



NZ YOUTH DRESSAGE FESTIVAL

Friday 23rd - Saturday 24th January 2026

Fiber Fresh National Equestrian Centre, Rapids Road, Taupo

Entries Close online at www.evoevents.co.nz - Tuesday 6th January 2026

Lead Rein Riders 8 yrs & Under (Nongraded - Open)

Children Pony Riders 12 yrs & Under (Nongraded - Open)

Junior Riders 13-21 yrs (Nongraded - Open)

FEI Children & FEI Junior, Young and Grand Prix Riders *(note FEI Junior differs from Junior Riders Non Graded)*

Pony Riders Preliminary to Elementary & FEI Pony (Medium Level) (Graded)

Six tests Friday and three tests Saturday maximum per day per rider

Event Manager: Angela Nobilo – u25dressage@gmail.com : 0273130020

Youth Riders up to 25 yrs Levels 1-7 & 9 (Graded)

Rider Equitation Championships

Para Equestrian Dressage Riders

Schedule of Classes and Conditions

Event Rules & Conditions

It is the obligation of the Rider or Persons Responsible to read and understand the conditions for this event and abide by those conditions, and those of the waiver and agreement on the Evo Events online entry system. All participants/attendees should note

Code of Conduct and Other ESNZ Important Policies for Members: [Please follow the link](#)

FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse: Follow the [link for the full Code of Conduct](#)

In all equestrian sports, the horse must be considered paramount. The well-being of the horse shall be above the demands of breeders, trainers, riders, owners, dealers, organisers, sponsors or officials.

Classes & Stabling Allocation

The OC reserves the right to restrict classes to maximum numbers in all classes to ensure the smooth running of the event. Stables and covered yards will be allocated with a preference given to SI travelling horses, Elementary Grade and higher and then by date of entry PAID. It is strongly recommended that riders with ponies and horses in Preliminary & Novice and also a higher-grade horse or pony enter and pay as soon as possible if horses need to be together in covered yards. This will be at the discretion of the OC/Stable Manager. No portable stables will be available.

Official Start Time: The official event start time is 7am Friday 23rd January 2026. This is the start time for the period of jurisdiction for all Equestrian Sport New Zealand (ESNZ) General Regulations, Veterinary Regulations and ESNZ Dressage/Para Equestrian rules. All horses and ponies on the grounds after the official start time of the event must be entered at the event or have express permission from the Organising Committee to be on site and will be subject to ground levy and yards fees. Please note Dressage NZ/Para Equestrian rules do not allow the use of prohibited gear from time of arrival on the grounds.

Official finish time: The official finish time will be sixty minutes after the completion of the last class or 60 minutes after the completion of all presentations for the event whichever is the later.

Protests & Complaints: Protests and complaints may be considered by the Ground Jury at an event in accordance with Art 137 of the ESNZ General Regulations. As a guideline only, protests must be lodged within 60 minutes of the completion of the competition to which the protest relates, and a complaint within 60 minutes of the completion of the event. The Ground Jury is the sole judge of time in both cases. For compete rules and official documentation required, please refer to <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/esnz/rules-regulations/>

Tests: All tests from the Dressage NZ Test book 2023 or FEI website unless stated otherwise.

Competition Draw: Draw will be available by email and at www.evoevents.co.nz If required, a revised draw and/or start times for the following day's competition will be available each evening in the Riders Area in the Indoor. The OC reserves the right to alter the program to ensure the smooth running of the event. It is the rider's responsibility to check any new times posted.

Practice Trot Up – All riders entered into FEI test classes are invited to partake in the practice trot up on Thursday night. (prior to briefing) **Award for best turned out rider/horse.** (FEI Children Preliminary, FEI Pony, FEI Junior, FEI Young Rider and Grand Prix riders.

Rider Briefing: Thursday 22nd January 2026. 6.00 pm, in the Riders Area of the Indoor. All riders' attendance is strongly recommended.

Horse Identification, Yards & Accommodation

1. Horse/Pony ID Numbers (DR Art 477): Approved Horse/Pony official identification numbers must be worn on both sides of the horse/pony at all times during warm up and competition, and when being ridden or led in arena familiarization. ID Tag with Horse Name, Rider phone contact must be worn in or out of the stable/yard at all other times.
2. Please keep wash down bays clean at all times. Washing of horses is limited to wash bays only
3. Moving horses to unallocated yards/paddocks is prohibited.
4. Please use the skips provided for horse waste not rubbish, bins are provided for rubbish.
5. Temporary yards are not permitted.
6. All yards/stables are to be left properly mucked out. Muck skips will be located near the yards.
7. ALL horses/ponies are allocated stables, paddocks or yards. Horses not staying overnight will only be allocated open yards.

Riders Assistance Dressage NZ welcomes your assistance and support. Riders and/or their families or supporters are requested to advise with entries tasks that can be helped with to ensure the smooth running of the event. By completing the Online Volunteer information and contributing to the event means you go into the draw to receive a full entry refund (not including stabling or camping). Please state at time of entry if you can assist with the following tasks, we will take account of riding times.

- **Writer for a class**
- **Test sheet runner**
- **Managing manure indoor and Fiber arenas**

Eligibility of Riders, Horses, Ponies & Combinations: This event is classified as a Regional Event (RE) with the exception of the Pony (Medium level FEI Pony classes), Young Rider (FEI Small Tour Classes) See page 3 for definition of FEI Young Rider. and U25CH (FEI Grand Prix Classes) which are classified National Championships (NCH) NCH classes are open to any grade of pony/horse, Downgraded horses/ponies are eligible to compete in RE classes in their downgraded level but ONLY with the rider specified in the downgrade application. Note that points may only be earned in the AMS Performance League by combinations where riders are an ESNZ Child or Full member and the horse/pony has an Annual Dressage Start.

Ponies competing in pony specific classes may be asked to present height certificates if not available on the ESNZ database. Riders competing in classes

• Lead Rein Rider 8 years and under.

(Non-Graded classes) Rider must be an ESNZ Child Member, or pay ESNZ Casual Membership online with entries.

Riders are eligible from the beginning of the calendar year in which they turn five (5) years until they reach the age of eight (8) years as at 24th January 2025.

Lead rein ponies must be 138cm or under. Grade of pony unrestricted and may be ESNZ registered or unregistered.

Lead rein riders and ponies cannot be entered in any other section of the show

Lead rein riders are those as yet unable to ride without assistance from a leader or attendant in any discipline competition.

Rules for Competition (Refer page 17. Annexe 4 of ESNZ Dressage rules).

Tests can be found at www.nzpca.org under First Start Competition.

- **Children Pony Rider 12 years and under.**

(Non-Graded classes) Rider must be an ESNZ Child Member, or pay ESNZ Casual Membership online with entries. Riders age of twelve (12) years at the 24th January 2025 and under are eligible. May only compete on a pony 148cm or under. Grade of pony unrestricted and may be ESNZ registered or unregistered. Riders may not enter in graded classes but may enter Equitation Class.

- **Pony Riders.**

(Graded classes). Rider must be an ESNZ Child or Full Member (or Introductory for Preliminary). Riders are eligible from the beginning of the calendar year in which they turn five (5) until they reach the age of sixteen (16) years, but if a rider turned seventeen (17) years on or after 1 August 2025 they may compete in this section. Pony must be ESNZ registered, and have Annual Dressage Start or pay \$5 per class Dressage casual start fee with online entry. Exception - Ponies in the Pony Championship (FEI Pony Classes <Medium level) must have a Dressage Annual Start.

- **Junior Riders NON GRADED - For FEI Junior Riders refer below.**

(Non-Graded classes) Rider must be an ESNZ Child or Full Member or pay ESNZ Casual Membership online with entries. Riders thirteen (13) yrs as at 24 January 2026

until they reach the age of twenty-one years. If a rider turned 21 on or after

1 August 2025 they may compete in this section. May compete on a horse or a pony, which may be ESNZ registered or unregistered. Riders in this section may not compete in any graded class at the event. (Equitation classes are non-graded) Grade of horse/pony unrestricted and may be ESNZ registered or unregistered. If unregistered must pay ESNZ Horse Casual Registration fee online with entries

- **Young Riders – FOR FEI Young Riders refer below.**

Rider must be an ESNZ Child or Full Member. Riders must be on horses except riders who exceed the pony rider age eligibility may compete on a pony in this section. Riders are eligible from the beginning of the calendar year in which they turn twelve (12) years until they reach the age of twenty-one (21). If a rider turned 21 on or after 1 August 2025, they may compete in this section. Horse/Pony be ESNZ registered and have Annual Dressage Start or pay Dressage casual start fee of \$5 per class.

- **Youth Riders.**

Rider must be an ESNZ Child or Full Member. Riders must be on horses except riders who exceed the pony rider age eligibility may compete on a pony in this section. Riders are eligible from the beginning of the calendar year in which they turn twelve (12) years until they reach the age of twenty-five (25). If a rider turned 25 on or after 1 August 2025, they may compete in this section. Horse/Pony be ESNZ registered and have Annual Dressage Start or pay Dressage casual start fee of \$5 per class.

- **FEI Pony Rider** - All qualifying competitions will be run under ESNZ/DNZ rules, refer DNZ Article 403 National Competitions:

- **FEI Junior Rider** - Riders must turn at least 14yrs during 2025 and be 18yrs or under at 28th February 2026

- **FEI Young Rider** - Riders must turn at least 16yrs during 2025 and be 21yrs or under at 28th February 2026

- **FEI Grand Prix 16-25 Rider** - Riders must turn at least 16yrs during 2025 and be 25yrs or under at 31st January 2026

Conditions for High Performance DNZ Youth Classic Series : <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/High-Performance-DNZ-Youth-Classic-Series-Conditions-2025-26-FINAL-V3.pdf>

Equal Placings

1. In the case of equality in any qualifying class, the higher collective marks will determine the higher placing
2. If the competitors are still equal then the higher co-efficient marks will determine the placings
3. If there is still an equality of points, the competitors are given the same placing
4. In Freestyle competitions the higher artistic marks will determine the higher placing. If there is still an equality of points, the competitors are given the same placing

Presentation of Prizes

1. There will be no prize money awarded at the event.
2. Rosettes will be awarded in all classes 1st to 6th place.
3. Rosettes will not be awarded to riders who do not attend the scheduled prize giving. Presentation times will be advised in the program. No Rosettes will be posted after the event.

Kings Chambers Pony Profile Challenge in association with the Tackshop.co.nz

Get ready to unleash your creativity and showcase your unique bond with your horse or pony through our Pony Profile challenge!

Here's what you need to know: Create Your Pony Profile: Design a one-page introduction of yourself and your equine partner on a single A4 sheet – whether you go digital or hand-drawn. Let your personality shine!

Who Can Participate: Open to all U25 Dressage Youth Festival 2026 entrants. What to Include:

Details will be sent out to all entries at the close of entry and will be on our Facebook page – Great Prizes and a great way to get to know your show 'neighbours'!

A promotional poster for the Kings Chambers Pony Profile Challenge. The background is a soft-focus image of a field with tall grass. On the right, there is a framed photograph of a young girl with long blonde hair, wearing a white lace-trimmed top, standing next to a dark brown horse with a white blaze on its face. The horse is wearing a bridle. In the top left corner, the Kings Chambers logo (a 'K' in a circle) is displayed above the text 'KINGS CHAMBERS' and 'CRIMINAL DEFENCE BARRISTERS'. A large, stylized orange brushstroke banner across the middle contains the text 'Pony Profile Challenge' in a white, cursive font. Below this banner, on the left, is the text 'Create Your Pony Profile: Design a one-page introduction of yourself & your equine partner on a single A4 sheet. (See link above for details)'. At the bottom left, it says 'PRIZES TO BE WON!'. At the bottom right, there is a logo featuring a laurel wreath and the word 'DRESSAGE'.

Championships Presentations & Points

1. Non Graded Lead Rein 8 years and Under Champion & Reserve – Winner Rug.
2. Non Graded 12 years and Under Champion Sash & Rug & Reserve – Sash .
3. Pony Champions Rug/Sash for Champions & Reserve Sash plus Hyland Trophy for FEI Level Pony National Champion.
4. Junior Rider 13 years to 21 years Champion Rug/ Sash & Reserve - Sashe.
5. U25 (Combined): Rug/Sash for Champions & Reserve Sash (all grades) Waldebago Trophy Top Placed Young Rider in Small Tour and KH Arvan Trophy for Top Place Combined U25 Rider in Grand Prix.
Classes marked Q in the schedule of classes will count for level championship.
6. Points will be awarded, 1st 20, 2nd 18, and so on down to 10th place.
7. In the event of a tie the rider with the highest score in the Saturday class will be the winner, if there is still a tie the rider with the highest average percentage wins.
8. Qualifying classes at Levels 7 and 9 have a multiplier of 1.5 (1st = 30 points) This for the awarding of the Fissenden Trophy for most points in graded classes at the event where riders at this level only have one class per day.

Event Conditions

1. All competitions will be run under current ESNZ GR's, VR's & ESNZ Rules for ESNZ Dressage/Para Equestrian.
2. Riders in graded classes may not enter any non-graded class. Exceptions: Equitation classes & 12 yrs and under.
3. The OC reserves the right to alter the programme/schedule within the ESNZ GR's/ESNZ Dressage rules.
4. Horses/Ponies may only be entered for qualifiers for **one Level of Championship**
5. Registered horses and ponies - ESNZ identification numbers must be worn at all times, including warmup. Non graded ponies will be issued a saddle blanket number which must be displayed on both sides of the horse/pony.
6. ID Tag with Horse Name, Rider phone contact must be worn in or out of the stable/yard at all other times. Any persons responsible must be on the grounds at all times, otherwise an alternative person responsible must be notified to the Office in penalty of elimination.
7. Stallions & Handlers/Owners/Persons Responsible must comply with ESNZ Article 147 and stallions must be housed in a stable at all times when not being ridden or hand-walked.

Rider Equitation Championships

These classes will be judged based on the riders' ability to influence the horse's way of going, effectiveness of the aids, accuracy, security of seat, balance and position. Open to any registered pony/horse and rider age 25 years and under.

Tests

- **Fledgling - 12 years and under.** Test - British Dressage Fledgling Rider Test 1 (2005) equivalent DNZ Preliminary. Riders twelve (12) years and under as at 24 January 2026.
- **Junior - 13 years - 21 years.** Test - British Dressage C Squad Rider Test 1 (2010) equivalent DNZ Level Novice. Riders thirteen (13) years as at 24 January 2026 until they reach the age of twenty-one years. If a rider turned 21 on or after 1 August 2025 they may compete in this section.

Tests available from Angela Nobilo u25dressage@gmail.com

Conditions

1. May compete on a horse or pony
2. Riders may compete on downgraded ponies/horses
3. Only one entry per rider
4. Only 20 entries will be taken in each level and in the case of excessive entries balloting may occur
5. Tests may not be commanded
6. Must be ridden in a snaffle bridle

Classic Equestrian North/South Island Teams Event

For the York Corporation Challenge Trophy, Riders selected by ESNZ Dressage Selectors.





Pony, Young Rider & U25 Performance League Conditions 2025-2026

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 (purchased on Horse Reg).
3. Downgraded horses/ponies may only compete in their original grade (refer DG rules eff 1 August 2025).
4. Horses/ponies may be entered in any level for which they are eligible as per the grading rules.
5. Riders who are not eligible to compete in any pony division may compete in the Young Rider or Youth section on a pony.
6. Riders may only enter one National section on the same mount but can contest more than one level within that section. A rider 16yrs or under may enter a horse in the horse division and a pony in the pony division

Entries & Conditions

1. Riders must nominate which levels they wish to enter on www.evoevents.co.nz by 1 December 2025.
2. Combinations may contest more than one level at an event.
3. Riders may contest the league on more than one mount.
National Sections – you may only enter one section but can contest more than one level within that section.

1: Pony Rider Levels - 16 years or under at 31 July 2025

1. Preliminary
2. Novice
3. Elementary
4. Medium and above combined
National Pony League Champion – all combinations entered in Pony Rider Section

2: Young Rider Levels - 20 years or under at 31 July 2025

1. Preliminary
2. Novice
3. Elementary
4. Medium
5. Advanced Medium
6. Advanced
7. Small Tour
National Young Rider League Champion – all combinations entered in Young Rider Section

3: Youth Rider Levels

1. Preliminary to Small Tour Riders must be 21 to 25yrs at 31 July 2025
2. Medium Tour & Grand Prix Riders must be 16 to 25yrs at 31 July 2025
National Youth Rider League Champion – all combinations entered in Youth Rider Section

Scoring

Points will be allocated from all graded classes at Premier League Events and the NZ Under 25 Championships /Youth Festival

1. Maximum 10 best combination scores will count for the final league points.
2. Combinations competing in more than one level will have their top 10 scores across all levels carried forward for final points classification for determining the National winner. Eg if a combination scores 16 pts in Preliminary and 16 pts in Novice their total score of 32 will determine the national winner. The points will remain at 16 in each grade for the purpose of determining the level winner.
3. In the event of a tie at any level, the combination with the highest average percentage from the top ten scores will be deemed the winner.
4. In the event of a tie for the national awards the highest level will be deemed the winner.
5. League Points will be allocated as follows.

Percentage	Points		
	Preliminary-Elementary	Medium-Advanced Medium	Advanced-Grand Prix
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

PRIZES:

Pony Riders

1. Preliminary, Novice, Elementary, Medium and above combined Winners - Winner's sash and \$100 AMS Saddlery Voucher for every level.
2. National Winner - The combination with the highest points wins a \$150 AMS Voucher, Trophy and Sash.

Young Riders

1. Preliminary, Novice, Elementary, Medium, Advanced Medium, Advanced, Small Tour Winners - Winner's sash and \$100 AMS Saddlery Voucher for every level
2. National Winner - The combination with the highest points wins a \$150 AMS Saddlery Voucher, Trophy and Sash.

Youth Riders

1. Preliminary to Small Tour combined and Medium Tour & Grand Prix combined Winners - Winner's sash and \$100 AMS Saddlery Voucher for every level
2. National Winner - The combination with the highest points wins a \$150 AMS Saddlery Voucher, Trophy and Sash.

Presentations

The National Pony, Young Rider and Youth Rider presentations will be made at the Dressage NZ Awards Dinner 2026.

Date and venue to be confirmed.

Area Teams Event

1. Open to teams from areas affiliated to Equestrian Sports NZ.
2. Riders on borrowed horses may compete in Area Teams
3. If any area cannot nominate a full team, they may nominate a combined area (or Island) team using a rider from outside of their area (providing that rider is not required for their own area team)
4. Team entry must be submitted by 5pm **16th January 2026** by email to Angela - u25dressage@gmail.com
5. Teams must be nominated by **area dressage groups** and entry form signed by an area official.
6. Ungraded teams can be made up of four riders from any area and level.
- 7 For full conditions, see entry form page 14.

Sponsors

We ask that all competitors spend some time to thank our sponsors that support Dressage and Para Equestrian, either in writing (Sponsors contact details will be listed on the event program) or in person during the show. Without the generous sponsorship we receive, the cost to competitors would be considerable.

Event Reception Opening Hours

The Event Reception is in the Indoor, all queries to this area.

Thursday 25th January	12.00pm - 6.00pm
Friday 26th January	7.30am - 6.00pm
Saturday 27th January	7.30am - 5.00pm

Competition Arena Use & Familiarization

All competition arenas are closed at all times except as stated below. **Check Rider notes with draw for any revised times.**

Thursday 25th January	3.00pm - 5.00pm
Friday 26th January	7.00am - 7.30am

Horses may be hand walked or ridden at walking pace around the exterior of the competition arenas unless advised otherwise by the Technical Delegate. No horses in these areas outside of these times. Designated warm up arena is open 7am - 7pm. Horses may only be schooled in the designated warm up arena. (Treadlite arena)

Lunging can only take place in the Treadlite arena (and you cannot lunge when someone is riding)

Contact Phone Numbers

For Emergencies Dial 111

Medical - Taupo Medical Centre Ltd, 117 Heu Heu Street, Taupo 3330, (07) 378 4080
Local Vet - Taupo Veterinary Centre, 3 Oruanui Street, Taupo, 07 378 5433
Farrier - Please see Event Office
Feed Supply - Taupo Equestrian Supplies, 55 Titan Way, Rotokawa, Taupo - (07) 377 8370

Event Manager - Angela Nobilo 0273130020
Stable Manager - Jos Gresham 0273 221 717



Venue Rules

1. Competitors and spectators attending this event do so at their own risk
2. No smoking/vaping in any buildings or in yard/stable areas
3. Neither the National Equestrian Centre, ESNZ, Dressage NZ, ESNZ Para Equestrian or 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.
4. The National Equestrian Centre, ESNZ, Dressage NZ or ESNZ Para Equestrian shall not be liable for the safety of any goods/equipment or the loss of, or damage to such goods and equipment, brought in/stored at the venue, during the period of use.
5. Any damage to the National Equestrian Centre facilities to be reported immediately to the Event Office.
6. ESNZ Tagged safety helmets must be worn at all times when schooling and competing.
7. All horses and ponies on the grounds must be entered at the event unless prior arrangement has been made with the Organising Committee.

Dogs

1. Dogs must be kept in the truck park at all times
2. No dogs are allowed in any stable or yarding areas, warm up, competition areas or buildings
3. Dogs may be exercised on the cross country course only
4. Failure to adhere to these rulings will result in a complete dog ban for 2027.
5. The dog must be on a lead at all times
6. The owner of the dog will be responsible for the cost of any damage/harm caused by the dog at the competition.

Camp Sites

1. Parking and camping areas may be defined.
2. Limited powered sites are available in the truck park.
3. Any persons found plugging their truck/float/camper into power sockets in the ablution block or other illegal connection will be asked to leave the venue
4. Please be tidy and use bins for all rubbish

Vehicles & Motorbikes - including bicycles, ebikes and scooters

1. Speed limit for all vehicles 15 kph.
2. Motorbikes may not be used after 8.30 pm and must be used in accordance with normal road rules. Any competitor contravening these rules will be fined and immediately eliminated from any further participation in the show.
3. Helmets must be worn in accordance to road rules.
4. Joy riding on any part of the grounds at any time will not be tolerated. Junior drivers (under 16yrs) must only use motorbikes and ebikes under parental supervision

Interislander Travel

Please go to Equestrian New Zealand website for special rates
www.nzequestrian.org.nz/esnz/join/member-benefits/interislander

Entries & Entry Fees

Entries close on: **Tuesday 6th January 2026.**

Enter online at: www.evoevents.co.nz - Only online entries will be accepted.

Payment Method

Payment must be made at time of entry via Polipay.

Equestrian Sports New Zealand Membership.

All competitors must be an ESNZ Member. www.nzequestrian.org.nz

ESNZ Horse/Pony/Rider Registration must be current at time of entry and until 24th January 2026 or entries will not be accepted (with the exception of horse/pony registration for Lead Rein, Under 12 and Junior classes).

Additional fees for all Competitors:

Rider Event Levy	\$65 per rider - Non Refundable.
NEC Horse Facility Fee	\$48 per horse for the event includes arrival day
NEC Horse Accommodation Fees (arriving Thursday, leaving Saturday)	
Stables	\$60 for the event (\$30 per additional day)
Covered Yards	\$52 for the event (\$26 per additional day)
Uncovered Yards	\$24 for the event (\$12 per additional day)
Paddocks	\$32 for the event (\$16 per additional day)
NEC Camping Fees	
With power	\$50 for the event (\$25 per additional day)
Without power	\$30 for the event (\$15 per additional day)

Please state arrival and departure days at time of entry. NEC Health & Safety requires that ALL horses/ ponies at events are allocated stables, paddocks or yards and tying to trucks or floats is not permitted (except for saddling up etc, but must not be left unattended). Horses not staying overnight will only be allocated open yards (day yards).

**Yards will be notified in a separate email.
Powered Camping Sites will be allocated on a first paid basis**

Professional Services

1. Equine Therapists and Treatment
 - a. Any equine therapists or practitioners who are not veterinarian and intend to provide therapeutic treatment to equines in any capacity at this event in a private or commercial basis must notify the Organising Committee of any treatment prior to the event.
 - b. All practitioners must also comply with the Conditions applicable to this event set out in the Schedule of classes.
 - c. Riders who own their equipment (eg Equissage, Cyclossage or similar) are only permitted to treat their own horses with these systems at the event.
 - d. Any practitioner receiving financial or other gain from providing therapies at the event will be required to pay a trade exhibitor fee at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
2. Other Professionals including freelance grooms
 - a. Any other professional intending on providing services at this event must obtain prior agreement from the Organising Committee - this excludes professionals Dressage Coaches assisting in the warmup of competitors and grooms that are in part or full time employment of a competitor.



Schedule of Classes

Q = Championship Qualifier

Level	Level & Sponsor	Class Numbers & Tests Entry				Fee per class	Rosettes/Ribbons
			Friday	Friday	Saturday		
Champions in Sections 1-9 Awarded Sashes & Covers - Reserves Awarded Sashes							
1	Preliminary		1.A Q	1.C Q	1.B Q		
	NRM U25 Rider		102	103	104	\$30	Rosettes 1st - 6th
	Pony		112	113	114	\$30	Rosettes 1st - 6th
2	Novice		MFS L2 Q	2CQ	2BQ		
	Tackshop.co.nz U25 Rider		202	203	204	\$30	Rosettes 1st - 6th
	Harcourts Taupo Holiday Rentals Pony		212	213	214	\$30	Rosettes 1st - 6th
3	Elementary		MFS L3 Q	3C Q	3B Q		
	U25 Rider		302	303	304	\$30	Rosettes 1st - 6th
	Pony		312	313	314	\$30	Rosettes 1st - 6th
3.1				FEI Childrens Preliminary Test A Q	FEI Childrens Preliminary Test B Q		NB: Riders are invited to take place in the Practice Trot Up Thursday 22/01/26
	FEI CHILDREN			320	321	\$30	Rosettes 1st - 6th
4	Medium		4.B Q	4C Q	MFS L4 Q		
	Duncan Equine U25 Rider		402	403	404	\$30	Rosettes 1st - 6th
	Hyland Trophy NZ Pony Championship, Medium Level (Open to all Grades) <i>part of the Kings Chambers High Performance DNZ Youth Classic Series</i>			FEI Pony Individual Q 413	FEI Pony MFS Q 414	\$30	Rosettes 1st - 6th
5	Advanced Medium		5.B Q	5.C Q	MFS L5 Q		
	Equissage U25 Rider		502	503	504	\$30	Rosettes 1st - 6th
5.1	Groom & Gallop FEI Junior Rider Championship Awarded to Top Placed Junior Rider(14-18yrs) <i>part of the Kings Chambers DNZ Youth Classic Series</i>			FEI Juniors Individual Test Q 515	FEI Juniors Freestyle to Music Q 516		
				515	516	\$35	Rosettes 1st – 3rd
6	Advanced		6.B Q	MFS L6 Q	6.C Q		
	Property Brokers U25 Rider		602	603	604	\$30	Rosettes 1st - 6th

		Friday	Saturday		
7	Taupo Equestrian Supplies U25 Rider Small Tour	FEI Young Riders Individual Test Q	FEI Young Riders Freestyle to Music Q		
	Waldebago Trophy Awarded to Top Placed Young Rider(16 -21yrs) (DR Art 462) <i>part of the Kings Chambers High Performance DNZ Youth Classic Series</i>	701	702	\$35	Rosettes 1st - 6 th
9	Willimason Water & Land Advisory Grand Prix	FEI Grand Prix MFS Test 2023 Q	FEI U25 Grand Prix Q		
	U25 Rider KH Arvan Memorial Trophy <i>part of the Kings Chambers High Performance DNZ Youth Classic Series</i>	901	902	\$35	Rosettes 1st - 6 th

Level	Level & Sponsor	Class Numbers & Tests Entry				Fee per class	Rosettes
		Friday	Friday	Saturday			
Champions in Sections 11-13 Awarded Sash and Cover - Reserves Awarded Sash							
10	AR Dressage Equitation	Fledging	Junior				
	Rider Equitation British Dressage Tests	05	06			\$25	Rosettes 1st - 6th
11	Children - Ponies only	O.B Q	O.D Q	O.C Q			
	Riders 12 years and under at date of event. (Grade of Pony Unrestricted)	11	12	13		\$25	Rosettes 1st - 6th
12	Oakridge Junior - Horses & Ponies	1.B Q	1.C Q	1.D			
	Rider 13 up to 21 yrs (Grade of Pony Unrestricted)	16	17	18		\$25	Rosettes 1st - 6th
13	Stance Equine Lead Rein	NZPCA First Start Lead Rein 2 Q	NZPCA First Start Lead Rein 1 Q	NZPCA First Start Lead Rein 2 Q			
	Rider - 5yrs up to 8 yrs (Grade of Pony Unrestricted)	22	23	24		\$25	Rosettes 1st - 6th



**Note classes 413,414,515, 516 ,701,702,901,902 are
all part of the Kings Chambers High Performance
DNZ Youth Classic Series.**





SADDLE & CANTER

Para-Equestrian Youth Rider Championships 2026



Entries Close

Tuesday 6th January 2026. Enter online at www.evoevents.co.nz. No postal entries.

Enquiries & Information

Dressage NZ Event Secretary – Angela Nobilo – 0273130020 u25dressage@gmail.com

Conditions

It is the Rider or Persons Responsible, obligation to read and understand the conditions for this event.

Rider Age

Riders are eligible until they reach the age of twenty five (25) years. If a rider turned 25 on or after 1 August 2025 they may compete in this section.

Horse/Pony

Horse/Pony must be ESNZ registered and have a Dressage Start paid or use Flexi starts per test. Riders must be registered.

Schedule of Classes

Class 951	National test 1 or 2 or FEI Grade Test
Class 952	National test 1 or 2 or FEI Grade Test

ENTRY FEE \$30 per test

Horse accommodation & camping as per booking form on the DNZ schedule. Please identify yourself on this form as Para even if also entering Able Bodied classes.

Payment Method

Payment must be made by close of entries Tuesday 6th January 2026 or entry will not be accepted.

All competitions will be run under ESNZ GR's, VR's & ESNZ Rules for ESNZ Dressage/Para Equestrian.

1. This event is run under the ESNZ Para-Equestrian Rules 2022 and the DNZ rules where applicable
2. All riders must be current, full or Child members of ESNZ at time of entry.
3. All horses must be registered with ESNZ.
4. No prior qualification applies; however all P-E riders must have a current FEI or ESNZ ID card, a copy of which must be included with entries and to be carried while riding.
5. Riders must wear the orange P-E ID discs on both sides of their saddle blankets at all times while mounted.
6. A horse may not be shared by different riders between P-E & AB classes.
7. A horse may be shared by riders of different Grades in Para classes as per Article 125.
8. While every effort will be made to accommodate riders wishing to compete in both P-E & AB classes and to accommodate P-E riders with more than one horse, the smooth running of the event is paramount and should there be excessive entries or timetabling issues, then riders may be asked to nominate which horse/discipline they want to compete in.
9. The draw will be available at www.evoevents.co.nz
10. All classes will be eligible for para grading points.
11. There will be one overall Champion. The rider who achieves the highest combined percentages in any grade, over all tests will be the 2026 Para-Equestrian Youth Rider Champion. Rug for winner.

WITHDRAWALS AND REFUNDS

Applications for refund must be submitted in writing stating rider name, ESNZ registrations and horses name/s to Angela Nobilo u25dressage@gmail.com. Final date for refund applications - **Friday 6th February 2026**.

Conditions of withdrawal form the event before close of entries.

- Competitors that withdraw prior to close of entries are still liable for online entry fees plus \$25 admin fee on entry fees. If no fees have been paid at time of withdrawal these fees still apply. If withdrawal fees are not paid by date of close of entry, an unpaid note will be added to the Rider Issues page on the entry system and further entries may be declined by organising committees until paid
- All camping/stabling fees/ ground fees and any other miscellaneous fees will be refunded.
- The Rider Event Levy is non-refundable.

Conditions of withdrawal from the event after the close of entries.

- No refunds will be made for any rider who does not officially withdraw prior to **5pm Thursday 22nd January 2026**.
- If a doctor or vet certificate is provided by **Friday 6th February 2026** fees will be refunded less \$25 admin, plus per class online entry fees and the Rider Event Levy.
- If vet certificate provided, only the horse to which the certificate applies will receive a refund.
- If doctors certificate provided fees for all horses for that rider will be refunded
- All Stabling and camping fees will be refunded.
- Competitors unable to provide a vet or doctors certificate will only receive camping & stabling fees refunded
- Special applications for refunds can be presented to the OC for consideration by Monday 3rd February

Horse/s	
Rider	
Postal Address	
Class Numbers	
Total Entries Paid \$	
Total \$	
Less \$20.00/35.00	
Stabling & Camping Paid \$	
Total Refund \$	
Office Use	
Transaction Number	



NZ Dressage Youth Festival

NZ Horsevans Ltd Area Teams Event

Entry Nomination Form



NZ
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Area: _____

Graded / Non-Graded *(delete what is not applicable)*

No.	Competitor Name	Horse Name	Class Nos.
1			
2			
3			
4			

Signed Area Official:

Name & Position:

Conditions:

1. Open to teams from areas affiliated to Equestrian Sports NZ.
2. Teams consist of four riders. At least three of the horses must compete in different grades.
3. All team riders must be full members of ESNZ and be competing in graded competitions
4. One rider may only compete on one horse, unless an area only has three riders, in which case one rider may compete on two horses.
5. All horses and riders in each team must be from the same area, except that, if an area has insufficient riders competing at the Championships, up to two volunteer combinations from another area may be used provided they are not already in a team.
6. The Opposite Island may compete as an island team if it doesn't have enough competitors to make an area team. (exception NI vs SI Team Challenge).
7. Graded Championship Classes marked Q will count for the team's event points. Non-graded riders will have points awarded from classes (912,913,914,916,917,918,922,923,924.)
8. Points allocated are 10 for 1st, 9 for 2nd down to 1 for 10th. Lower placings don't score.
9. In the event of a tie, the combined points of the two highest placed horses in each team will count
10. Teams entries must be submitted at the event office by **5pm 22nd January 2026.**
11. Teams must be nominated by area groups, and entry form must be signed by one area official.
12. An area may enter more than one team.
13. Combinations may only compete for one team.
14. In the event of a team member scratching from the event a substitute horse and rider may be included in the team.
15. Entries must be sent to u25dressage@gmail.com by **Thursday 22nd January 2026.**



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