading points at any level above Elementary)
13. Withdrawals and Refunds – competitors will be eligible to receive a refund of their entry fee, less the ground/admin levy, with receipt of a vet/farrier/doctors certificate. This is to be received within seven days after the event. All scratching must be notified to Kyla Newton gisbornedressage@gmail.com or 021 1680303.

Entry & Event Fees

Graded Class fee	\$14 per Class
Introductory Class fee	\$12 per Class
Evo Fee	\$1.70 per class
Ground/Admin Fee	\$15 per Horse/Pony (second and subsequent Horse/Pony \$10 each)
Camping Fee	\$15 per truck/float
Yard Fee	\$5 per yard

Contact Sue Harris 0273169118 to book overnight camping

Important Contact Details

For Emergencies Dial 111

First Aid on the grounds – Vicki Briant 021 2220148 or Philly Chrisp 027 4438600

Local Vet – VetEast 06 864 8387

Event Secretary – Kyla Newton 021 1680303

Competition Arena Use & Familiarisation

1. All Competition Arenas are closed at all times except as stated below.
2. Horses may be hand walked or ridden at walking pace around the exterior of the competition arena unless advised otherwise by the Technical Delegate or Steward.
3. Any person leading a horse in an arena familiarisation, must be wearing a correctly fitting yellow tagged helmet. All horses being lead must be wearing a bridle with a permitted bit, and with two bridle numbers. A newmarket lead may replace the reins for this purpose.

Sponsors & Volunteers

We ask that all competitors spend some time to thank our sponsors and volunteers that support Dressage in NZ, either in writing or in person during the show. Volunteer thanks can be directed to the event office or event manager. Without the generous support we receive from these individuals and businesses, the cost to competitors would be considerably increased.

Horse Identification, Venue, Vehicles, Camping Conditions

Approved Dressage NZ Horse/Pony identification numbers must be worn at all times when competing.

1. When not competing, it is compulsory that horses/ponies are identified with ID tags also that include person responsible name and mobile phone contact number.
2. All horses/ponies competing in the non graded section must wear identification numbers on both sides of the bridle - available from secretary.
3. Temporary yarding must comply with ESNZ rules.
4. No smoking or vaping in any buildings or stable areas.
5. No Dogs allowed on the grounds (A&P Rules).
6. **If you intend on camping (\$15 per truck/float) or overnight yarding please contact Sue Harris 0273169118 to book.**

Links to ESNZ/DNZ Rules

ESNZ Rules & Regulations https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/esnz/rules-regulations/esnz-rules/Dressage_NZ

ESNZ Concussion Policy <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/safety/concussion/>

Dressage NZ Rules <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/esnz/rules-regulations/dressage-rules/>

Links to DNZ Top 10 Leagues

<http://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/disciplines/dressage/competition/dressage-series-classes/>

Schedule of Classes

GRADED SECTION		NON GRADED SECTION continued	
Class	Test	Class	Test
100	Horse Prelim 1A		Junior Riders (16 or under as at 1-8-25)
101	Horse Prelim 1D	52	Introductory 0A (CN Riders)
102	Pony Prelim 1A	53	Introductory 0B (CN Riders)
103	Pony Prelim 1D	54	Introductory 0C (CN-C3 Riders)
200	Horse Novice 2A	55	Introductory 0D (CN-C3 Riders)
201	Horse Novice 2C		Senior Riders (17 or over as at 1-8-25)
202	L2 Novice Musical Freestyle	56	Introductory 0A (CN Riders)
203	Pony Novice 2A	57	Introductory 0B (CN Riders)
204	Pony Novice 2C	58	Introductory 0C (CN-C3 Riders)
300	Elementary 3C	59	Introductory 0D (CN-C3 Riders)
301	L3 Elementary Musical Freestyle		
400	Medium and above C test	60	Non graded Prelim 1A
401	L4 Medium and above Musical Freestyle	61	Non graded Prelim 1D
		62	Non graded Novice 2A
NON GRADED SECTION		63	Non graded Novice 2C
Class	Test	64	Non graded Elementary & Above A test
50	Lead Rein NZPCA First Start I	65	Non graded Elementary & Above C test
51	Lead Rein NZPCA First Start II		