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YOUNG EVENT HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP

INCORPORATING SI YOUNG EVENT PONY CHAMPIONSHIP



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Online Entries: www.evovevents.co.nz **Entries Close:** Friday 27th March 2026

Classes:

1 - FMG & Tallyho Stud 4 and 5 year old Young Event Pony	Entry Fee: \$80
2 - Melwood Equestrian 4 year old Young Event Horse	Entry Fee: \$80
3 - Melwood Equestrian 5 year old Young Event Horse	Entry Fee: \$80

Format: There are four tests: Dressage, Jumping/Cross Country, Gallop, and Conformation.

- *Dressage test:* Worth 30% of the total mark. To be judged on paces, trainability, athleticism
- *Jumping/XC:* Worth 40% of the total mark. To be judged on style, ability, and athleticism
- *Gallop:* Worth 15% of the total mark. To be judged on suitability for cross country.
- *Conformation:* Worth 15% of the total mark. To be judged on type and correct conformation that would constitute longevity.

Eligibility:

- Horses can compete on ESNZ Casual Equine Registration (\$5.15).
- Riders can compete on ESNZ Introductory or Casual Membership (\$16.30) if not Full ESNZ Members.
- Horses need to be 4 years old or 5 years old on the 1st of August. Riders need to provide proof of age for National or Island Young Horse events (Breed registry or similar).
- Horses must be 15hh or over.
- Ponies must be UNDER 15hh.
- Should there be an oversubscription of entries, preference will be given to horses/ponies that have completed a CEN80 or higher in the current or preceding year.



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VERIFY YOUR HORSES BREED:

All horses must have verification or breed papers. These should be uploaded to ESNZ and the event management system by the date of close of entries or the entry may not be accepted.

To check if your horse's breeding is verified, head to Evo Events, go into "My Account" and click on the "Detail" button for your horse's name. If it shows "breeding not verified" simply email a copy of the breeding papers / stud book papers / passport to ESNZ – nzef@nzequestrian.org.nz

The ESNZ team will ensure the details are updated and verified on both the ESNZ database and FEI database.

Don't have papers or breeding verification for your horse? There are avenue's for all horses to have your horses breeding verified:

1. NZ Hanoverian Society
2. NZ Warmblood Association
3. NZ Thoroughbred (loveracing.co.nz)
4. Sport and Performance Horse Association of NZ (www.sphanz.co.nz)
5. Or via your horses breed society i.e. Irish Draught Association

For more information, you can visit the ESNZ website [here](#)



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Rider: Horse must be ridden by the same rider in all tests.

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Dressage: As per ESNZ Eventing dressage. Snaffle bridle compulsory. No whips. No boots on horses.

Jumping: As per ESNZ Eventing Cross Country Boots: Must comply with Young Horse Boot rule. 104

Dress: As per ESNZ Eventing Rules for each test, however, a body protector must be worn for the jumping/cross country. Jumping attire may be worn for the Dressage if there is little time between each test. Since cross country jumps are in the jumping section a Body Protector must be worn during the jumping and galloping test. For the dressage, test dress is as ESNZ Eventing test however if there is little time between, dress may be as for jumping.

Explanatory Notes

In the dressage phase, unlike a normal dressage test, we are not assessing the state of training, and marks are not given for individual movements. Therefore the judge may stand wherever they will get the best view. Three correct, elastic, and regular paces through a swinging back are what we are looking for. The judge will have to weigh up the influence of the rider; a good rider may present a well-balanced, smooth test from perhaps a moderate, unscopey horse / pony, while a novice rider may even hinder a good horse / pony from showing its true worth. It is the horse's / pony's and not the rider's real potential that we are looking for. Likewise, in the jumping section a weak horse / pony may rattle three or four fences but jump clear while a good one might have a fence down, through inexperience, and then show an improved useful technique. It is the latter we are interested in.

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Dressage Test (60x20 Arena):

Test to be ridden from memory

A Enter at Working Trot

X Halt. Salute and proceed at Working

Trot C Track left

A Working Trot 20-metre circle

FXH Change Rein. Show some lengthened strides

H Working Trot

MBF Show some lengthened strides

F Working Trot

Between A & K Working canter

E Circle 20 metres

E-M Working Canter

MXK Change Rein At X Working Trot

Between A&F Working Canter

B Circle 20 metres

M Working Trot

CHX Medium Walk

X Long rein

A Leave Arena at Walk



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Prizes

- The champion over the two horse classes will receive a dress rug, special sash & products from Melwood Equestrian and place getters will also receive sashes & products from Melwood Equestrian.
- A special sash for best placed 4 & 5 year old.
- A special sash for the highest Placed Mare.
- A special sash for the best performed Thoroughbred proudly sponsored by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing.
- The champion pony will receive a dress rug and sash from FMG & Tallyho Stud and places getters will also receive sashes.

