

Dressage Southland

February Tournament

Sponsored by



Gore A & P Showgrounds

21 & 22 February 2026

Entries Close: Midnight Friday 30 January 2026 at <https://www.evoevents.co.nz/>

All enquiries:

To the Event Secretary: Sharon Muirhead, dscompetitionsecretary@gmail.com, 027 275 1934

Stable and Yard Manager: Taina Fairbairn – Phone 027 229 3212

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Important Information

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- ESNZ Registration for Graded Classes:** Entries will not be accepted without full ESNZ rider and horse registrations current to the 22 February 2026. All classes may be entered using a flexi start.
 - 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 Full or Introductory ESNZ member current to the 22 February 2026 or pay a Casual membership fee of \$16.30 per event. Horses and Ponies may be registered or non-registered.
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- 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 (2024) ESNZ GR's, VR's & ESNZ Rules for Dressage.
- Official start time:** The official event start time is 7am – 21 February 2026. This is the start time for the period of jurisdiction for all Equestrian Sport New Zealand (ESNZ) General Regulations and ESNZ Dressage rules.
- 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:** Must be lodged within 60 minutes of the official finish time in writing including a fee of \$50.00.
- 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 November 2025 for the 2024/2025 season.

9. **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.
10. **Dressage Tests:** All tests are from DNZ Test book version 2023 or FEI Website.
11. **Prize Money:** There will be no prize money at this tournament – rosettes only

Event Conditions

1. **Amendments:** The organising committee reserves the right to refuse entries, cancel the event, alter the programme/schedule and/or prize money 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. **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.
4. **Riders with more than two horses:** 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.
5. Maximum entries 3 tests per horse/pony per day.
6. **Hats:** ESNZ approved riding hats must be worn at all times when mounted.
7. **Non Competing Horses:** All horses and ponies on the grounds after the official start time must be entered at the event unless the organising committee gives permission otherwise.
8. Stallions must comply with ESNZ Article 430 and must be housed in a stable at all times.
9. **Entries will be limited to 100 riders.**
10. **Liability:**
 - a. Competitors and spectators attending this event do so at their own risk.
 - b. Gore A & P, ESNZ, Dressage NZ or Dressage Southland 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 whatsoever. Any insurance excess is to be paid by competitor/spectator.
 - c. Gore A & P, ESNZ, Dressage NZ or Dressage Southland shall 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.
11. **Health & Safety:**
 - a) ESNZ, Dressage NZ and Dressage Southland 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) Competitor or Exhibitor must comply with the 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 Southland and Gore A & P 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.
12. **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. Medical clearance must be obtained before remounting or competing.
<https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/safety/concussion>
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13. **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/esnz-rules/>

Entry Conditions

1. Entries Close **Friday 30 January 2026.**
2. Enter online at www.evoevents.co.nz
3. No late entries.
4. Direct credit payments must be made at time of entry to be accepted.
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6. Direct Credit account number **ASB 123434 0033890 00** with name & rider ESNZ Registration number as reference.
7. Draw will be available online with Evoevents & sent out via email prior week to competition.
8. Refunds: Full refund before closing date, however you will still be liable for Online entry fee. After closing date refunds must be made in writing accompanied by a doctor/vet/farrier certificate within one month after tournament date. Refunds without a certificate will be at the committees discretion. (Online entry fee & Ground/Admin fee will be retained).

Entry & Event Fees

Stables	\$25 for duration of event
Covered Yards	\$25 for duration of event
Open Yards	\$10 for duration of event
Administration fee (per horse)	\$25 for event
1-day Administration fee (per horse)	\$15

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Important Contact Details

Emergencies - 111

24 Hour Medical – Gore Hospital (03) 209 3030 A & E

Local Vet – VetSouth (03) 209 0101

Farrier – TBC

Event Managers - TBA

Event Secretary – Sharon Muirhead 027 275 1934

Stable and Yard Manager – Tania Fairbairn 027 229 3212

Sponsors & Volunteers

We ask that all competitors spend some time to thank our sponsors and volunteers that support Dressage in NZ, either in writing or in person during the show. Volunteer thanks can be directed to the event office or event manager. Without the generous support we receive from these individuals and businesses, the cost to competitors would be considerably increased.

Horse Identification, Venue, Vehicles, Camping Conditions

Approved Dressage NZ Horse/Pony identification numbers must be worn at all times when competing.

1. When not competing, it is compulsory that horses/ponies are identified with ID tags also that include, person responsible name and mobile phone contact number.
2. Unregistered horses must have ID tags with Owners Name & Phone number.
3. Temporary yarding must comply with ESNZ rules.
4. No smoking in any buildings or stable areas.
5. Dogs must be on a lead from the time they enter the showgrounds.

6. Speed limit for all vehicles 10km.
7. 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.
8. Motorbikes must not be used after 8.30 pm and must be used in accordance with normal road rules.
9. Persons under 16 yrs may not use motorbikes.
10. Bicycle helmets must be worn in accordance with NZ road rules.
11. Please be aware that, if parking beside arenas, you must be parked 1/2hr before the official starting time and can only leave during a lunch break or at the end of the tournament. No vehicles can load or unload horses or be moving while riders are warming up & competing.

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/>

Local Sponsors

We have the following amazing local sponsors for this tournament, please acknowledge them

Tournament Sponsor	Mataura Licensing Trust	office@mltgore.co.nz
Preliminary Horse	CM Equestrian	cmequestriannz@gmail.com
Preliminary Pony	Saddlery Warehouse Invercargill	blairandstacey@yahoo.com
Novice Horse	Vet South Equine	south@vetsouth.co.nz
Novice Pony	Saddlery Warehouse Invercargill	blairandstacey@yahoo.com
Elementary Horse	Jump 4 Joy NZ	sales@showjumps.co.nz
Elementary Pony	Saddlery Warehouse Invercargill	blairandstacey@yahoo.com
Medium Horse	Excel Equine	hello@excelequine.co.nz
Medium Pony	Saddlery Warehouse Invercargill	blairandstacey@yahoo.com
Advanced Medium	Kiwi Arena Rakes	sales@kiwiarenarake.com
Advanced	Patrons Prize	normalan@gmail.com
Small to Big Tour	Regional Ford Gore	nabernethy@regionalford.co.nz
Non Grading Intro & Prelim	Steepdown Horses	samantha.spaans@yahoo.co.nz
Non Grading Novice	JC Farrier Services	
Non Grading Elem & Above	Epynt Trust	lucy.mckelvie@menzies.school.nz
Sanoussie Trophy	Peters Genetics	jeannettespylaw@gmail.com

Peters Genetics Sanoussie Trophy – Class 903

Futurity Stakes for the Sanoussie Trophy. Open to Preliminary & Novice horses & ponies.

Test may be called.

Entry fee; \$20

1st \$60, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$30, 4th \$20, 5th \$18, 6th \$16 – 16 Rosettes to 6th place.

TL McLean LTD SI Points Prize will operate at this tournament

Schedule of Classes

PRELIMINARY PONY – Sponsored by Saddlery Warehouse Invercargill

Saturday	101	PRE 1.A		\$15				
Saturday	102	PRE 1.C		\$15				
Sunday	103 s	PRE 1.B		\$15				
				Rosettes to 4 th				

PRELIMINARY HORSE – Sponsored by CM Equestrian

Saturday	105	PRE 1.A		\$15				
Saturday	106	PRE 1.C		\$15				
Sunday	107	PRE 1.B		\$15				
				Rosettes to 4 th				

NOVICE PONY - Sponsored by Saddlery Warehouse Invercargill

Saturday	201	NOV 2.A		\$15				
Saturday	202	NOV 2.C		\$15				
Sunday	203	NOV 2.B		\$15				
				Rosettes to 4 th				

NOVICE HORSE – Sponsored by Vet South Equine

Saturday	205	NOV 2.A		\$15				
Saturday	206	NOV 2.C		\$15				
Sunday	207	NOV 2.B		\$15				
				Rosettes to 4 th				

ELEMENTARY PONY - Sponsored by Saddlery Warehouse Invercargill

Saturday	301	ELE 3.A		\$15				
Saturday	302	ELE 3.C		\$15				
Sunday	303	ELE 3.B		\$15				
				Rosettes to 4 th				

ELEMENTARY HORSE – Sponsored by Jump 4 Joy NZ

Saturday	305	ELE 3.A		\$15				
Saturday	306	ELE 3.C		\$15				
Sunday	308	ELE 3.B		\$15				
				Rosettes to 4 th				

MEDIUM PONY– LEVEL 4 - Sponsored by Saddlery Warehouse Invercargill

Saturday	401	MED 4.A		\$15				
Saturday	402	MED 4.C		\$15				
Sunday	403	MED 4.B		\$15				
				Rosettes to 4 th				

MEDIUM HORSE – LEVEL 4 – Sponsored by Excel Equine

Saturday	405	MED 4.A		\$15				
Saturday	406	MED 4.C		\$15				
Sunday	407	MED 4.B		\$15				
				Rosettes to 4 th				

ADVANCED MEDIUM – Level 5 - *Sponsored by Kiwi Arena Rakes*

Saturday	501	A/MED 5.A		\$15				
Saturday	502	A/MED 5.C		\$15				
Sunday	503	A/MED 5.B		\$15				

Rosettes to 4th

ADVANCED – *Sponsored by Patrons Prize*

Saturday	601	ADV 6.A		\$15				
Saturday	602	ADV 6.C		\$15				
Sunday	603	ADV 6.B		\$15				

Rosettes to 4th

SMALL TOUR – *Sponsored by Regional Ford Gore*

Saturday	701	FEI PSG 2022		\$15				
Sunday	702	FEI Inter I 2022		\$15				

Rosettes to 4th

MEDIUM TOUR - *Sponsored by Regional Ford Gore*

Saturday	801	FEI Int A 2022		\$15				
Sunday	802	FEI Inter B 2022		\$15				

Rosettes to 4th

GRAND PRIX LEVEL - *Sponsored by Regional Ford Gore*

Saturday	901	FEI Inter II 2022		\$15				
Sunday	902	FEI GP 2022		\$15				

Rosettes to 4th

SANOUSSIE TROPHY – *Sponsored by Peters Genetics*

Saturday	903	2.B		\$20	\$60	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$18	\$16
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Open to Graded Preliminary & Novice Ponies & Horses. Test may be called.

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GENIUS TROPHY – *Donated & Sponsored by Marlene Parkinson & Fox Family*

Saturday	904	Young Dressage Horse – Open to 4 year old horse – Freestyle test of maximum 5 minutes to show off the potential of horse suitable for dressage – Non Grading	Sash for Winner from 4, 5 & 6yr old classes, rosettes to 4th Entry Fee \$13
Saturday	905	Young Dressage Horse – Open to 5 year old horse – Freestyle test of maximum 5 minutes to show off the potential of horse suitable for dressage – Non Grading	
Saturday	906	Young Dressage Horse – Open to 6 year old horse – Freestyle test of maximum 5 minutes to show off the potential of horse suitable for dressage – Non Grading	

NON-GRADING CLASSES

- Please refer to the conditions above plus the following which is just relevant to the non-grading classes:
- All riders must be a member of ESNZ.
- Rider/Horse combinations that have been registered must compete in current grade
- Plaiting/Jackets optional – Pony Club uniform or tidy attire acceptable.
- Entry Fee \$15 per class unless otherwise stated.
- Prizes – Rosettes to 4th (No Prize Money)
- Administration Fee (per horse) \$25 for event
- 1-day Administration fee (per horse) \$15

• NON GRADED INTRODUCTORY PONY - <i>Sponsored by Steepdown Horses</i>				ENTRY FEE
Saturday	910	INTRO A		\$15
Saturday	911	INTRO B		\$15
Sunday	912	INTRO A		\$15
				Rosettes to 4 th
NON GRADED INTRODUCTORY HORSE - <i>Sponsored by Steepdown Horses</i>				ENTRY FEE
Saturday	914	INTRO A		\$15
Saturday	915	INTRO B		\$15
Sunday	916	INTRO A		\$15
				Rosettes to 4 th
NON GRADED PRELIMINARY PONY - <i>Sponsored by Steepdown Horses</i>				ENTRY FEE
Saturday	918	PRE 1A		\$15
Saturday	919	PRE 1C		\$15
Sunday	920	PRE 1B		\$15
				Rosettes to 4 th
NON GRADED PRELIMINARY HORSE - <i>Sponsored by Steepdown Horses</i>				ENTRY FEE
Saturday	922	PRE 1A		\$15
Saturday	923	PRE 1C		\$15
Sunday	924	PRE 1B		\$15
				Rosettes to 4 th
NON GRADED NOVICE PONY - <i>Sponsored by JC Farrier Services</i>				ENTRY FEE
Saturday	926	NOV 2A		\$15
Saturday	927	NOV 2C		\$15
Sunday	928	NOV 2B		\$15
				Rosettes to 4 th
NON GRADED NOVICE HORSE - <i>Sponsored by JC Farrier Services</i>				ENTRY FEE
Saturday	930	NOV 2A		\$15
Saturday	931	NOV 2C		\$15
Sunday	932	NOV 2B		\$15
				Rosettes to 4 th
NON GRADED ELEMENTARY - <i>Sponsored by Epynt Trust</i>				ENTRY FEE
Saturday	934	ELE 3A		\$15
Saturday	935	ELE 3C		\$15
Sunday	936	ELE 3B		\$15
				Rosettes to 4 th

NON GRADED MEDIUM - <i>Sponsored by Epynt Trust</i>				ENTRY FEE
Saturday	938	MED 4A		\$15
Saturday	939	MED 4C		\$15
Sunday	940	MED 4B		\$15
				Rosettes to 4 th
NON GRADED ADVANCED MEDIUM - <i>Sponsored by Epynt Trust</i>				ENTRY FEE
Saturday	942	A/MED 5A		\$15
Saturday	943	A/MED 5C		\$15
Sunday	944	A/MED 5B		\$15
				Rosettes to 4 th
NON GRADED ADVANCED - <i>Sponsored by Epynt Trust</i>				ENTRY FEE
Saturday	946	ADV 6A		\$15
Saturday	947	ADV 6C		\$15
Sunday	948	ADV 6B		\$15
				Rosettes to 4 th
SMALL TOUR - LEVEL 7-9 – <i>Sponsored by Epynt Trust</i>				ENTRY FEE
Saturday	949	TOC		\$15
Sunday	950	TOC		\$15
				Rosettes to 4 th

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- 1 & 2 November 2025
- 5, 6 & 7 December 2025
- 11 January 2026
- 21 & 22 February 2026 (double points Sunday Morning)

Conditions:

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- Riders will be automatically entered
- Downgraded horses are eligible
- Combinations may accumulate points in multiple levels however are only eligible to win/place in one level which will be determined by the level that combination has gained the highest placing.
- Points are allocated 20 for 1st to 1 for 20th and a bonus point for winners in each test.
- Sunday 22 February 2026 – tests are worth double points, prizegiving Sunday Lunch time

Prize Money plus Rosettes to 4th in each section

- 1st - \$150
- 2nd - \$100
- 3rd - \$75
- 4th - \$50
- Any Dressage Southland Trophies will be awarded in each section to the highest scoring Southland Rider

This tournament is part of the 2025-2026 Dressage Southland Non Grading Accumulator Series

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Rosettes to 4th in following sections

- Intro Pony
- Intro Horse
- Prelim Pony
- Prelim Horse
- Novice Pony
- Novice Horse
- Elementary & Above