

MARLBOROUGH TROPHY

Hosted by **Motueka Pony Club** at **Marchwood Park**, 19th October 2025

Marlborough Trophy Competition

This is an Annual Club/Branch Team Dressage Championship competition for all Clubs/Branches within the Marlborough Nelson West Coast Area.

The Aim of the competition

The Marlborough Trophy Team Competition is to encourage a higher standard of riding throughout Pony Club, by stimulating interest and enjoyment of Dressage as a sport, and as recreation, abiding by the principles of the NZPCA Fair Play Charter.

To follow the event online <https://www.facebook.com/share/1BVPxT8iYv/?mibextid=wwXlfr> This will be where the most up to date information is released.

There is no wet weather date. We will endeavor to find another date, however if we are unable then team entry fees minus nomination costs will be refunded if the event is cancelled.

Please see the full Marlborough Trophy 2025 Rules for full details of competition requirements.

Indicative schedule

Located at **Marchwood Park**.

Saturday 18th

3.00pm – 4.30pm (to be confirmed) Interclub Horse Mastership Quiz – The Chaser (Sandra Kennington)

4.30pm – 5pm Arena Set Up

Sunday 19th

8am - Marlborough Trophy Event

*Pack Up Arenas / Delegates Meeting

Prizegiving

*times to be confirmed in programme

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Event Rules

Please see updated (2025) Event rules at the end of the programme.

Dressage Tests

Dressage Tests to be ridden for the teams competition: These tests to be set by the Hosting Club committee.

- Elementary (Level 3) Riders - DNZ 2023 Elementary tests – **3A and 3B**. Arena Size - 60x20m
- Novice (Level 2) Riders - DNZ 2023 Novice tests – **2A and 2B**. Arena Size - 60x20m
- Preliminary (Level 1) Riders - DNZ 2023 Preliminary tests – **1A and 1B**. Arena Size - 60x20m
- Introductory (Level 0) Riders – DNZ 2023 Introductory tests - **0A and 0B**. Arena Size - either 40x20m or 60x20m, at Organising Committee's discretion.

Riding of the tests:

- Riders to compete 2 tests at their chosen level.
- First Test in the morning and the Second test in the afternoon.
- The first test ***must be ridden from memory***. Penalty of elimination if commanded. As per DNZ Art 452.4
- The second test may be commanded

Dressage Tests to be ridden for the individual competition: These tests will be offered at the discretion of the Hosting Club committee.

- Elementary (Level 3) (Individual Riders) Riders - DNZ 2023 Elementary e tests – **3A and 3B**. Arena Size - 60x20m
- Novice (Level 2) Riders - DNZ 2023 Novice tests – **2A and 2B**. Arena Size - 60x20m
- Preliminary (Level 1) Riders - DNZ 2023 Preliminary tests – **1A and 1B**. Arena Size - 60x20m
- Introductory (Level 0) Riders – DNZ 2023 Introductory tests - **0A and 0B**. Arena Size - either 40x20m or 60x20m, at Organising Committee's discretion.
- Lead Rein Pony (Individual Riders) – **NZPCA BG1 and NZPCA BG2**. Arena Size - either 40x20m or 60x20m, at Organising Committee's discretion.

Note: The individual Lead Rein classes are intended for children under the age of 10 who are not yet capable of riding independently. They are not allowed to compete in other classes at the event.

Scoring

All dressage test's ridden will be scored as per the current ESNZ Dressage Rules at the date of the competition. Please see the full Marlborough Trophy 2025 Rules for further detail.

Team scores

The overall team score for each team will be determined by:

For the first test

Highest Level 0 score

Highest Level 1 score

Highest Level 2/3 score

Next highest Level 1 or 2/3score

The same process will be used for the second test

Level 0 rider

Level 1 rider

Level 2/3 rider
Next highest Level 1 or 2/3score

Scores are calculated by combining both scores of tests ridden

Change the Rein and NZPCA Fair Play Charter

We would like to encourage new or younger riders to be able to have the opportunity to be part of a NZPCA teams event. To support this we highly recommend that Clubs and Team Managers enter riders at the current level they are competing at, or the next level up. For example, if a rider is competing at Level 1 (or equivalent for Eventing), then they should compete at Marlborough Trophy at level 1 or strive for level 2 or 3.

Change the Rein is a campaign designed to advocate for a caring, supportive and positive culture in equestrian sport in New Zealand. It is currently being rolled out across the country with more than 100 message boards already sent to events to use and Game Changers awards for people who exhibit the values of the campaign – kindness, support, horse care, gratitude and integrity.



Awards and Prizes

- Ribbons for all classes placing 1st – 6th
- Champion and Reserve Champion sashes for top scoring rider in each of Elementary Level 3, Novice level 2, Preliminary level 1, Introductory level 0 and Lead Rein for the teams event
- There will not be Champion or Reserve Champion ribbons for the individuals riding (those not riding in the teams event), but there will be placing ribbons for these classes
- Rosettes for Winning Teams 1st – 6th place
- Rosettes for the Sandra Wood Horse Mastership Award
- **Sandra Wood Trophy** for turnout/Horse Mastership - to be judged on rider/mount turnout, conduct and horsemanship around floats, yards etc
- **Marlborough Trophy** awarded to top scoring team
- Nominated awards for individuals and between teams on the day, Judges Awards, spot prizes

Uniform

Individual riders - Pony Club / branch uniform to be worn, or if not a member of a club then tidy dress.

For full details for acceptable gear, refer to NZPCA general regulations and ESNZ dressage rules.
Please see the full Marlborough Trophy 2025 Rules at the end of the programme for further detail.

Team Nominations

Please **Nominate teams** to Motueka Pony Club by **5pm Monday 22nd September 2025**
by email to: **motuekaponyclubnz@gmail.com**

- *All riders must be signed off by the DC as having met the required criteria*

Team information to include in Nomination email:

1. Name of the Team - Teams are up to 6 riders, 2 in each level/grade for Level 0, Level 1 and Level 2/3. All teams to have a minimum of 4 riders. Scores from each Level is counted. Please see the full Marlborough Trophy 2025 for further detail.
2. \$50 nomination fee (non-refundable) for each team is to be paid by 5pm Monday 23rd September 2025. The balance of the entry fee of \$220 to be paid with team entry. The total entry fee for a team is \$270.00 (Entry fee is \$45 per rider. This includes the Ground Fee, NZPCA Area Event Levy and the Event Day Yarding. Teams will be yarded together for the event day.)
3. Please pay via internet transfer to Motueka Pony Club our account number is:
03-1354-0456536-00
Please include team name or individual name as a reference.

There is no wet weather date. We will endeavor to find another date, however if we are unable then team entry fees minus nomination costs will be refunded if the event is cancelled.

Entries

Entries to be completed via EVO – www.evoevents.co.nz we will post on Facebook when entries open.
Closing date for entries is **8pm Wednesday 5th October 2025**.

Entry fee is \$45 per rider. This includes the Ground Fee, NZPCA Area Event Levy and the Event Day Yarding. Teams will be yarded together for the event day.

- **Camping at Marchwood Park** is **\$5 per person, per night** and is booked through Evo Events at the time of entry
- Additional days for yarding is \$5 yard fee per horse
- Companion horses may be allowed (if space permits, competition horses will be given priority) at \$5 yarding per day

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Please include team name or individual name as a reference.

Riders removed from teams or classes are permitted up to 10 days prior to the event, with the event entry fee refunded minus Evo Event fee. Riders wishing to be removed from teams or classes after this date will not have their entry fee refunded.

Riders wishing to change mounts, may request this of the Organizing Committee up to 48 hours prior to the event. It will be at the Organizing Committees discretion to make these changes.

Useful Information

Saddlery Warehouse	48 Ellis Street, Brightwater (Open Saturday 9am – 3pm)	(03) 5486939
Town and Country Vets	Vet on call	(03) 544 1200
Farrier (on call)	Cody Dee	027 527 0203
Greenwood Medical Centre	20 Greenwood Street, Motueka (Phone to find after hours options)	(03) 528 8866
Farmlands (Horse Feed)	32 Main Road Hope, Tasman	(03) 543 9452

	Open Friday 7:30 am–5:30 pm Saturday 8 am–5 pm Sunday 10 am–4 pm	
Event Contact – Amy Shattock		0274 997 446

Fair Play Sports Charter

All Members

Riding, non-riding, coaches, officials and parents belonging to the New Zealand Pony Clubs Association undertake to uphold the principles of good sportsmanship and fair play:

To act within the **SPIRIT** and **INTENTION** of the rules

RESPECT Coaches, Judges and Officials

RESPECT other riders and their supporters

RESPECT their horses and care for their welfare

Be **GRACIOUS** winners and **DIGNIFIED** losers

Play **HARD** but play **FAIR**. Play to **ENJOY** our sport

Play Hard ~ Play Fair

Te Tutohinga Takaro Wairua Tokeke O Aotearoa

Area Dressage Championship ‘MARLBOROUGH TROPHY’

The Form of the Competition:

This is an Annual Branch or Clubs without branches Team and individual Dressage Championship competition. Open to all Pony Club riders within the Marlborough Nelson West Coast Area.

The Aim of the competition

The “Marlborough Trophy” Team Competition is to encourage a higher standard of riding throughout Pony Club, by stimulating interest and enjoyment of Dressage as a sport. To encourage comradery within a team and individual competition. The competition will abide by the NZPCA fair play charter.

Any situation not covered in these General Rules will be referred to Current ESNZ Dressage Rules and NZPCA General Regulations

Non Championship Classes (For adults and non PC members)

It is at the discretion of the organising committee if they wish to run a non-championship competition in conjunction with this event.

(This is entirely a numbers game for the benefit of the financial viability of the competition).

ENTRY INFORMATION

Entry Criteria:

- Riders must be financial members of the NZPCA
- Rider/mount combinations must have fulfilled the minimum working rally as per NZPCA General Regulations 15.4 Working Rally Rules.
- Riders may ride more than one horse
- A rider's second mount goes into a pool and the OC will draft a rider into an appropriate team. Name of rider and second mount to be on a nomination form.
- Draft riders can wear own club uniform if they wish.

Teams:

To be made of 6 riders of ANY AGE, 25 years and under. If a rider turns 25 on or after 1st August, they may continue to participate in Pony Club activities until 31st July of the following calendar year.

Class 1: 2 Riders to ride Novice Tests (L2) or Elementary (L3)

Class 2: 2 Riders to ride Preliminary Tests (L1)

Class 3: 2 Riders to ride Introductory Test (L0)

(Riders are encouraged to ride within the original age brackets – but not essential)

Individuals:

Please note all individual Pony Club riders must be available to ride in a team.

Class 1: Riders to ride Novice Tests (L2) or Elementary (L3)

Class 2: Riders to ride Preliminary Tests (L1)

Class 3: Riders to ride Introductory Test (L0)

As many as possible individual riders will be placed into teams made up by the organising committee. Some riders with more than one mount may end up riding in two different teams to compliment the competition.

Lead rein pony (Individual riders) – NZPCA BG1 and NZPCA BG2 Arena size – either 40x20m or 60x20m at OC's discretion.

Note: The individual Lead Rein classes are intended for children under the age of 10 who are not yet capable of riding independently. They are not allowed to compete in other classes at the event.

How to enter:

- Branch or Clubs without branches submit entries for teams as well as all individual riders.
- As there are no qualifying criteria's all riders must be signed as competent for the level entered by their DC (form attached).

Riders not in teams:

Will be entered by their branch or clubs without branches and new teams formed when and where possible by the organising committee.

Any riders unable to be placed in a team will still compete on a level playing field in the competition.

Mounts:

- The competition will be open to hacks or ponies
- Mounts must be 4 (Four) years of age or over based on the official foaling date of 1st August.
- The same mount must be ridden by the same rider throughout the competition.
- No mount can be ridden twice by different riders at this competition.

SADDLERY & DRESS

Team Uniforms/Colours:

- Each Branch or clubs without branches wear their team uniform and saddle blankets.
- All other riders may wear their club colours unless a common team colour is agreed to.
- NZPCA 'Yellow Tagged' helmets and heeled boots must be worn when mounted.

Gear Inspection

- It is the Team Manager's responsibility to ensure that their riders are aware of the Team Dress/Uniform and Saddlery Rules and Regulations as set out in the NZPCA General Regulations and/or the ESNZ Dressage Rules.

Saddlery

- Whips & spurs are allowed at all levels
- Allowed bits are as per DNZ Art 424

Any penalties or eliminations given will be as per the DNZ rule book and/or the NZPCA General Regs. Where there are contradicting rules, NZPCA General Regs is the dominant rule to apply.

SCORING

All dressage test's ridden will be scored as per the current ESNZ Dressage Rules at the date of the competition

Team scores

The overall team score for each team will be determined by:

For the first test

Highest Level 0 score

Highest Level 1 score

Highest Level 2 or 3 score

Next highest Level 1 or 2/3 score

The same process will be used for the second test

Highest scoring riders of each level in the competition

Level 0 rider

Level 1 rider

Level 2 rider

Level 3 rider

Scores are calculated by combining both scores of tests ridden

Tied Scores:

- In the event of a 'TIE' there shall not be a 'ride off.'
- The team with the highest total collective marks shall be the winner.
- In the event of a 'TIE' on collective marks, the Team or individual with the highest co-efficient marks shall deem to be the winner.
- In the event of a TIE on Co-Efficient marks, the team or individual will stay equal and duplicate awards will be presented.

Eliminations:

- A competitor eliminated in the first test may compete in the second test with their score being eligible for their team score in that round.
- A competitor eliminated in either dressage test will receive no score for that test.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE INFORMATION

When and Where Held:

- At the delegate's meeting at each event, it will be discussed and recommendations made to area (MNWC) for final decision on venue.
- This is a 2-year hosting arrangement.
- If that Branch or clubs without branches cannot host the following year, then any Club can offer to host the event with MNWC approval.
- Direction and support from the MNWC Area committee is available for all host clubs/branches if required.

Team Packs – Armbands/Back Numbers:

A Team Pack for Competitors will be constructed and given to each Team Manager.

The pack is to include:

- Either BACK NUMBERS or ARMBANDS for each team rider
- Event Programme
- Event running order information.
- Any other relevant information regarding the event, sponsors flyers etc.

Team Managers are to ensure that their riders wear their allocated Back Numbers or Armbands as per the Event Programme, always, whilst mounted on their horses.

Event Health & Safety:

- Host/organising committee to refer to the NZPCA's Health & Safety Templates (from the NZPCA Website) and have this in place before commencement of the event.
- The event Technical Delegate is to ensure that this is all in place and adhered too throughout the event. Refer to the following:
- NZPCA's Health & Safety Rulings
- Risk Management Template
- Accident Report Form

Marlborough Trophy Teams Event Newsletters or Information outlets:

- If possible, the host club/committee should notify all Clubs/Branches within the MNWC Area, of the pending MT event, including dates, venues, and other relevant information.
- This information to be sent out 6 months in advance, or as soon as feasibly possible, so all Clubs can prepare teams/riders for the upcoming MT event.
- The OC should also consider a postponement date at this point too.

- Dressage tests to be set and communicated, ideally in a newsletter, 6 weeks prior to intended date

Accommodation Options for Teams and Horses:

- The host club should provide a list and contact details of available accommodation for participating teams/riders and relevant available Horse grazing/yarding options.
- This information is to be send out with any newsletter or event information before close of entries.

Inviting teams from outside of MNWC Area

- It will be at the discretion of the Organising Committee alongside MNWC if they wish to invite teams from outside the MNWC Area to compete at this event.
- But the winner of the Marlborough Trophy, Top of The South or Abel Tasman Shield, it will be the highest placed MNWC Area Team

Delegates Meeting

- The Organising Committee must timetable a delegates meeting for each event.
- The purpose of this meeting to debrief the event and provide feedback and improvements to this event.
- Minutes are to be taken and forwarded to Area, within 30 days of event.
- This will allow any trials to be ratified and discussed at the following Area AGM.

ENTRY FEES

- A Team Nomination form/request with a non-refundable Team Nomination payment of \$50.00 can be requested by the host club, to aid with the event preparation.
- Nominations ideally need to be received by the Host committee by 4 weeks before the event.
- Closing Date for Team Entries and any Individual/Spare riders to be set for no later than 1 weeks prior to the Event date.

Team Entry Fee & Individual/Spare Rider Entry Fee/s:

- Host committees are to set Team and Individual Rider Entry fees at a reasonable rate, this will include medical, judges etc.
- Covered/open yards, ground fees, camping will be additional costs.
- Entry fees will be calculated per combination and the same for individual riders regardless of if they are in a team or not.

EVENT OFFICIALS

Technical Delegate:

- The host Club will appoint a Technical Delegate

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- The TD should have a good understanding of dressage and NZPCA rules
- The TD will ensure that the competition complies with current NZPCA & ESNZ processes and rules.
- Ensures that NZPCA Health and Safety requirements under the new HSAW Act 2016 are followed

Gear Checkers

- 1 or 2 should be appointed to perform the pre competition gear checks
- They should be familiar with current dressage saddlery & dress rules

Steward

- A steward can be appointed, they should be familiar with dressage & NZPCA rules
- They should observe all riders and horses in the schooling and warm-up areas.
- Check any suspect dress and saddlery.
- 'Spot check' riders anywhere, anytime during the competition.
- Be available to check gear at a rider's request.

Judges

- 3 or 4 ESNZ Listed judges should be appointed

Ground Jury

The Ground Jury can be selected from

- The more senior Dressage Judges
- A MNWC Area Official
- A GJ member should not have any connection with a rider competing at the event

Appeals Committee

- Members of the Appeal Committee can select and convened if and when needed after the event

Other information:

Any questions regarding teams or how to make them up contact:

- Penny Jones: 0274317093.

Any mitigating circumstances or conflicts or concerns needing resolving prior to the event contact:

- Debra Magner: 0272268806 or
- Collett Barrow: 0275287063

DRESSAGE TEST INFO

Dressage Tests to be ridden: These tests to be set by the Hosting Club committee and communicated 6 weeks before event.

- Elementary (Level 3) Riders – DNZ 2023 Elementary tests. Area Size - 60x20m
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- The second test may be commanded.

Prizegiving and Trophies

- Winning Team to receive the Marlborough Trophy – donated by Sandra Kennington (Wood) (Blenheim)
- Team Prizes will be awarded from 1st – 6th place with either Sashes or Rosettes, at the host's discretion.
- Individual ribbons will be awarded from 1-4th, 5th or 6th depending on the numbers (OC to decide for each individual test per class).
- Individual awards for the highest scoring rider of each level may also be awarded, with either a Sash or Rosette – OC to decide.

“The Sandra Wood Horsemastership Trophy” and team rosettes/sashes will be awarded for Team turnout, sportsmanship, horse welfare and general cleanliness of the Team's parking area, yards etc, over the course of the competition



NEW ZEALAND PONY CLUBS ASSOCIATION INC.

Code of Conduct

The New Zealand Pony Clubs Association Code of Conduct outlines behaviours that are expected of every person involved in our organisation, as well as identifying the types of behaviours that will not be tolerated.

It applies to members, officials, adult supporters, coaches, instructors, spectators, family, friends, administrators and other members of our diverse pony club community.

It applies to all NZPCA, National, Area, Club and Branch events and activities.

The New Zealand Pony Clubs Association Code of Conduct supports everyone to have fun in a friendly and inclusive environment.

Our Values and Behaviours

Respect and recognition

- I treat others as I would like to be treated
- I treat everyone with dignity, courtesy and respect
- I appreciate performances by all participants
- I value and recognise good behaviours and the contribution of all
- I communicate openly and provide constructive supportive feedback.

Caring

- I believe welfare of the horse is paramount
- I am considerate of others
- I encourage others to participate but I don't force the issue
- I never resort to verbal abuse, harassing behaviour, hostility or aggression.

Integrity

- I am open, honest and trustworthy
- I do what I say
- I am a Good Sport and encourage others to be the same
- I do not make any disparaging or belittling remarks about others
- I abide by the Code of Conduct.

Inclusion

- I support and help others
- I am flexible and responsive to people's needs
- I work collaboratively to achieve the best outcomes
- I encourage the participation of all regardless of ability, age, gender, sexual orientation, race, culture or religion
- I contribute towards an enjoyable and safe environment for all.

Our Responsibilities

Club Members

- Embrace and act in accordance with the Code of Conduct
- Role model and share your knowledge of this Code
- Consider and uphold the welfare of the horse in any activity in which you participate
- Raise situations that you think might be a breach of this Code with your Branch, Club or Area's officials
- Encourage others to raise their concerns.

Officials, Parents, Guardians, Coaches, Instructors, Administrators, Observers and Supporters

- Keep the Code of Conduct accessible for future reference
- Embrace and act in accordance with the Code of Conduct
- Role model and share your knowledge of the Code
- Lead by Example
- Raise situations that you think might be a breach of this Code with your Branch and / or Club or Area's officials
- Encourage others to raise their concerns
- Encourage an environment where others can raise their concerns
- Manage behaviour that is inconsistent with this Code.

Getting Advice

Your Club's officials are your most direct source of information and action.