

Dressage Southland

Presents

Have A Go Day Saturday and Graded Day Sunday

Gore A & P Showgrounds

21 & 22 March 2026

Entries Close: Midnight Friday 6 March 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 March 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 12 January 2025 or pay a Casual membership fee of \$16.30 per event. Horses and Ponies may be registered or non-registered.
Horses and Ponies maybe registered, use a flexi start or not be registered.
- 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 March 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.
- 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.
- Dressage Tests:** All tests are from DNZ Test book version 2023 or FEI Website.
- 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/https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/safety/concussion/>
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 6 March 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.
5. Direct Credit account number **ASB 123434 0033890 00** with name & rider ESNZ Registration number as reference.
6. Draw will be available online with Evoevents & sent out via email prior week to competition.
7. 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

Preliminary Pony	Saddlery Warehouse Invercargill	blairandstacey@yahoo.com
Preliminary Horse	CM Equestrian	cmequestriannz@gmail.com
Novice Pony	Saddlery Warehouse Invercargill	blairandstacey@yahoo.com
Novice Horse	Vet South Equine	warrick.low@vetsouth.co.nz
Elementary Pony	Saddlery Warehouse Invercargill	blairandstacey@yahoo.com
Elementary Horse	Jump 4 Joy NZ	sales@showjumps.co.nz
Medium Horse	Excel Equine	hello@excelequine.co.nz
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

Holyport Trophy: Sponsored by Rachel & Craig McCallum

Horse/Pony must be owned or regularly ridden by the competitor. Riders under 21yrs. Horse/Pony does not need to be registered – non grading

Saturday Schedule

Arena Time: These sessions have been very popular in the past so they are once again on offer, a great chance to get in the arena before competition day on Sunday (**This can include running through your musical – Please state on entry**)

Morning

Class 1 Arena Time on own (20 mins)
Class 2 Musical – with your own music – (20 mins)

Entry Fee

\$20
\$20

Schedule of Graded Classes - Sunday

PRELIMINARY PONY – <i>Sponsored by Saddlerly Warehouse Invercargill</i>								
Sunday	101	PRE 1.A		\$15				
Sunday	102	PRE 1.B		\$15				
				Rosettes to 4th				
PRELIMINARY HORSE – <i>Sponsored by CM Equestrian</i>								
Sunday	103	PRE 1.A		\$15				
Sunday	104	PRE 1.B		\$15				
				Rosettes to 4th				
NOVICE PONY - <i>Sponsored by Saddley Warehouse Invercargill</i>								
Sunday	201	NOV 2.A		\$15				
Sunday	202	NOV 2.B		\$15				
				Rosettes to 4th				
NOVICE HORSE – <i>Sponsored by Vet South Equine</i>								
Sunday	203	NOV 2.A		\$15				
Sunday	204	NOV 2.B		\$15				
				Rosettes to 4 th				
ELEMENTARY – <i>Sponsored by Jump 4 Joy NZ</i>								
Sunday	301	ELE 3.A		\$15				
Sunday	302	ELE 3.B		\$15				
				Rosettes to 4 th				
MEDIUM – <i>Sponsored by Excel Equine</i>								
Sunday	401	MED 4.A		\$15				
Sunday	402	MED 4.B		\$15				
				Rosettes to 4th				
ADVANCED MEDIUM – <i>Sponsored by Kiwi Arena Rakes</i>								
Sunday	501	A/MED 5.A		\$15				
Sunday	502	A/MED 5.B		\$15				
				Rosettes to 4 th				
ADVANCED – <i>Sponsored by Patrons Prize</i>								
Sunday	601	ADV 6.A		\$15				
Sunday	602	ADV 6.B		\$15				
				Rosettes to 4th				

SMALL TOUR & Above – <i>Sponsored by Regional Ford Gore</i>									
Sunday	701	TOC		\$15					
				Rosettes to 4 th					
HOLYPORT TROPHY – <i>Sponsored by Rachel & Craig McCallum</i>									
Holyport Trophy	900	2.A		\$10					
Horse/Pony must be owned or regularly ridden by the competitor. Riders under 21yrs. Horse/Pony does not need to be registered – non grading					Rosette's 1 st – 5 th				

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
- New combinations that include a horse that has been currently or previously graded can compete in the Grade at which the rider has previously competed to
- 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
Sunday	910	INTRO 0A			\$15
Sunday	911	INTRO 0B			\$15
Lead Rein Poinies are able to enter these classes -please comment on your entry Annex 4 of ESNZ Rules apply – Accumlator on these classes					Rosettes to 4 th
NON GRADED INTRODUCTORY HORSE – <i>Sponsored by Steepdown Horses</i>					ENTRY FEE
Sunday	912	INTRO 0A			\$15
Sunday	913	INTRO 0B			\$15
					Rosettes to 4 th
NON GRADED PRELIMINARY PONY – <i>Sponsored by Steepdown Horses</i>					ENTRY FEE
Sunday	914	PRE 1A			\$15
Sunday	915	PRE 1B			\$15
					Rosettes to 4 th
NON GRADED PRELIMINARY HORSE – <i>Sponsored by Steepdown Horses</i>					ENTRY FEE
Sunday	916	PRE 1A			\$15
Sunday	917	PRE 1B			\$15
					Rosettes to 4 th
NON GRADED NOVICE PONY – <i>Sponsored by JC Farrier Services</i>					ENTRY FEE
Sunday	918	NOV 2A			\$15
Sunday	919	NOV 2B			\$15
					Rosettes to 4 th
NON GRADED NOVICE HORSE – <i>Sponsored by JC Farrier Services</i>					ENTRY FEE
Sunday	920	NOV 2A			\$15
Sunday	921	NOV 2B			\$15

					Rosettes to 4 th					
NON GRADED ELEMENTARY -- <i>Sponsored by Epynt Trust</i>					ENTRY FEE					
Sunday	922	ELE 3A			\$15					
Sunday	923	ELE 3B			\$15					
					Rosettes to 4 th					
NON GRADED MEDIUM – <i>Sponsored by Epynt Trust</i>					ENTRY FEE					
Sunday	924	MED 4A			\$15					
Sunday	925	MED 4B			\$15					
					Rosettes to 4 th					
NON GRADED ADVANCED MEDIUM - – <i>Sponsored by Epynt Trust</i>					ENTRY FEE					
Sunday	926	A/MED 5A			\$15					
Sunday	927	A/MED 5B			\$15					
					Rosettes to 4 th					
NON GRADED LEVEL 6-9 - <i>Sponsored by Epynt Trust</i>					ENTRY FEE					
Sunday	928	TOC			\$15					
Sunday	929	TOC			\$15					
					Rosettes to 4 th					
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