



NORTH ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS HORSE TRIALS EVENT in association with Kihikihi Horse Trials

RULES & INFORMATION for this event.

Venue: NEC, Rapids Road, Aratiatia, Taupo

Event Date: 23rd & 24th May 2026

Entry Fee: \$120 + \$10 (Non refundable Entry & Admin Fee) + \$6.50 Start Fee per rider

TEAM ENTRY:

All entries via www.evoevents.co.nz. Entries close on 13th May 2026, if we are full we will close earlier.

No entries will be accepted after this date. No entries will be accepted without payment.

- Entries will not be accepted if competitors do not have Principals' approval.
- **Direct Credit to account 12 3072 0269897 00 stating name of school.**
- **CANCELLATION DUE TO COVID 19 OR AN EXTREME WEATHER EVENT**, If in the Organising Committee's reasonable opinion, a change in the COVID-19 restrictions and/or alert level status in Auckland or NZ, or an Extreme Weather Event, after the close of entries and prior to the start of the event, causes event cancellation or amendment, a minimum of 50% of entry fees will be refunded.

• RULES AND REGULATIONS

TEAMS:

- This Event will be run under ESNZ Eventing Rules V9 dated 1st August 2025 incl Annex 5 (NZPCA)
- There will be a maximum of 38 teams of 4 riders per team. Teams may be made up of A, A & B or B riders.
- Teams must enter one of the following classes and will only be eligible for placing in the class entered-
Class 1 – All A riders 95cm Class 2 – A and B riders Class 3 – All B riders 80cm
- Each school may enter 2 teams. Acceptance of further teams will be decided at close of entries. Managers will be notified.
- If more than one team is entered by a school, no rider or horse may be entered in more than one team.
- The riders are to be from Years 9-13 in any combination and be full time secondary school students.
- Refunds as per ESNZ Eventing Rules 646.
- School Sport New Zealand Eligibility Rules – link [here](#)

COMPOSITE TEAMS:

If a school does not have enough riders to form a team, names can be submitted to be considered for composite teams. Composite teams will be formed by the Committee, in consultation with SSNZ.

ELIGIBILITY FOR A-B COURSES:

Any combination who has completed a Training Pony Club ODE and above, must ride over the A course. B Riders should be competing at Pre Training Level.

UNIFORM:

- ESNZ approved helmets must be worn at all times and must be tagged. (Yellow)
- Appropriate school uniform must be worn (please note formal jackets are not permitted)
- Long sleeved shirts or jerseys must be worn for any jumping phase.
- Back Protectors compulsory for the Cross Country and must be tagged. (Red)
- There is **NO** facility to Tag competitors equipment at the event. **No Tag = No Riding.**

ADMINISTRATION:

- Each school must provide a Team Manager who will be present at the competition and responsible for the riders having the correct approved equipment.
- Each team needs to supply 2 helpers for the competition. Duties will include XC jump judges, writers and marshals.

DRESSAGE:

- *Dressage - Carrying a whip of any kind is forbidden.*
- *Gloves are compulsory.*
- *Per ESNZ Rules Article 658:1 - 80cm tests can be commanded.*

DRESSAGE TEST: ESNZ Non Graded Test L:2 (2009) refer ESNZ Rule 658. Arenas are 20 x 40

CROSS COUNTRY: ESNZ Article 666

- Stops and refusals: All riders who have either 3 stops at one fence or 4 stops overall on the XC course **MUST** retire & walk home. It is the riders responsibility to know this rule.
- Back Protectors: **MUST** be worn for X Country phase, Air vest, if worn, must be worn with a Back Protector underneath.
- ESNZ Article 666 - Scoring NZPCA Annex 5. Fall of athlete on the XC course - Elimination (You **MUST** retire & walk home - either mounted or unmounted).

Technical level will be Pony Club 80cm or 95cm Level.

There will be 2 cross country courses.

Course A

Height – max. 95cm

Speed – 425 m per minute

Distance – approx. 1800-2500m

NB. Riders eliminated on the XC **must** not continue on the course, and walk home, as per ESNZ Rules – Article 642.

Course B

Height – max. 80cm

Speed – 375m per minute

Distance – approx. 1400 -2300m

SHOWJUMPING:

Course A

Height – max 95cm

Speed – 300m per minute

Distance – approx. 400m

Course B

Height – max. 80cm

Speed – 300m per minute

Distance – approx. 400m

DISPUTES PROCEDURES/PROTEST:

1. The Chief XC Judge is appointed to receive and deal with written protests.
2. A written protest from the Team Manager must be received within half an hour of the posting results, upon receipt of a \$40 protest fee. This fee is refundable if successful.
3. The Chief XC Judge will confer with the Jump Judge and Technical Delegate.
4. The protesting party shall be comprised of a Team Manager and rider only, and may discuss the protest with the Technical Delegate in an appropriate place.
5. If a decision cannot be made per Section 1-4, then the Ground Jury will confer. Ground jury will consist of Chief XC Judge, Dressage & SJ Judges as appointed on the day.

AWARDS: Prize Giving will be mounted

- To be awarded in each section.
- Trophies will only be awarded to teams with riders from the same school. With the exception of Team Spirit, this can be awarded to any team.
- Overall trophy will be presented to the winning Class 1 (A riders) team.

- Rosettes will be presented to teams with the winning score even if riders are from different schools.
 - Dressage rosettes and trophy 1st to 4th will be presented to the winning teams from classes 1,2,3 with the three best scores counting.
- Class1 (A riders) Rosette's 1st to 4th Overall
Class 2 (A-B Riders) Rosette's 1st to 4th Overall
Class 3 (B riders) Rosette's 1st to 4th Overall

QUERIES & YARDING: Open Day Yard - \$10/event, Open Yard - \$24/event, Paddock - \$32/event, Covered Yard - \$52/event, Unpowered Camping - \$30/event, Powered Camping - \$50/event. This is based on staying 2 x nights.

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