



Demo, Dabble & Do-it Series

North Island 2026

Sunday 29 March – Jumping

Saturday 18 April – Eventing

Saturday 23 May - Dressage

Entries Open: 9 March

Entries Close: 7 days prior to each event date

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Welcome to the North Island Demo & Dabble 2026 – proudly brought to you by Equestrian Sports New Zealand!

This year, we're taking things up a notch with **Demo, Dabble & Do-it** – a fun, non-competitive series created especially for recreational riders who want to enjoy low-pressure, multi-disciplinary learning.

Join in for **one, two, or all three series days** – the choice is yours!

Whether you're here to learn something new, build confidence, or simply have a great day out with your horse, there's something for everyone.

Thanks to our amazing sponsors (to be revealed on the Facebook Event) there are **style prizes and spot prizes** to be won – awarded by our organisers and ambassadors for outstanding **horsemanship and sportsmanship**. Come along, get involved, and let's make 2026 one to remember!

Provisional Timetable -

Sunday 29 March Abderry Equestrian, Kingseat	Off-horse Jumping Education - Coffee & Live Chat. Ambassadors present top tips for enjoying a jumping event. Opportunities for questions.
	Extra education offering – 30mins presentation
AMBASSADORS: Ollie Croucher Georgia Milner	DEMO Jumping demonstration including a demo rider - ambassadors present and explain / educate participants around the basics of jumping 65 - 95cm.
	DABBLE Group coaching session with ambassador, putting the learning into practice
	DO-IT Try a round of 65-95cm jumping for feedback (pick your height / whiteboard order)
COSTS	\$50 entry fee – Demo/Dabble/Do-it \$25 – Ground fee per horse ESNZ Introductory membership \$16.30 (if required)

Saturday 18 April Clevedon Pony Club	Off-horse Eventing Education - Coffee & Live Chat. Ambassadors present top tips for enjoying Eventing. Opportunity for questions.
	Extra education offering – 30mins presentation
AMBASSADORS : Lara Butler Gallie 2 nd ambassador TBC	DEMO Eventing demonstration including a demo rider - ambassadors present and explain / educate participants around the basics of Cross Country at 65 - 95cm.

	DABBLE Group coaching session with ambassadors, putting the learning into practice
	DO-IT Try a round of 65-95cm XC for feedback
COSTS:	\$65 entry fee – Demo/Dabble/Do-it \$20 – Ground fee per horse Limited yards - \$10 or tie to your float. ESNZ Introductory membership \$16.30 (if required)

Saturday 23 May Clevedon Showgrounds	Off-horse Dressage Education - Coffee & Live Chat. Ambassadors present top tips for enjoying Dressage. Opportunity for questions.
	Extra education offering – 30mins presentation
AMBASSADORS : Chelsea Burns Haydee Wells	DEMO Dressage demonstration including a demo rider - ambassadors present and explain / educate participants around arena craft for introductory level dressage.
	DABBLE Warm up coaching session with ambassador, putting the learning into practice
	DO-IT Try a test of choice or series of movements for feedback. Bring your mobile phone and have your test videoed with commentary from ambassadors.
COSTS:	\$50 entry fee – Demo/Dabble/Do-it \$20 – Ground fee \$25 – Yard or option to tie to trucks / floats ESNZ Introductory membership \$16.30 (if required)

Want to find out more about our ambassadors? Pop over to the Demo, Dabble & Do-it Facebook Event on ESNZ Facebook page for lots of information, updates and fun.

Refunds / Scratchings : Entry free refunded if notified before 8am Monday week before the event date with doctor/vet certificate. All other refunds at OC discretion.



Starting out?

You can choose to compete in one event held by ESNZ for a casual fee of \$16.30 including GST. Or our introductory membership gives annual multidisciplinary access for only \$55.75 including GST.

What you get

Dressage

Non-graded all levels & Graded level 1

Jumping & Show Hunter

Introductory Ponies up to 80cm
Horses up to 90cm

Eventing

Arena & Express Eventing
CCN 65cm

Para

Non Graded all levels

Endurance

Endurance & CTR
0-40km

One riding membership with access to all 5 disciplines at introductory levels

*competition fees still apply

*These fees cover you for public liability insurance.

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Starting Out – if you are thinking of riding at 3 or more **introductory level** events in one year? You might like to consider an Introductory Membership (as described above) for \$55.75 per annum.

Find out more on our website under – members – get involved, or use the link below:

<https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/esnz/membershipregistration/membershipregistration-information/>

Links to dressage tests...

<https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/disciplines/dressage/resources/dressage-tests/>

Some information about the disciplines for first timers...more can be found on ESNZ website

What is Dressage?

Think of dressage as *horse dancing* – it's all about harmony, precision, and correct training so that any well-prepared horse can shine. Riders follow a set "test" at each level, performing specific movements that judges score for accuracy, suppleness, and partnership.

In New Zealand, there are ten progressive levels, from beginner to advanced, with special classes like Musical Freestyle (dressage to music), young horse tests (ages 4–7), and even Prix Caprilli (dressage with small jumps!). At the top are the FEI international tests, used all over the world.

Events take place in standard-size arenas (40m x 20m or 60m x 20m), with clear rules on dress, tack, and equipment – all overseen by ESNZ Dressage.

What is Show Jumping?

Show jumping is like an equestrian obstacle course – fast, exciting, and precise. Riders must guide their horse over a set of colourful jumps in the right order and inside a set time.

Knocking a rail, refusing a jump, or going too slow earns penalties. The winner? The one with the least faults and the fastest time (or the most points in certain formats).

It's a brilliant showcase of a horse's power, agility, and carefulness – and the rider's skill in balancing speed with control.

What is Show Hunter?

Show Hunter is the *art* of jumping – smooth, stylish, and consistent. The aim isn't just to leave the rails up, but to show beautiful technique, an even rhythm, and accurate riding.

Riders work to meet a set number of strides between fences, keeping the round looking effortless. It's fantastic training for building a soft, balanced partnership and has launched many future champions.

It's a sport for all ages – from kids to riders in their 70s – and runs in 20 regions across New Zealand, making it a true grassroots discipline with a warm, welcoming vibe.

What is Eventing?

Eventing is the ultimate equestrian triathlon, testing versatility, endurance, and partnership. It combines dressage, cross-country, and show jumping – all counting towards one final score.

- Day 1 – Dressage: Show off balance, rhythm, and harmony in a set pattern.
- Day 2 – Cross Country: Gallop over solid, natural obstacles within the optimum time – an adrenaline-packed test of bravery and stamina.
- Day 3 – Show Jumping: Finish with a round in the arena, aiming for precision and control after the rigours of the cross country.

Shorter CCN-S (One Day Events) pack all three phases into a single day, while the top-level CCI-L (Three Day Events) are the ultimate challenge for horse and rider.

