



Rider Notes

Bates NZ Dressage Championships 2026 CDI3*/YR/J/U25 Webb Equestrian NZ Para Equestrian National Championships 2026

RIDERS PACKS

Packs can be collected at the Rider Briefing on Wednesday 4th March 2026.

RIDERS PROFILE NOTES

Please bring completed riders profile notes to the office on Wednesday 4th March 2026.

RESPONSIBILITY

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

It is riders responsibility to check for amendments to the draw. Before arriving at the NEC please check Evoevents.co.nz. From Wednesday evening any changes will be posted on the office window at 5pm (approx.)

Championship results will be displayed in the office as soon as available, as well as on EvoEvents.

OFFICIAL START TIME

The official event start time is 7.00am Wednesday 4th March 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 Rules.

RIDER BRIEFINGS

Wednesday 4th March 2025 – Duncan Equine Arena Upstairs

6.30pm Classic Equestrian Welcome with delicious snack food. All welcome.

7.00pm - Bates Saddles Rider Briefing

To follow Webb Equestrian NZ Para Rider Briefing

To follow Stewards Briefing

EVENT RECEPTION OPENING HOURS

The event reception is situation in the Stadium, Riders please address all queries to this area

Wednesday 4th March 10.00am – 6.00pm

Thursday 5th March 7.00am – 5.30pm

Friday 6th March 7.00am – 7pm

Saturday 7th March 7.30am – 5.30pm

HORSE ID NUMBERS AND TAGS

From time of arrival on the grounds, Horse/Pony ESNZ numbers must be worn at all times on both sides when schooling, working in, at training, arena familiarisation and competing. All horse 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 number at the event where possible.

ACCESS TO THE NEC ON SATURDAY 7th MARCH

Due to the IronMan NZ competition taking place on the 7th March access to the NEC is restricted as the roads surrounding the NEC will be closed due to the bike race. It is requested that anyone who is going off site on Friday night has returned to the NEC by 7.30am on Saturday morning. Anyone trying to access the NEC on Saturday, may face delays of up to 20 minutes as race officials will only allow vehicles to drive down the roads when it is safe to do so. You will also require a vehicle pass to be displayed in your vehicle. Passes are attached with these rider notes, which you can print yourself, or can be collected from the event office.

Anyone who wishes to leave the NEC before the race has finished will only be allowed to turn left at the bottom of Aratiatia road.

WRISTBANDS

All riders and their grooms must wear a wristband to be allowed in the stables and to access all other areas.

Wristbands can be collected from the office on Wednesday 4th March when riders hand in their rider profiles.

STABLES AND YARDING

Some areas are restricted to CDI competitors only.

All horses and ponies on the grounds after the official start time must be entered at the event. Moving horse to unallocated yards or stables is prohibited. The stable manager only may authorise stabling and yarding changes.

Horses are not to be tied to the posts in the paddocks.

Remove all hay and manure and place in allocated manure bins.

Take all other rubbish home with you.

Report any breakages to the office. Repair costs may be invoiced for any breakage not reported.

All washing of horses to be in the wash bays.

TRUCK ENTRANCE & PARKING

Competitor entrance is Gate 3 off Rapids Road. Please park / set up camp as close together as possible to make room for everyone, otherwise you may be asked to move. There are powered sites for all those who requested one. A list of all riders who have requested power will be emailed. A map is on Evo under the view tab for riders to see the yard and power layout. Specific numbers for the powered sites are not allocated.

Parking

1. All trucks and floats must be parked nose-in toward the yards, 3 meters back from the yards
2. New Covered Yards (#500 block): Park nose to the yards, ramps facing the road.
3. The Strip (Old Covered Yards): Park nose to the pipe yards, ramps to the road
4. Grass area before the Walled Yards (muck heap end):
 - Near the hedge: ramps must face the hedge (leave room to unload and for FENZ access).
 - Roadside: ramps must face the road, forming two nose-to-nose rows.

Safety Reminders:

- 1 No unhitched trailers / floats near the #500 yards. Please relocate them to the roadside hedge or far camping area.
- 2 Do not tie horses to unhitched floats

THE NATIONALS GIFT BASKET DRAW

On **Saturday at 12 noon**, one lucky winner will take home a fabulous **Nationals Gift Basket** packed with products and vouchers from our trade village partners.

How to Enter:

- ✓ Spend **\$20 or more** at any participating trade stand – receive **1 entry ticket**
- ✓ Spend **\$40 or more** – receive **2 entry tickets**
- ✓ Pop your ticket into the main draw barrel
- ✓ Be in to win when we draw the prize at **midday Saturday!**

It's that simple!

HERDD HARMONY AWARD

This for the most admirable display of the finesse, balance and trust that this award aims to inspire between horse and rider during competition, along with the respect and camaraderie we wish to foster amongst each other. It will be judged by both the Judges during tests as well as the Stewards.

PRIZEMONEY/REFUNDS

Will be paid by direct credit after the event – please allow 21 days. Please ensure preferred bank account verified on EvoEvents. Please make certain your bank account is verified on EvoEvents or the payment will not go through.

SMOKING/VAPING POLICY

No smoking or vaping is permitted in any part of the stadium, trade area, riding area, or stabling.

MUSICAL FREESTYLES

Your Sound and Lighting will be set up in the Duncan Equine Arena for anyone who would like to listen to their music. Please see Terry during the following times:

Thursday 9.00am – 4.30 pm

Friday 9.00am – 4.30 pm

TRADE VILLAGE & PUBLIC CATERING

Will be situated in the marquee and on the nearby grass area;

Animal Therapeutics	Oakridge Equestrian
Bates Saddles	Prestige Equestrian
Cambridge Equestrian	Saddle and Canter
Classic Equestrian	Summitt Grains Saddlery
Gallant Equestrian	Tackshop.co.nz
Gateshead Equestrian	The Saddlery Store
Highfields Equestrian	Savannahs Catering
Heritage Performance Saddles	Thai Royale
LH Equestrian	McKenzie Brew & Bites
NZ Horse Vans	

EVENT PHOTOGRAPHERS

Official Event Photographer – Libby Law Photography

Event Photographers – Lisa Jones, Jan Sutherland, Christina Goffin

CONTACTS

For Emergencies Dial 111

24hr Medical – Taupo Medical Centre Ltd, 117 Heu Street, Taupo 3330, (07) 378 4080

First Aid Qualified Persons –Medics On Scene on site 19th – 22nd March 2025

Local Vet – Waikato Equine Vets Dr Megan Baine 027 333 2042

Farrier – Lloyd Webb 0274 438 531 or 0273 456 627

Feed Supply - Farmlands, 101 Tauhara Road, Taupo, 3330, Ph. 07 378 2503

Event Secretary – Ken Wilson 021 339843

Sport Manager – Wendy Hamerton, 0272 402 702

Operations Manager – Cassie Freeman 028 85 10 37 02

Stable Manager - Jos Gresham, 0273 221 717

Technical Delegate – Betty Brown 027 244 7819

Chief Steward – Jane Robertson 021 329 576

Rider Representative –TBC

COMPETITION ARENA, FAMILIARISATION AND TRAINING:

All competition arenas and the Oval are closed at all times except as stated below. These times may be updated.

Familiarisation Art 486.4 (ESNZ DR Rules 2024, V13): Horses may be hand walked or ridden at walking pace around the exterior of the competition arenas unless advised otherwise by the Technical Delegate. An approved safety helmet must be worn when leading any horses in hand. Horses must be in a bridle with their bridle numbers on.

Training Art 486.5 (ESNZ DR Rules 2024, V13): : Horses may be ridden in the competition arenas. Bridle numbers must be worn. No horses in these areas outside of these times.

Designated warm up arena is open 7am - 7pm on Wednesday 4th March. On Thurs 5th , Fri 6th and Sat 7th the designated warm up area will close 30mins after the last class has finished. Horses may only be schooled in the designated warm up arena. Horses cannot be led in the warm up arena, art 449.2. Companion horses are not permitted near the competition area. Riders/horses must stay within the competition area (within sight) at all times e.g. cross-country area is out of bounds. This is for your own safety. FEI horses will be allowed to walk in the Oval during competition hours.

Monday 2nd March

Treadlite Arena Open

Tuesday 3rd March

Treadlite Arena Open

Vet Arrival Examinations Approx 2pm CDI/Y/J/U25 riders will be notified of exact time by email

Wednesday 4th March

07.00-19.00 Designated warm up arena open. Location TBC

12noon Arrival Examinations CDI/Y/J/U25 riders will be notified of exact time by email

Wednesday 12 noon arenas available for training. To manage the numbers black-board order for each arena will apply. Combinations to nominate time and choice of arena. For the Duncan Equine arena please see one of the Stewards. For all other arenas please see Debbie & Peter Barke.

This is on a first come basis. Each group will be allocated approx 8mins. FEI horses may ONLY ride in FEI class arena familiarisations, and cannot go to other arena familiarisations.

No further arena time can be negotiated due to need to erect arenas, grooming, watering, staffing commitments and the numbers of horses needed to cater for.

Duncan Equine Arena

12noon – 12.30pm	Young Dressage Horse 4YR 5YR 6YR
12.30pm – 1.30pm	Level 7
1.30pm – 2pm	Level 8
2pm – 2.30pm	CDI3*
2.30pm - 3pm	CDN
3pm – 3.30pm	CDI/Y & CDI U25
3.30pm – 3.50pm	CDI/J
3.50pm – 4.20pm	FEI Pony
4.20pm – 5pm	Para Grade II, IV, V
5.30pm	CDI Trot Up

Summit Grains& Saddlery Arenas 2, 3, 4

1pm– 2pm	Level 3 and Level 5
2pm – 3pm	Level 4 and Level 7
3pm – 3.30pm	Level 6
3.30pm – 3.50pm	CDI Y/J/U25
3.50pm – 4.20pm	FEI Pony

Cambridge Sand Arena 5,6

1pm – 4pm	Level 1 + Level 2 + Level 3	<u>Arena 7</u> Level 2
4pm – 4.30pm	Para Grade II, IV, V	

Thursday 5th March

7am – 7.30am Walk outside ALL arenas

Friday 6th March

7am – 7.30am Walk outside ONLY indoor arena for those competing in the indoor on Friday.

Saturday 7th March

LUNGING

No lunging in the general warm up area. If you need to lunge your horse, please use the Treadlite arena.

GATES

Please note there are a number of gates that are to remain shut, including the road gates. They can be opened for access provided they are closed immediately.

BIKES INCL E BIKES/VEHICLES

Anyone riding an e-bike or e-scooter must take caution and abide by the 5mph speed limit. They must give way and be courteous to horses and riders at all times.

E-bikes, e scooters and motorbikes are not permitted to be driven down to the warm up arena. They should be left in the carpark area, at the end of the Duncan Equine Arena.

Speed limit onsite is 5km. Vehicles including motorcycles must abide by normal road rules, which means the driver must have a valid licence.

Motorbikes must not be used after 8.30 pm and must be used in accordance with normal road rules.

Persons under 16yrs may not use motorbikes or an e-bike or e-scooter.

Approved safety helmets must be worn when riding motorbikes at all times.

Joy riding on any part of the grounds at any time will not be tolerated.

Bicycle helmets must be worn in accordance with NZ road rules.

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, Vets, 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 and FEI 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 the 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 Professional is to complete the form and leave the stable area.

DOGS

1. Dogs must be kept in the truck park at all times
2. Dogs are not permitted in any stable or yarding area, warm up, competition area 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.

FEI RULES

All riders in CDI 3* their responsibility to be familiar with the rules for the FEI competition

[FEI Dressage Rules 2026 Clean Version.pdf](#)

FEI Foreign Riders representative **TBC**

FEI Foreign Judge (TD) Henning Lehrmann

Health Check – All FEI CDI3* / Y / J/U25 horses must present at an arrival examination before being allowed into the FEI stables. ID Books and FEI Passports will be checked, plus general health and condition of horse. This is compulsory FEI Requirement. Horse ID Books & Passports will be held by the Chief Steward at this time.

FEI horses will not be permitted to enter the stables until they have been seen by the Vet.

Other horses stabled in the FEI area will also be subject to the arrival examination and health check. The people responsible for these horses will be emailed separately.

All riders in CDI3*/Y/J/U25 FEI classes must be familiar with and have signed into the FEI Horse App for taking horse temperatures three days prior to arriving at the event and must complete the health declaration on the app. Must have completed the health declaration doc on FEI app prior to arrival.

5.30pm Wednesday 4th March.

Horse inspection – the trot up for all FEI CDI3*, CDIY, CDIJ & CDIU25 horses will be in the indoor arena beginning with the CDI 3* horses and followed by the CDIY, then the CDIJ and finally the CDIU25. The trot up order will be emailed to riders.

Any rider who wishes another person to trot up their horse must have specific permission from the FEI ground jury prior to the inspection. The rider must also be present while their horse is inspected.

Handlers may only carry a whip of up to 120cm only, if necessary.

Young riders and Junior riders must wear approved safety helmets. All others are recommended to do so.

All horses must have 2 bridle numbers at the horse inspection.

The Draw for the first day of competition for the CDI 3* & CDIY/J/U25 will be held in the event office immediately following the horse inspection.

PRESENTATIONS – (subject to change, please check the office for updates)

DATE	LOCATION	TIME (APPROX)	CLASSES
THURSDAY 5 th	UPSTAIRS MEZZANINE	6PM	101,201,301,401,501,601,701,801,901,902 910,923,933, 953, 1001, 1002, 1003
Dunstan Horses Feeds Presentations			
			SUPER 5 FINALS
			PARA 152,154,155
FRIDAY 6 th	DUNCAN EQUINE INDOOR	AFTER THE JUDGING	4YR OLD, 5YR OLD, 6YR OLD Mounted
NZ Hanoverian Presentations		AFTER THE JUDGING	904 CDI MFS Mounted
	UPSTAIRS MEZZANINE	6.45PM	102, 104, 202,204, 302,304, 402,502, 602,702,802, 905
			911,924,934,954
			PARA 162, 164,165
			PRO AM LEVELS 6,7,8,9
			BRONZE & SILVER CHAMPIONSHIPS
			NZ Hanoverian Awards
SATURDAY 7 th			TBC Please see information in the office and pinned up during the event