



Conditions 2025 - 2026

Dressage Tests

Novice – Dressage NZ Novice Freestyle 2023
Elementary – Dressage NZ Elementary Freestyle 2023
Medium – Dressage NZ Medium Freestyle 2023
Advanced Medium – Dressage NZ Advanced Medium Freestyle 2023
Advanced - Dressage NZ Advanced Freestyle 2023
Small Tour - FEI Intermediate I Freestyle
Medium Tour - FEI Intermediate A/B Freestyle
Grand Prix - FEI Grand Prix Freestyle

All FEI tests will be the current versions on the FEI Website, please check for updates after 1 January 2026. Copies can be downloaded from <https://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/organisers/dressage/tests>

FEI directives for Judging freestyle tests can be found at <https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/dressage/useful-docs>

Series Outline

The competition comprises two Island Series

1. The North Island Series completes at the Horse of the Year.
2. The South Island Series completes at the South Island Festival of Dressage.
3. Points are gained at Premier League area qualifying events, South Island Festival of Dressage and Horse of the Year Show.
4. Each Island series will be contested at Novice, Elementary, Medium, Advanced Medium, Advanced, Small Tour, Medium Tour, Grand Prix Levels.

Eligibility

1. **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 Child or Full Competitive membership.
2. **ESNZ Horse Registration Requirements for Series**
 - Participating horses and ponies must be ESNZ registered and have an Annual Dressage Start.
3. Horses/Ponies may start in only one level at each event.
4. Horses/ponies downgraded as schoolmasters are eligible to compete in the qualifiers and Island Championships but cannot gain series points.

Horse of the Year Qualification

1. National Classes Novice, Elementary, Medium, Advanced Medium, Advanced – Must meet HOY Qualification criteria.
2. FEI Classes Small Tour, Medium Tour, Grand Prix Levels. – Must qualify as per Horse of the Year Schedule

Horse of the Year Show Young Rider Competitors

1. Prize will be awarded to the Young Rider combination with the highest series points.
2. Accrued points at the level contested during the season will be added to points from Musical Freestyle classes.

Horse of the Year Show National Pony Competitors

1. Prize will be awarded to the Pony combination with the highest series points.
2. Accrued points at the level contested during the season will be added to points from Musical Freestyle classes.

Scoring

1. Points are attributed to combination not the horse.
2. Points will be allocated from Premier League, South Island Festival of Dressage and Horse of the Year as follows.
 - a. Scores of 70% plus - gain 10 points
 - b. Scores of 65 to 69.999% gain 7 points
 - c. Scores of 60 to 64.999% gain 5 points
 - d. Scores of 57 to 59.99% gain 3 points.
 - e. No points are allocated for less than 57%
3. Maximum of 5 scores to count per combination.
4. Bonus points will be added at the South Island Festival of Dressage and at Horse of the Year Show - 2 extra points per placing for scores achieved.
5. In the event of a tie the average of the percentages from the combinations top 5 scores will define the winner.
6. Combinations earn points in their island of origin Series regardless of the venue of the competition. Eg any SI based combination competing and earning points in the North Island will earn points toward the South Island Rider Series and North Island riders competing in the South Island will earn points toward North Island Series.
7. The SI series completes at the SICH and SI riders cannot earn further points after that date. At Horse of the Year Show, the North Island combinations only in each class will earn points.

Prizes & Presentations

1. Premier League Events 1st to 4th Rosettes
2. Island Championships 1st to 5th Rosettes plus vouchers
3. Series winners in each island receive a Zilco exclusive presentation rug at Novice, Elementary, Medium, Advanced Medium, Advanced, Small Tour, Medium Tour, Grand Prix Levels
4. At Horse of the Year Show Young Rider and Pony overall series winners will receive a rug and sash each.
5. National Overall Series Winner receives a sash, 2nd – 5th place getters receive sashes
Presentations to be made at Dressage Awards Dinner June/July 2026. Date and venue to be confirmed.