

THE GRASS CIRCUIT

The Grass Circuit Championships sponsored by Vanessa Way Dressage will run across three shows.

- Southern Hawkes Bay Dressage Premier League (Dannevirke, 29/30 Nov 2025)
- Taihape Christmas Championships (Taihape, 20/21 Dec 2025)
- Dressage Taranaki Premier League (Hawera, 10/11 Jan 2026)

Championship will be awarded at three levels.

- Unregistered (open to CN-C3 riders only)
- Prelim/Novice
- Elementary to Open Medium

Dressage Tests All dressage tests are Dressage NZ 2023 tests.

- Unregistered - 1B
- Preliminary - 1B
- Novice – 2B
- Elementary - 3B
- Medium - 4B
- Open Medium - 5B

Eligibility

- Riders must participate at all three shows listed above to be eligible to be awarded the “Grass Circuit” championship for their level at the conclusion of the Dressage Taranaki Premier League event.
- In the event that one of the three events cancels the nominated class, the combination must have been entered in that class prior to the cancellation.
- Riders may ride at different levels within the championship grouping described above, but not outside those group. I.e. a rider can ride at elementary and medium across the three shows, but may not ride at novice and elementary.
- Unregistered - all riders must have an ESNZ day membership or introductory membership.
- Prelim/Novice and Elementary-Open Medium - All riders must be Junior or Full ESNZ members, or introductory membership for preliminary riders only.
- Prelim/Novice and Elementary-Open Medium - Horses/ponies must have a full ESNZ registration, and may use a dressage annual start or dressage flexi-start.
- Horses/ponies downgraded as schoolmasters are eligible.



Scoring

- Points are attributed to the combination.
- Points will count from all three shows.
- Points will be awarded according to the following:

Percentage	Unregistered, Prelim - Elementary	Medium - Advanced Medium
Less than 57%	4	5
57 – 59.99%	5	6
60 – 64.999%	6	7
65 to 69.999%	7	8
70 - 72.999%	8	9
73% plus	9	10

In the event of a tie, the combination competing at the higher level will win. In the event of a further tie, the combination with the highest average % from all classes will win.

Prizes and Presentation

The championship will be awarded at the conclusion of the Dressage Taranaki Premier League. The winner must be present at the Dressage Taranaki prizegiving.

1. Unregistered - Championship Rosette, rug
2. Prelim/Novice - Championship Rosette, rug
3. Elementary-Open Medium - Championship Rosette, rug

Prize Money will not be awarded. Other goods may be awarded to no specified value

