



Dressage Otago Autumn Tournament Local Event Schedule

Otago Taieri A&P Showgrounds, 320 Gordon Road, Mosgiel
14th and 15th March 2026

Entries Close – 10.00pm Sunday 25th February 2026 at www.evoevents.co.nz

All enquiries:

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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

- ESNZ Registration for Graded Classes:** Entries will not be accepted without an ESNZ Child or Full Competing Rider and horse membership current to the 15th March 2026.
 - 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.
 - Horse and Ponies:** Must have ESNZ Horse/pony registration. May also compete on an Annual Dressage Start (purchased on Horse Reg) or use Flexi Start at \$5 per Test (payable with entries).
- ESNZ Registration for Non-Graded Classes:** All Riders must be a Child, Full or Introductory ESNZ member current to the 15th March 2026 or pay a Casual membership fee of \$16.30 per event. Horses and Ponies may be registered or non-registered. See Event Conditions point 7.
- Grading Points:** No ESNZ grading points will be awarded for non-graded classes or to unregistered horses.
- Rules:** This competition will be run under the current (2025) ESNZ GR's, VR's & ESNZ Rules for Dressage.
- Official start time:** The official event start time is 7.00am Saturday 14th March 2026. This is the start time for the period of jurisdiction for all Equestrian Sport New Zealand (ESNZ) General Regulations and ESNZ Dressage rules. Please note Dressage NZ rule 420-430 prohibited gear is not allowed from the time of arrival at the event.
- Official finish time:** The official finish time will be 60 minutes after the completion of the last class or 60 minutes after the completion of all presentations for the event whichever is 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 complete rules and official documentation required, please refer to <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/esnz/rules-regulations/rules-and-regulations/>
- Dressage Top Ten Leagues:** Riders wishing to accrue points in any Dressage NZ Top 10 League must have registered online at <https://www.evoevents.co.nz/> prior to 1st December 2025 for the 2025/2026 season.
- Dressage National Leagues & Series:** No points will be accrued for the Super 5 League, Zilco Musical Freestyle Series, Prestige Futures Prize or Pony & Young Rider Performance Award at local events.
- Dressage Tests:** All tests are from DNZ Test book version 2023 or FEI Website.
- FEI Tests:** Must be ridden from memory, no caller is permitted.

Event Conditions

1. **Amendments:** The organising committee reserves the right to refuse entries, cancel the event, alter the programme/schedule within the ESNZ and DNZ Rules.
2. **Presentation of Prizes and Prize Money:** See DNZ Rule article 456.
 - a. There is no prize money at this event.
 - b. Prize Giving TBC in Programme.
3. **Draw:** Times will be emailed prior to event. It is the rider's responsibility to check any new times posted. Draw may be updated on Saturday night this will be completed by 7.00pm, please check Sunday ride times.
4. **Equal Placings:** In the case of equality in any qualifying class, the higher collective marks will determine the higher placing. If the competitors are still equal, then the higher co-efficient marks will determine the placings. If there is still an equality of points, the competitors are given the same placing.
5. **Riders with more than 2 horses:** Entries are limited to 3 horses, with a maximum of 6 tests per day per rider. 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.
6. **Pony Classes:** Are restricted to riders as per DNZ rule Article 403. Any adults riding ponies to compete in the Horse Classes.
7. **Non Graded Classes:** Are restricted to riders that have never competed at Registered Elementary (L3) or above. Horses/ponies currently registered are ineligible. Ineligible riders are not able to collect prizes but are able to ride within these classes H/C.
8. **Hats:** ESNZ approved tagged riding hats must be worn at all times when mounted.
9. **Non Competing Horses:** All horses and ponies on the grounds after the official start time must be entered at the event.
10. **Stallions:** must comply with ESNZ Article 133 and must be housed in a stable at all times.
11. **Liability:**
 - a) Competitors and spectators attending this event do so at their own risk.
 - b) Otago Taieri A&P Society, ESNZ, Dressage NZ or Dressage Otago nor any representative of these bodies, accepts no 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) Otago Taieri A&P Society, ESNZ, Dressage NZ or Dressage Otago will 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.
12. **Health & Safety:**
 - a) ESNZ, Dressage NZ and Otago Dressage 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) Competitors must comply with 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 Dressage Otago and Otago Taieri A&P Society 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 at risk by their actions.
13. **ESNZ Concussion Policy:**
 - a) This event will be run under the ESNZ Concussion Policy Guidelines.
 - 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 competing.
<https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/safety/concussion><https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/safety/concussion/>

14. ESNZ Drug & Alcohol Policy

ESNZ reserve the right to drug or alcohol test any participant at the event under the ESNZ Drug & Alcohol Policy 2020. This link will access the policy and frequently asked question.

<https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/esnz/rules-regulations/rules-and-regulations/>

Entry Conditions

1. Entries Close for the Dressage Otago Spring Tournament at **10.00pm Sunday 25th February 2026.**
2. Entries will be limited to 120 riders.
3. Payments to be made at time of entry via PoliPay or Paypal. A credit card surcharge may apply.
4. **Entry MUST be paid by closing date to be accepted.**
5. Enter online at www.evoevents.co.nz. Fax, emailed or phone entries will not be accepted.
6. Entries & Changes to be made online via Evoevents.
7. Draw will be available at www.evoevents.co.nz

Scratchings, Withdrawals and Refunds

All scratching and withdrawals MUST be notified by text/email to the Entries Secretary.

Applications for refund/credit must be submitted in writing, stating rider name, ESNZ registrations and horse's name/s to Sonya McLachlan via email sonya_heineman@hotmail.com ***Please also state if you would like a **refund** or a **credit** to your EE Account that can be used for entering future Dressage Otago Events.

Final date for refund applications - **Wednesday 11th March 2026.**

Conditions of withdrawal from the event before close of entries.

- Competitors that withdraw prior to close of entries are still liable for online entry fees.
- \$10 Administration fee is non-refundable and will be retained by Dressage Otago.
- All other fees paid will be refunded.

Conditions of withdrawal from the event after close of entries.

- Stabling will be 100% refunded if notified prior to 5th March 2026.
- Yarding will be 100% refunded.
- Online entry fee will not be refunded.
- \$10 Administration fee is non-refundable and will be retained by Dressage Otago.
- Competitors unable to provide a vet or doctors certificate will receive no ground fee or entry fee refund.
- If a doctor or vet certificate is provided ground fee and entry fees will be refunded less 20% per horse.
- 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.
- Special applications for refunds can be presented to the OC for consideration.

Entry & Event Fees

See Schedule of Classes for Entry Fees for Classes/Grades

Horse Accommodation

Stables	\$30 for event
Covered Yards	\$30 for event
Open Yards	\$15 for event

Ground Fee

Per Horse/Pony	\$17.50 per day or \$35 for event
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Administration Fee

Per Horse/Pony	\$10 Non-Refundable for event
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Event Reception Opening Hours

The event reception is situated within the Pavilion, please address all queries to this area.

The event reception will be open one hour prior to the start of the first class and will close one hour after the completion of the last class each day.

Important Contact Details

For Emergencies Dial 111

AED Location - In the toilets, on the wall, at the end of the veranda left of the main office block.

24 Hour Medical – Dunedin Urgent Doctors 8.00am to 10.00pm Ph: 03 479 2900. After 10pm Dunedin Hospital ER

Local Vet – Vetlife – 03 489 5540

Feed – PGG Wrightson Outram, 28 Holyhead Street, Outram, Ph: 03 486 2991, Open Mon-Fri 8.00am -5.00pm
Farmlands, 107 Dukes Road, Mosgiel, Ph: 03 489 0850, Open Fri 7.30am -5.30pm, Sat & Sun 9.00am-3.00pm

Stable Manager – Sonya McLachlan Ph: 027 227 3709

Farrier – TBA

Competition Arena Use, Familiarisation, Lunging & Warm Up

1. All Competition Arenas are closed at all times except for allocated rider's competition ride times.
2. Familiarisation Times – There is no arena familiarisation at this competition.
3. Lunging area will be at the north end of the Mill Creek paddock.
4. No warming up in the car park area.
5. Please refer to the grounds map sent with your rider notes for more details.

Special Awards

Roanoake Trophy – Otago rider highest percentage over the weekend graded classes.

TL MacLean South Island Points Prize - This Competition is the final of the **TL MacLean South Island Points Prize**

Desiree Bond Sportsmanship Award – Nominations to the box in the office over the weekend.

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- Open to all Thoroughbreds who are registered with the NZ Thoroughbred Studbook.
- Horses can be registered or unregistered with ESNZ.
- Best two tests from each Dressage Otago Tournaments will count towards points (maximum of 8 tests). March tournament only. Saturday and Sunday morning tests eligible to count towards points.
- Entry Fee of \$15 to be paid once for inclusion in the accumulator payable at time of entry via EvoEvents.
- Prizes – 1st = Rug and \$300, 2nd = \$150, 3rd = \$100 and 4th = \$50 plus a Rosette for each placing.
- Presentation to be made at the March 2026 Dressage Tournament.
- If there is an equal placing the combination with the Highest average % will be the winner.
- Points allocated as per the table below.
- Enter class 950 on Evo Events

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% Points	Unregistered	Prelim – Elem & Para NZ	Med – Adv. Med & Para FEI	Adv. Med & Above
Less than 57%	3	4	5	6
57 - 59.999%	4	5	6	7
60 - 64.999%	5	6	7	8
65 – 69.999%	6	7	8	9
70 % plus	7	8	9	10

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Sponsors & Volunteers

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Horse Identification, Venue, Vehicles, Camping Conditions

1. Approved Dressage NZ Horse/Pony identification numbers must be worn on both sides at all times when warming up and competing.
2. When not competing, it is compulsory that all horses/ponies are identified with ID tags that include persons responsible name and mobile phone number.
3. All yards and stables are to be left properly mucked out. If not a fee of \$50 will be charged.
4. Temporary yarding must comply with ESNZ rules.
5. Stallions must comply with ESNZ Article 133 and must be housed in a stable at all times.
6. Moving horses to unallocated yards or stables is prohibited without permission of the Stable Manager.
7. Please use designated areas for horse waste and all other rubbish to be removed by competitors.
8. No smoking in any buildings or stable areas.
9. Damage to Otago Taieri A&P Society facilities to be reported to the Event Office.
10. The owner or person responsible will be held accountable to cover the cost of any necessary repairs undertaken to damage caused by themselves or their horse.

Dogs

1. Dogs must be kept in the car park area at all times.
2. No dogs are allowed in warm up, competition areas or buildings.
3. Dogs must be on a lead at all times.
4. The owner of the dog will be responsible for the cost of any damage/harm caused by the dog at the competition.

Vehicles & Access

1. Entry is via Gordon Road only. Please keep the gate shut.
2. Speed limit for all vehicles 15 kph.
3. Motorbikes must not be used after 8.30 pm and must be used in accordance with normal road rules.
4. Persons under 16yrs may not use motorbikes.
5. Approved safety helmets must be worn when riding motorbikes at all times.
6. Joy riding on any part of the grounds at any time will not be tolerated.
7. Bicycle helmets must be worn in accordance with NZ road rules.

Camping & Power Sites

1. Parking and camping areas may be defined. Some areas may be restricted to on-site camping/parking only.
2. Trucks and Campervans requesting power must have a valid electrical certificate and under no circumstances will allow other vehicles to connect to their vehicle via extension cords.
3. Please be tidy and use bins for all rubbish – no animal waste in rubbish bins.
4. Waste and grey water tanks must only be emptied in designated wastewater dumps.

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 professional Dressage Coaches assisting in the warmup of competitors and grooms that are in part of or full time employment of a competitor.

Links to ESNZ/DNZ Rules

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

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 National League & Series Conditions

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



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SCHEDULE OF CLASSES - MARCH 2026 AUTUMN TOURNAMENT

Graded Classes

Ponies

Day	Class No	Test		Entry Fee	Prizes
PRELIMINARY PONY LEVEL 1					
Saturday AM	105	PRE 1.A		\$12	Rosettes to 4th
Saturday PM	106	PRE 1.D		\$12	
Sunday AM	107	PRE 1.C		\$12	
Sunday PM	108	PRE 1.B		\$12	
NOVICE PONY LEVEL 2					
Saturday AM	205	NOV 2.A		\$12	Rosettes to 4th
Saturday PM	206	NOV 2.C		\$12	
Sunday AM	207	NOV 2.B		\$12	
Sunday PM	208	NOV 2.A		\$12	

Graded Classes

Horses

PRELIMINARY HORSE LEVEL 1					
Saturday AM	101	PRE 1.A		\$12	Rosettes to 4th
Saturday PM	102	PRE 1.D		\$12	
Sunday AM	103	PRE 1.C		\$12	
Sunday PM	104	PRE 1.B		\$12	
NOVICE HORSE LEVEL 2					
Saturday AM	201	NOV 2.A		\$12	Rosettes to 4th
Saturday PM	202	NOV 2.C		\$12	
Sunday AM	203	NOV 2.B		\$12	
Sunday PM	204	NOV 2.A		\$12	
ELEMENTARY HORSE LEVEL 3					
Saturday AM	301	ELE 3.A		\$12	Rosettes to 4th
Saturday PM	302	ELE 3.C		\$12	
Sunday AM	303	ELE 3.B		\$12	
Sunday PM	304	ELE 3.A		\$12	
MEDIUM HORSE LEVEL 4					
Saturday AM	401	MED 4.A		\$12	Rosettes to 4th
Saturday PM	402	MED 4.C		\$12	
Sunday AM	403	MED 4.B		\$12	
Sunday PM	404	MED 4.A		\$12	
ADVANCED MEDIUM HORSE LEVEL 5					
Saturday AM	501	A/MED 5.A		\$12	Rosettes to 4th
Saturday PM	502	A/MED 5.C		\$12	
Sunday AM	503	A/MED 5.B		\$12	
Sunday PM	504	A/MED 5.A		\$12	
ADVANCED HORSE LEVEL 6					
Saturday AM	601	ADV 6.A		\$12	Rosettes to 4th

Saturday PM	602	ADV 6.C		\$12	
Sunday AM	603	ADV 6.B		\$12	
SMALL TOUR LEVEL 7					
Saturday	701	FEI PSG		\$12	Rosettes to 4th
Sunday AM	702	FEI Int I		\$12	
MEDIUM TOUR LEVEL 8					
Saturday	801	FEI Int A		\$12	Rosettes to 4th
Sunday AM	802	FEI Int B		\$12	
GRAND PRIX LEVEL 9					
Saturday	901	FEI Inter II		\$12	Rosettes to 4th
Sunday AM	902	FEI GP		\$12	

Non Graded Classes

Non Graded Ponies

Day	Class No	Test	Entry Fee	Prizes
INTRODUCTORY PONY NON GRADED LEVEL 0				
Saturday AM	910	Intro A	\$10	Rosettes to 4 th
Saturday PM	911	Intro B	\$10	
Sunday AM	912	Intro A	\$10	
Sunday PM	913	Intro B	\$10	
PRELIMINARY PONY NON GRADED LEVEL 1				
Saturday AM	914	PRE 1.A	\$10	Rosettes to 4 th
Saturday PM	915	PRE 1.D	\$10	
Sunday AM	916	PRE 1.C	\$10	
Sunday PM	917	PRE 1.B	\$10	
NOVICE PONY NON GRADED LEVEL 2				
Saturday AM	918	NOV 2.A	\$10	Rosettes to 4 th
Saturday PM	919	NOV 2.C	\$10	
Sunday AM	920	NOV 2.B	\$10	
Sunday PM	921	NOV 2.A	\$10	
Non Graded Horses				
INTRODUCTORY HORSE NON GRADED LEVEL 0				
Saturday AM	922	Intro A	\$10	Rosettes to 4th
Saturday PM	923	Intro B	\$10	
Sunday AM	924	Intro A	\$10	
Sunday PM	925	Intro B	\$10	
PRELIMINARY HORSE NON GRADED LEVEL 1				
Saturday AM	926	PRE 1.A	\$10	Rosettes to 4 th
Saturday PM	927	PRE 1.D	\$10	
Sunday AM	928	PRE 1.C	\$10	
Sunday PM	929	PRE 1.B	\$10	
NOVICE HORSE NON GRADED LEVEL 2				
Saturday AM	930	NOV 2.A	\$10	Rosettes to 4 th
Saturday PM	931	NOV 2.C	\$10	
Sunday AM	932	NOV 2.B	\$10	
Sunday PM	933	NOV 2.A	\$10	

New for 2025/2026 – Lead Rein classes

Non Graded Ponies

Day	Class No	Test	Entry Fee	Prizes
INTRODUCTORY PONY NON GRADED LEVEL 0				
Saturday AM	940	Intro A	\$10	Rosettes to 4 th
Saturday PM	941	Intro B	\$10	
Sunday AM	942	Intro A	\$10	
Sunday PM	943	Intro B	\$10	

Lead Rein Dressage Competitions

1. Lead Rein Ponies should be safe and suitable.
2. Riders must wear ESNZ approved safety hats and suitable solid shoes or riding boots.
3. Lead rein classes are for child riders on ponies 138cm and under.
4. Riders from the beginning of the calendar year in which they turn five (5) years, until they reach the age of eight (8) years. If a rider turns eight years on or after the 1st of August, they may continue to compete in lead rein classes until 31 July of the following calendar year.
5. Lead rein riders are those as yet unable to ride without assistance from a leader or attendant.
6. Lead rein combinations shall not be expected to canter.
7. Riders taking part in this section are excluded from taking part in other sections of the event.
8. Riders who have competed in any non-lead rein dressage class (graded or non-graded) may not compete in any lead rein class.
9. The lead must be attached to the cavesson of a simple snaffle bridle – also refer to Dressage Saddlery rules Articles 420-430 Inclusive
10. Grass reins, running reins or any type of bearing reins are not permitted.
11. Spurs and whips or canes are not allowed.
12. All other dressage rules be permitted and illegal gear apply.
13. The attendant/leader must be 14 years or over and be able to assist the rider if necessary.
14. The attendant/leader must wear footwear suitable to protect the leader's feet.