



**2026 WINTER DRESSAGE SERIES GENEROUSLY
SPONSORED BY**



Marlborough Equestrian Park
81 Bothams Bend Road
Springcreek

Automotive & Marine Electrics Winter Series dates

Sunday 3rd May

Sunday 7th June

Sunday 5th July

Sunday 2nd August



Important Information

All enquiries to Event Secretary: Sharon Inwood email marlboroughdressage@extra.co.nz

Responsibility: It is the rider, or person responsible, obligation to read and understand the conditions for this event as published in this schedule.

1. **ESNZ Registration for Graded Classes:** Entries will not be accepted without full ESNZ rider and horse registrations current to 24 hours past the event. All Graded classes may be entered using a Flexi start.
2. **ESNZ Registration for Non-Graded Classes:** All Riders must be a Full or Introductory ESNZ member current to 24 hrs past the event or pay a Casual membership fee of \$16.30 per day.
3. **Introductory:** Introductory classes are open to any rider, pony or horse that is inexperienced at dressage.
4. Horses and Ponies may be registered, or not be registered in Non-Grading Classes. All horses in Graded classes must be registered. Classes 3 – 6 are for unregistered horses or those without an annual dressage start.
5. **Lead Rein Classes:** For children who have never competed in 1st ridden at an A&P show., or have never competed in dressage non leadrein classes. For ages 5-8 years, ponies 138 cm or under. May not ride in any other class level. Run under DNZ rules, email DM for copy.
6. **HORS CONCOURS:** Any class may be entered HC if the normal entry conditions are not met (maybe ridden but scores do not count for places). Normal competition rules must still be adhered to. Tick the HC box online to request. The committee reserves the right to accept or refuse a request for HC.
7. **Schooling Class:** This is in place of a 'regular' class – for those wanting 'arena time under show conditions' to assist with training of their horse or pony. You will have a maximum 10-minute time slot to work in the arena, with no Judge. All conditions (including turnout/attire of horse/rider and equipment use) apply as per competition classes for the event. Will be treated as a "test" when counting the number of tests per day. It will normally be scheduled for lunchtime and/or at the finish of other classes. Back or bridle number must be worn.
8. **Turnout:** Plaiting is not required. Riding jacket or tidy jersey/sweatshirt, jodhpurs, and riding boots (jodhpur or long boots and the riding boots must have a heel). A yellow tagged safety helmet must be worn at all times when the rider is mounted.
9. Adults may ride ponies but must enter the horse class at the level they wish to compete.
10. **Grading Points:** No ESNZ grading points will be awarded for Non-Graded classes or to unregistered horses.
11. **Rules:** The Dressage Marlborough Winter Series will be run under the current (2020) ESNZ GR's, VR's & ESNZ Rules for Dressage.
12. **Official start time:** The official event start time is midnight before each competition day. This is the start time for the period of jurisdiction for all Equestrian Sports New Zealand (ESNZ) General Regulations and ESNZ Dressage rules. Please note Dressage NZ rule 477 prohibited gear is not allowed from the time of arrival at the event.
13. **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.

14. **Protests & Complaints:** Protests and complaints may be considered by the Ground Jury at an event following Art 137 of the ESNZ General Regulations. As a guideline only, protests must be lodged within 60 minutes of the completion of the competition to which the protest relates, and a complaint within 60 minutes of the completion of the event. The Ground Jury is the sole judge of time in both cases. For complete rules and official documentation required, please refer to <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/esnz/rules-regulations/> a \$50 fee must accompany any protests and must be in writing.
15. **Dressage Tests:** All tests are from DNZ Test book version 2023 Reprint 1 and ,for FEI tests, FEI Website. Please note that Version 2023 FEI tests for Small, Medium and Big Tour, Prix Caprilli and BG tests will be provided by request.

Event Conditions

1. **Amendments:** The organising committee reserves the right to refuse entries, cancel the event, alter the programme/schedule within the ESNZ and DNZ Rules.
2. Maximum entries 6 tests per rider per day, and 3 tests per horse/pony per day.
3. **Riders with more than 2 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, maximum time possible between rides will be allocated.
4. **Hats:** ESNZ approved riding hats must be worn at all times when mounted.
5. **Companion Horses:** All horses and ponies on the grounds after the official start time must be registered at the event, and Ground and Yard fee paid. May only be ridden after finish of last class.
6. Stallions must comply with ESNZ Article 133 and must be housed in a yard at all times, when not ridden.
7. **Liability:**
 - a. Competitors and spectators attending this event do so at their own risk.
 - b. Dressage Marlborough, MEP, ESNZ, Dressage NZ 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.
 - c. Marlborough Equestrian Park, ESNZ, Dressage NZ or Dressage Marlborough 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.
8. **Health & Safety:**
 - a) ESNZ, Dressage NZ and Dressage Marlborough 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 Marlborough and Marlborough Equestrian Park, 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 a risk by their actions.

9. 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.
- c). Medical clearance must be obtained before remounting or competing

10. 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/>



Sponsors & Volunteers

We ask that all competitors spend some time to thank our sponsors and volunteers that support Dressage in NZ, either in writing (Sponsors contact details will be listed on the event programme) 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.

Entry Conditions

1. Entries Close **9.00pm** on the day specific to each show as per class schedule.
2. Enter online at www.EvoEvents.co.nz
3. **Late Entries:** Late entries will be accepted with an additional \$10 fee per class and only accepted if scratching occur. Any changes – please contact Sharon Inwood email marlboroughdressage@xtra.co.nz
4. Direct credit payments must be made by close of entry for entry to be accepted. Entry will not be accepted until payment is made. Combinations will only be entered in the competition draw once full payment of entry and other fees have been received. Any entries made without payment by close of entries will be treated as Late Entry and \$10.00 per class penalty will apply. Once the draw is done, no paid entries will also have to wait for scratching. **Please read the schedule carefully and ensure correct fees are paid.**
5. Preference is Poli or Direct Credit account number 03 0599 0335818 00 with name & rider ESNZ Registration number as reference.
6. Draw will be available at www.EvoEvents.co.nz
7. **Entry changes, Withdrawals and Refunds:** No class changes or scratchings will be accepted via Facebook or text. Scratchings and withdrawals must have the official Withdrawal form completed within 7 days of the event for any refunds to be made. Please also scratch on Evo Events under 'My Entries' or email event secretary marlboroughdressage@xtra.co.nz. Scratchings on event day text the phone number on the programme.
8. **Musical Freestyle classes** will only be run if a minimum of 3 riders enter. Musical freestyle will be TOC & offered in the last 2 days

9. **Please note:** All classes (unregistered and registered) will be merged. If insufficient entries in horse or pony classes (under 4 entrants), these classes will be merged. Each grade will have its only championship and points throughout the series gained in classes will go towards entered championship.

Entry & Event Fees

Class entry fee	\$12.00 per class
ESNZ Casual rider fee	\$16.30 per event -For all Non Graded and Open Prelim classes - for riders with no ESNZ Introductory or Full Membership .
Evo Events online fee.	\$1.75 per class (non-refundable)
Admin Fee.	\$15.00 per rider per day
Ground Fee (per horse)	\$12 for event
Flexi Start All Registered Levels	\$5.00 per class
Camping Fees	\$20 for up to 3 days per truck/float Without power, facilities available include toilets and a hot shower

Horse Accommodation – Marlborough Equestrian Park

Covered Yards.	\$25.00 per day/night
Uncovered Yard	\$12 per day/night

Companion horse fees \$12.00 per horse and if required please book a yard at \$12 per horse

Awards & Championships

Automotive Marine Electrics Winter Series Accumulator: Points from all four winter shows will be accumulated for the winter Series Champions. Allocation of points in each grade (lead rein to GP) will be decided by placings. In the event of equal points, the champion will be decided by the highest average percentage.

You can ride in more than one level, but only receive one championship points for one level – which will be the lowest level.

Combinations must compete at three of the four shows to be eligible for overall Champions and Reserves

*points 1st = 10, 2nd = 9, 3rd = 8, etc down to 10th = 1 point.

Riders are expected to attend prizegiving to receive points for that days competition.

Dressage Marlborough newcomers award: Dressage Marlborough group are running the new award again this year for the highest pony and hack rider with points from all four winter shows. Points will be accumulated as per the AME Winter series accumulator. The highest points in both pony and hack will receive a DNZ Introductory membership valid for one year from awarding. This accumulator is open to all riders who are new to Dressage Marlborough events in ungraded competition.

Event Reception Opening Hours

The Event Reception is situated in the Show Office, please address all queries to this area.

Sunday 7.00am - 5.00pm

Important Contact Details

For Emergencies Dial 111

24 Hour Medical – Urgent care 03 520 6377

Local Vet – Vetlife Marlborough 03 578 6965

Farrier – Earl Paewai 027 230 3674

Event Secretary – Sharon Inwood. Email: marlboroughdressage@xtra.co.nz

Event Treasurer – Nikki Griffith. Email: treasurermarlbdressage@gmail.com

Day Secretary – Janelle Saunders

Yard Manager – Tracy Rose Russell

Competition Arena Use & Familiarisation

1. All Competition Arenas are closed at all times except as stated below.
2. These times may be amended please check times in rider notes provided with the draw.
3. Arena familiarisation is not intended to be used as a full schooling session.
4. Riders need to be considerate of other riders wishing to familiarise their horses.
5. Lunging is not permitted on the all-weather arenas, lunging area is the east section of MEP.
6. Horses may be hand walked or ridden at walking pace around the exterior of the competition arena unless advised otherwise by the Technical Delegate. ESNZ ID number or back number must be worn. Horses must wear a bridle.
7. **Familiarisation Times:** Sunday. 7.30 am to 8.00am
8. **ARENAS ARE CLOSED ON SATURDAY AND MAY NOT BE USED** - show hunter arena only can be used.

Horse Identification, Venue, Stabling, Accommodation Conditions

1. Approved DNZ Horse/Pony identification numbers must be worn at all times on both sides of the horse or pony when competing unless single arm bands or back numbers are provided by the OC for non-registered horses and ponies.
2. When not competing, it is compulsory that horses/ponies are identified with ID tags that include the person responsible's name and mobile phone number.
3. All yards and stables are to be left properly mucked out. If not a fee of \$50 will be charged.
4. Temporary yarding must comply with ESNZ rules.
5. Stallions must comply with ESNZ Article 133 and must be housed in a stable at all times.
6. Please keep wash down bays clean at all times.
7. Moving horses to unallocated yards or stables is prohibited without the permission of the Stable Manager.
8. Please keep the MEP gate shut at all times.
9. No smoking on the MEP Grounds.
10. Damage to Marlborough Equestrian Park facilities to be reported to the Marlborough Dressage Event Office.

Dogs

1. Dogs must be kept in the truck park at all times.
2. No dogs are allowed in any stable or yarding areas, warm-up, competition areas, or buildings.
3. Dogs must be on a lead at all times.
4. The owner of the dog will be responsible for the cost of any damage/harm caused by the dog at the competition.

Camping & Power Sites

1. Parking and camping areas may be defined. Some areas will be restricted to on-site camping/parking only.
2. Day competitors must park in designated day parking areas.
3. Trucks and Campervans requesting power must have a valid electrical certificate and under no circumstances will allow other vehicles to connect to their vehicles.

Vehicles & Access

1. The speed limit for all vehicles 15 kph.

Dressage Marlborough is committed to all ESNZ policies referencing conduct and welfare of the horse at events and the Change the Rein programme.

Links to ESNZ/DNZ Rules

ESNZ Rules & Regulations <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/esnz/rules-regulations/esnz-rules/Dressage-NZ>

ESNZ Concussion Policy <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/safety/concussion/>

Dressage NZ Rules <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/esnz/rules-regulations/dressage-rules/>

Dressage Marlborough Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct is for all Dressage Marlborough competitors and their supporters, family, grooms, owners, etc.

1. To ensure at all times the safety of your horse.
2. To ensure your horse is fed and watered and covered in an appropriate manner for the duration of the event.
3. Anyone seen abusing their horse will be asked to leave the ground. Marlborough Dressage officials will use the notification of the official warning system enforced by Equestrian Sports NZ.
4. To at all times show respect and be courteous to all members of the Organising Committee and other competitors and spectators.
5. We are a public group insofar that the public can and do attend our competitions. You are expected to not bring the Marlborough Dressage Committee into disrepute, by outward displays of verbal outcries/abuse, disrespect to competitors, judges, officials, or spectators.
6. The use of social media is an area where we expect the same rules apply as above. Please see ESNZ guidelines for more information on social media use.
7. Riders have a responsibility to horses and humans to act in accordance with the above guidelines. The six main notifications which can denote an official warning are:
 - ABUSE of Horse
 - Safety to others
 - Incorrect behaviour
 - ABUSE disregard of officials
 - Dangerous riding
 - Non-compliance of rules - All ESNZ and DNZ rules apply at all times.

Show Date		Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday
		3 rd May	7th June	5th July	2nd August
Entry Closing Date		23 rd April	28nd May	25th June	23rd July
1	Lead Rein Pony	NZPCA BG1	NZPCA BG1	NZPCA BG1	NZPCA BG1
2	Lead Rein Pony	NZPCA BG2	NZPCA BG2	NZPCA BG2	NZPCA BG2
Non-Graded: Open to riders of any category on an unregistered horse/pony. ESNZ Introductory or full membership required					
Please refer to rule 4 on Schedule for rules regarding Non-Graded Classes.					
3	Introductory Pony	0A	OB	0A	OC
4	Introductory Pony	OB	OC	OD	OD
5	Introductory Horse	0A	OB	0A	OC
6	Introductory Horse	OB	OC	OD	OD
10	Non-Graded Prelim Pony	1A	1B	1A	1C
11	Non-Graded Prelim Pony	1B	1C	1D	1D
12	Non-Graded Prelim Horse	1A	1B	1A	1C
13	Non-Graded Prelim Horse	1B	1C	1D	1D
14	Non-Graded Novice Horse	2A	2B	2A	2B
15	Non-Graded Novice Horse	2B	2C	2C	2C
16	Non-Graded Advanced	6A	6B	6C	6B
17	Non-Graded Small Tour	PSG	INT I	PSG	INT 1
18	Non-Graded Medium Tour	INT A	INT B	INT A	INT A
19	Non-Graded Big Tour	GP	GP	GP	GP
20	Musical Freestyle			TOC	TOC
Graded: Horse/Pony and Rider must be current financial members of ESNZ with a "Dressage Start" or pay a "Flexi Start" per class.					
22	Preliminary	1A	1B	1A	1C
23	Preliminary	1B	1C	1D	1D
24	Novice	2A	2B	2A	2B
25	Novice	2B	2C	2C	2C
26	Elementary	3A	3B	3A	3B
27	Elementary	3B	3C	3C	3C
28	Medium	4A	4B	4A	4B
29	Medium	4B	4C	4C	4C
30	Advanced Medium	5A	5B	5A	5B
31	Advanced Medium	5B	5C	5C	5C
Schooling Class - for those riders/horses/ponies who want time in the arena without the pressure of being judged, or riding a test					
35	Schooling				

