



Rider Notes

DRESSAGE TESTS

All Tests are from the new 2023 DNZ test book, FEI or Equestrian Australia Websites.

RESPONSIBILITY

It is the Rider or Persons responsible, obligation to read and understand the conditions for this show. Conditions are published in the schedule.

OFFICIAL START & FINISH TIMES

The official event start time is 12:00pm Friday 19th December 2025. This is the start time for the period of jurisdiction for all Equestrian Sport New Zealand (ESNZ) General Regulations, Veterinary Regulations and ESNZ Dressage rules.

The official finish time will be sixty minutes after the completion of the last class or sixty minutes after the completion of all presentations for the event whichever is the later. Sixty minutes after this is the cut off time for all protests and complaints to be lodged.

OFFICE OPENING HOURS

The Office is located in the Nga Awa Block, Riders please address all queries to the office which is at the front of the building.

Friday	19 th December	4.30pm – 5.30pm
Saturday	20 th December	7.30am – 7.00pm
Sunday	21 st December	7.30am – 3.30pm.

STABLE & YARDING

A stable plan will be posted at the entrance to the top parking area as well as on the wall of the bottom stables by the toilets.

All horses and ponies on the grounds after the official start time must be entered at the event unless arrangements have been made with the OC

Moving horses to unallocated yards or stables is prohibited.

The Stable Manager only may authorise stabling and yarding changes.

Manure from the bottom yards and parking area can be put over the back fence. Manure from the top parking and covered yards must be put in the trailer provided.

There is a very limited supply of wood chips on site so if you have any concerns please bring your own shavings.

HORSE ID NUMBERS & TAGS

Horse/Pony ID Numbers (DR Art 477): From time of arrival on the grounds, Horse/Pony ESNZ Numbers must be worn on both sides (Un-Registered horses see separate note below) of the horse/pony at all times during warm up and competition, and when being ridden or lead in arena familiarisation. All Horses must be identified at all times from time of arrival. ID Tags when horses are not being schooled or competed must show the name of rider or the person responsible and a contact phone number at all times.

HORSES ENTERED IN UN-REGISTERED CLASSES

Riders will need to use their own bridle numbers for the un-registered classes. If your horse has a registered dressage number you must use it. There will be a limited supply of bridle numbers available in the office if you do not have two. If you are really stuck, a simple piece of paper, with your number on it, pinned on each side of your saddle blanket is sufficient.

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 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.

ONSITE HEALTH & TREATMENT PROFESSIONALS

In the event of any health professional treating an animal on the grounds competitors must adhere to rulings as follows. This applies to Physical Therapists, Veterinarians and all types of alternative treatments.

All health professionals and personnel providing treatment must make themselves familiar with the relevant requirements outlined in the current ESNZ Veterinary Regulations.

If the Person Responsible requests the attendance of a private Health Professional, to examine or treat a horse during the event, the Health Professional may do so under the following conditions:

- The person responsible is to complete and lodge an “**Authorisation for Treatment**” form with the Stable Manager prior to Health Professional entering the stables and/or coming in contact with the horse.
- The Stable Manager will escort the Health Professional to the stated horses stable.
- Once treatment is finished the Health Professionals is to complete the form and leave the stable area.

REFUNDS

Will be paid by Direct Credit after the event, please allow 21 days.

MUSICAL FREESTYLES

Please upload your music as an MP3 file to EvoEntries or you can email it to dressagemusicala@gmail.com. All music will be checked prior to the event and you will receive a confirmation email. This must be done by 17th December 2025 after that date you will need to provide a USB with a MP3 or WAV file. Any other formats on CD or USB stick cannot be guaranteed to play. Music must be clearly identified with rider name, horse name, class and level entered and be handed to the office at least half a day prior to class start.

EVENT PRIZEGIVING TIMETABLE

There will be two prizegivings:

The first will be on Saturday at the completion of the Grand Prix Musical and Hobby Horse Dressage. This will be for all Saturday classes and there will be a special guest presenting the prizes. The dress for this is Taihape Tidy, which means that your gumboots should be clean and you can wear Christmas decorations if you wish.

The second will be on Sunday at approx. 12:30pm and will be for any Super Five or Musical classes, Champions and Reserves, Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards as well as any Special Awards. The dress for this will also be Taihape Tidy. All other classes can pick their rosettes up 30mins after the results have been posted.

CONTACTS

For Emergencies Dial 111

Local Vet – Taihape Vets 06 388 0863

Event Manager - Stable Manager – Jenny Pearce 027 235 8325

COMPETITION ARENA USE & FAMILARISATION

All Competition arenas are closed at all times other than designated below.

Once competition arenas have been put up no horse may enter them without permission from the Technical Delegate.

Any person leading a horse in an arena familiarization, must be wearing a correctly fitting yellow tagged helmet. All horses being lead must wear a bridle with a permitted bit, and with two bridle numbers. A newmarket lead may replace the reins for this purpose.

Arena familiarization is not intended to be used as a full schooling session. Riders need to be considerate of other riders wishing to familiarize their horses. Times below may be adjusted by the Organising Committee. Horses may be hand walked or ridden at walking pace around the exterior of the competition arena unless advised otherwise by the Technical Delegate.

Friday 4:00pm – 5:00pm,

Saturday 7:00am – 7:30am,

PARKING AND PARK LAYOUT

Below is a map of Taihape Memorial Park. Please aware that the Top Parking Area is smaller than usual, so please be considerate when you park. The Bottom Parking Area has had fill delivered but not spread. Also, last summer, there was significant damage done to the area so please be careful and check the area where you want to park.



If you have managed to read to the very end of these rider notes then well done!

Please come to the office to collect your chocolate prize for reading this far!!!!

We hope you have a great competition and.....

Have Fun!