



Newsletter 3

Welcome to our third newsletter for the 54th Springston Trophy to be held in Ashburton Thursday October 1st to Sunday October 4th, 2026.

Nominate via Evo Events

Evo Events www.evoevents.co.nz is now open to nominate teams and/or draft riders. Nominations may only be completed by Pony Club Head Coaches or Presidents.

Please use this link to access the nomination process

<https://www.evoevents.co.nz/enterTeamEvent/2135888319/>

- Nominations on Evo Events will close Monday 13th July 2026.
- Team nomination fees are payable via Evo - \$100 per team (non-refundable), this fee is included in the total team entry fee (not extra). The draft rider nomination fee is \$40.
- The final Team Entry Form will also be submitted using Evo Events and will close Friday 4th September 2026. The team entry fee is \$600.

Submit AGM Remits and Discussion Topics

Does your Branch or Club have any remits or discussion topics for the Springston Trophy AGM? Please email your proposals by Monday 13th July 2026 to springstontrophy2026@gmail.com

The Annual General Meeting of Delegates from each Pony Club will be held during the competition. Each South Island Pony Club is entitled to be represented by two delegates who will each have one vote. Delegates must be nominated in writing by the Branch, or Club, at the close of team entries to be eligible to vote. Forms will be posted on the Sporty page and will be emailed.

A Quick Refresher on Team Compositions

Teams consist of 6 riders:

Seniors - 105cm, 2 riders 24 years and under (all ages as at 1st August 2026)

Intermediates - 95cm, 2 riders 17 years and under

Juniors - 80cm, 2 riders 14 years and under

If a club cannot form a team of 6 riders, there are other eligible team compositions.

These include:

Team of 5 riders (2 in each of 2 classes and 1 in the remaining class)

Team of 4 riders (1 rider in each class plus one rider in any of the 3 classes)

Borrowed riders (to make up a team of 4 or a team of 5 if the 5th rider is in a different class)

Composite team (to allow riders who would normally miss out due to their Club being unable to field a team, to be able to compete)

Two Age Group team (4 riders making up 2 classes)

The Draft riders register is for those riders who have not been placed in a team and is also an opportunity for a Club to register a vacancy for a rider. The organising committee will hold this register.

This is a brief overview of the potential makeup of teams so that clubs/riders are aware of the options available. Please consult the ST rules for greater detail at this link: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/springstontrophy/resources>

If you have any queries after reading the rules, please email springstontrophy2026@gmail.com Our aim is to give all riders that are keen and eligible the opportunity to compete at Springston Trophy 2026.

Updates will be posted on:

- Our Facebook page “Springston Trophy 2026”
- The Sporty link <https://www.sporty.co.nz/springstontrophy/home-1>
- Emailed to you from NZPCA

Event Timetable:

- Wednesday September 30th - Teams may **arrive & settle in** at Ashburton A&P Grounds
- Thursday October 1st – **Welcome & Cross-Country Walk** at the Rakaia cross country course
- Friday October 2nd – **Dressage** at Ashburton A&P Show Grounds

- Saturday October 3rd – **Cross Country**, teams will travel to Rakaia for cross country
- Sunday October 4th – **Show Jumping & Mounted Prize Giving** at Ashburton A&P Show Grounds

Working Bees at Rakaia Cross Country Course

Most weekends a dedicated band of local pony club supporters are out in force upgrading the Rakaia Cross Country Course. Our committee is incredibly grateful for their many hours on the course. A BTS peek below of this hard-working team in action. We won't reveal too much!



Grants, Sponsors & Supporters

Springston Trophy would not be possible without securing grants and the incredible generosity of local businesses and families. Today's economy has prompted our committee to cast a wide net and we are truly grateful for the long list of sponsors who are getting behind Springston Trophy 2026 with a mix of both financial contributions and donations of building materials, labour, expertise and stunning products for prizes. Keep an eye on our Facebook page "Springston Trophy 2026" where we will be thanking sponsors individually.

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Please direct all enquiries to our Email: springstontrophy2026@gmail.com

Warm regards,

Ashburton Pony Clubs - Mill Creek, Methven, Rakaia and Tinwald

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