

**NELSON AREA DRESSAGE GROUP**  
**2026 WINTER DRESSAGE SERIES**  
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**ROUGH ISLAND EQUESTRIAN PARK**

- #1 – SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026**
- #2 – SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2026**
- #3 – SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2026**
- #4 – SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026**

**ENTRIES TO BE PAID BY CLOSE OF ENTRIES DATE OR ENTRY WILL NOT BE  
ACCEPTED**

**All entries to be entered online at [www.evoevents.co.nz](http://www.evoevents.co.nz)**



**All enquiries:** To the Event Manager/Secretary: Leigh Rodd – email - [entries@nelsondressage.com](mailto:entries@nelsondressage.com)

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

## Important Information

1. **ESNZ Registration for Graded Classes:** Entries will not be accepted without ESNZ rider and horse registrations current to 24 hours past the event you are entering.
2. **Annual Dressage Start:** Is required to enter all DNZ Super 5 Leagues, Zilco Musical Freestyle Series, National Championships, Horse of the Year and international events. All other classes may be entered using a discipline Flexi start.
3. **ESNZ Registration for Non Graded Classes:** All Riders must be a Full/Introductory member or pay an ESNZ Casual Day membership fee. Horses and Ponies maybe registered or non registered.

## Rules of the Event

**Nelson Dressage** Winter Series competitions will be run under the current (2025) ESNZGR's, VR's & ESNZ Rules for Dressage.

1. **Official start time:** The official event start time is 12.00 pm before each competition day. This is the start time for the period of jurisdiction for all Equestrian Sport New Zealand (ESNZ) General Regulations and ESNZ Dressage rules. Please note DNZ Articles 420-430, prohibited gear is not allowed from the time of arrival at the event.
2. **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.
3. **Protests & Complaints:** Must be lodged within the official finish time in writing including a fee of \$50
4. **Tests:** All tests from DNZ Test book version 2023 or FEI Website.

## Entry Conditions

1. **Entries Close 8.00pm** on the day specific to each show as per the class schedule.
2. 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 has been received.
3. Entries must be made online at [www.evoevents.co.nz](http://www.evoevents.co.nz).
4. Late Entries will not be accepted. For changes - Please contact Leigh Rodd for enquiries. Email [entries@nelsondressage.com](mailto:entries@nelsondressage.com)
5. No class changes or scratching's will be accepted via Facebook or text.
6. Payments must be made by close of entry for entry to be accepted.
7. Direct Credit account number 03 0751 0211300 00 with name & rider ESNZ Registration number as reference.
8. Draw will be available at [www.evoevents.co.nz](http://www.evoevents.co.nz)
9. Adults may ride ponies but must enter the horse class at the level they wish to compete
10. **INTRODUCTORY CLASSES:** Open to any rider, pony or hack inexperienced at dressage. You cannot enter both Intro medium and starter. Starter is for those who are not ready yet for cantering.

## 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.

**All local riders** are required to assist with a nominated task. Our days run on volunteer support, and so we welcome your support in assisting us. If you are unable to assist yourself, then a substitute is required. Failure to nominate a task will result in a task being allocated. Please indicate your task in the volunteer area when you are doing your online entry. By indicating your task it is your responsibility to carry it out. By not fulfilling your obligation you are letting down your fellow riders and your sport.

## 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. **Prize Giving's:** There will be an unmounted prize giving after arenas have been packed up and put away. Correct attire is expected
3. **Scratchings** Must be notified by text/email to the Event Manager/Secretary (before 9pm)
4. **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.
5. **Hats:** ESNZ yellow tagged, approved riding helmets must be worn at all times when mounted.
6. **Media:** Nelson Dressage, Dressage NZ and ESNZ reserve the right to use event photographs, for marketing, publicity, advertising, funding applications as they see fit. Competitors and/or participants will receive no remuneration for this. All images remain the property of Nelson Dressage.
7. **Musical Freestyles:** All discs need to be at the office first thing each day for testing
8. Stallions must comply with ESNZ Article 133 and must be housed in the stable yards at all times.
9. **Liability:**
  - a) Competitors and spectators attending this event do so at their own risk.
  - b) Rough Island Equestrian Park, ESNZ, Dressage NZ or Nelson Dressage or 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) Rough Island Equestrian Park, ESNZ, Dressage NZ or Nelson Dressage will not be liable for the security of goods/equipment or the loss of, damage to such, stored at the venue, during the event.
10. **Health & Safety:**
  - a) Dressage NZ and Dressage Nelson Dressage are 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) Competitors must comply with 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 Nelson Dressage and Rough Island 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 at risk by their actions.
11. **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.
12. **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/>

## Special Championship/Awards Points

**Pitt & Moore Winer Series Accumulator:** Points from all four winter shows will be totalled for the Winter Series Champions. Allocation of points in each grade (lead rein to GP) will be decided by placings, and on scores from tests (1-5) 57% or higher and from tests (6+) 55% or higher. 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 you can only receive championship points for one grade. You have to nominate which grade you wish to receive points in by close of entries of May show. Champions from Intro to Elementary may compete in the same grade as last year, but will not be eligible for Champion this year.

Levels 5 & 6 Tests with \*are the ones counted towards championship

You must have gained points from three of the four shows to be eligible for overall champions.

\*Points 1st = 10, 2nd = 9, 3rd = 8 etc down to 10th = 1

**\*\*\*\*\*Riders must attend prizegiving to receive points for that day's competition\*\*\*\*\***

**There will be 3 Presentation rugs awarded to the Overall highest points horse or pony.**

**Registered levels 1 - 4**

**Registered levels 5 - 9**

**Unregistered classes 0 - 3**

**In the event of a tie both combinations will be awarded a rug.**

## Competition Arena Use & Warm Up Area's

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. Lunging is not permitted on the all weather arenas
4. During the competition please do not have any horses being led or grazed around the arenas.
5. Please do not enter the Warm Up Arena on foot.
6. Young children to be supervised at all times, do not allow children to play in the arenas at any time.
7. The area between the warm up arena and competition arena (behind the judge's cars) is a quiet place for riders to move from one arena to the other. Please be mindful of the judges needing to concentrate, therefore keeping noise to the minimum.
8. No parking of floats/trucks adjacent to the arenas.
9. At the "A" end of the arenas please refrain from cantering and stay 10m away from wooden railing. This is a shared area for spectators and horses entering and leaving the competition arenas.
10. No mounting from the picnic tables at the 'A' end of the arena, a mounting block will be provided, and will be down by arena 2.

## Important Contact Details

**For Emergencies Dial 111**

**24 Hour Medical**—Richmond Health Centre 03 5442255

**Local Vet** — Town & Country Vets 03 5441200. The Vet Centre Richmond 03 5445566

**Feed Supply** — Farmlands, 32 Main Rd, Hope 03 5439452. PPG Wrightsons, 6 Gladstone Rd, Richmond 03 5446115

**Event Manager**— Leigh Rodd 0274813224 — on the day enquiries please go to the office

**Yard Manager** — Sharon Williams - enquiries please go to the office

## Horse Identification, Venue, Yarding, Accommodation Conditions

1. Approved Dressage NZ Horse/Pony identification numbers must be worn at all times when competing.
2. When not competing, it is compulsory that horses/ponies are identified with ID tags that include person responsible name and mobile phone number.
3. All yards are to be left properly mucked out. If not a fee of \$50 will be charged.
4. Stallions must comply with ESNZ Article 133 and must be housed in the stallion yards at all times.
5. Please keep wash down bays clean at all times.
6. Moving horses to unallocated yards or stables is prohibited without permission of the Stable Manager.

7. Please use the bins provided for horse waste not rubbish.
8. No smoking in any buildings or stable areas.
9. Damage to Rough Island Equestrian Park facilities to be reported to the Event Office
10. Yards must be booked and paid for with your entries. On arrival at the grounds, should your allocated yard not be in a satisfactory condition please notify the office immediately

#### **Dogs**

1. Dogs must be kept in the truck park at all times
2. No dogs are allowed around the 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.

#### **Yarding**

1. Day competitors please do not park in front of the yards, if you do not have yards booked
2. Please be tidy and take all rubbish away with you

#### **Vehicles & Access**

1. Access to the park is via Tick Tock Road, the gates at the entrance of the park are locked at dusk
2. Speed limit for all vehicles 15 kph.

### **Professional Services**

1. Equine Therapists and Treatment
  - a. Any equine therapists or practitioners who are not veterinarian and intend to provide therapeutic treatment to equines in any capacity at this event in a private or commercial basis must notify the Organising Committee of any treatment prior to the event.
  - b. All practitioners must also comply with the Conditions applicable to this event set out in the Schedule of classes.
  - c. Riders who own their equipment (eg Equissage, Cyclossage or similar) are only permitted to treat their own horses with these systems at the event.
  - d. Any practitioner receiving financial or other gain from providing therapies at the event will be required to pay a trade exhibitor fee at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
2. Other Professionals including freelance grooms
  - a. Any other professional intending on providing services at this event must obtain prior agreement from the Organising Committee – this excludes professionals Dressage Coaches assisting in the warmup of competitors and grooms that are in part or full time employment of a competitor.

### **Links to ESNZ/DNZ Rules**

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

**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**

**Zilco Musical Freestyle, Super 5 League all Dressage Top 10 Leagues**

**Elite Equine Young Horse Championships & National Amateur Championships at the Bates National Championship**

**Prestige Dressage Futures Prize & AMS Saddlery Pony & Young Rider and Performance League**

<http://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/disciplines/dressage/competition/dressage-series-classes/>

### **Nelson Dressage Code of Conduct**

The Code of Conduct is for all Dressage Nelson 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. Nelson Dressage officials will use the notification of the official warning system enforced by Equestrian Sports NZ

#### Code of Conduct for competitors

1. To at all times show respect and be courteous to all members of committee and to other competitors and spectators.
2. We are a public group insofar that public can and do attend our competitions. You are expected to not bring the Nelson Dressage Committee into disrepute, by outward displays of verbal outcries/ abuse, disrespect to competitors, judges, officials or spectators.
3. 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.

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

#### Withdrawals and Refunds

Please use the official withdrawal form attached to the schedule and send to Leigh Rodd – email to [entries@nelsondressage.com](mailto:entries@nelsondressage.com)

#### Conditions of withdrawal from the event before close of entries.

- Competitors that withdraw prior to close of entries are still liable for withdrawal online entry fees.
- All other fees paid will be refunded.

#### Conditions of withdrawal from the event after close of entries.

- Yarding fees will be 100% refunded in all cases.
- Online entry fee will not be refunded.
- Competitors unable to provide a vet or doctors certificate will receive no ground fee or entry fees refund.
- If a doctor or vet certificate is provided ground fee and entry fees will be refunded less 20% per horse
- If vet certificate provided, only the horse to which the certificate applies will receive a refund.
- If doctors certificate provided fees for all horses for that rider will be refunded
- Special applications for refunds can be presented to the OC for consideration.

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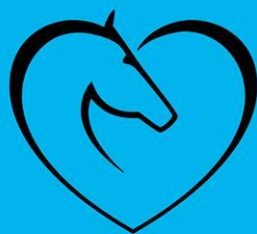
Ph: Nelson 03 548 8349, Richmond 03 543 9090 W: [www.pittandmoore.co.nz](http://www.pittandmoore.co.nz)



| Show Date                                                                                                                                                                                |                                  | Sunday<br>26th April   | Sunday<br>31st May   | Sunday<br>21st June   | Sunday<br>26th July   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Entry Closing Date                                                                                                                                                                       |                                  | 15 <sup>th</sup> April | 20 <sup>rd</sup> May | 10 <sup>th</sup> June | 15 <sup>th</sup> July |
| 1                                                                                                                                                                                        | Lead Rein Pony                   | NZPCA Test BG1         | NZPCA Test BG1       | NZPCA Test BG1        | NZPCA Test BG1        |
| 2                                                                                                                                                                                        | Lead Rein Pony                   | NZPCA Test BG2         | NZPCA Test BG2       | NZPCA Test BG2        | NZPCA Test BG2        |
| <b>Non-Graded: Open to riders of any category on unregistered horses/ponies. ESNZ Introductory or full membership required<br/>YOU CAN'T ENTER BOTH INTRO STARTER &amp; INTRO MEDIUM</b> |                                  |                        |                      |                       |                       |
| 3                                                                                                                                                                                        | Introductory Pony Starter        | 0A                     | 0A                   | 0A                    | 0A                    |
| 4                                                                                                                                                                                        | Introductory Pony Starter        | 0B                     | 0B                   | 0B                    | 0B                    |
| 5                                                                                                                                                                                        | Introductory Horse Starter       | 0A                     | 0A                   | 0A                    | 0A                    |
| 6                                                                                                                                                                                        | Introductory Horse Starter       | 0B                     | 0B                   | 0B                    | 0B                    |
| 7                                                                                                                                                                                        | Introductory Pony Medium         | 0C                     | 0C                   | 0C                    | 0C                    |
| 8                                                                                                                                                                                        | Introductory Pony Medium         | 0D                     | 0D                   | 0D                    | 0D                    |
| 9                                                                                                                                                                                        | Introductory Horse Medium        | 0C                     | 0C                   | 0C                    | 0C                    |
| 10                                                                                                                                                                                       | Introductory Horse Medium        | 0D                     | 0D                   | 0D                    | 0D                    |
| 11                                                                                                                                                                                       | Non-Graded Prelim Pony           | 1A                     | 1B                   | 1D                    | 1A                    |
| 12                                                                                                                                                                                       | Non-Graded Prelim Pony           | 1B                     | 1C                   | 1C                    | 1D                    |
| 13                                                                                                                                                                                       | Non-Graded Preliminary Horse     | 1A                     | 1B                   | 1D                    | 1A                    |
| 14                                                                                                                                                                                       | Non-Graded Preliminary Horse     | 1B                     | 1C                   | 1C                    | 1D                    |
| 15                                                                                                                                                                                       | Non-Graded Novice Pony           | 2A                     | 2B                   | 2A                    | 2B                    |
| 16                                                                                                                                                                                       | Non-Graded Novice Pony           | 2B                     | 2C                   | 2C                    | 2C                    |
| 17                                                                                                                                                                                       | Non-Graded Novice Horse          | 2A                     | 2B                   | 2A                    | 2B                    |
| 18                                                                                                                                                                                       | Non-Graded Novice Horse          | 2B                     | 2C                   | 2C                    | 2C                    |
| 19                                                                                                                                                                                       | Non-Graded Elementary Pony/Horse | 3A                     | 3B                   | 3A                    | 3B                    |
| 20                                                                                                                                                                                       | Non-Graded Elementary Pony/Horse | 3B                     | 3C                   | 3C                    | 3C                    |
| <b>Graded: Horse/Pony and rider must be current financial members of ESNZ with a "Dressage Start" or pay a "flexi start"</b>                                                             |                                  |                        |                      |                       |                       |
| 101                                                                                                                                                                                      | Preliminary                      | 1A                     | 1B                   | 1D                    | 1A                    |
| 102                                                                                                                                                                                      | Preliminary                      | 1B                     | 1C                   | 1C                    | 1D                    |
| 201                                                                                                                                                                                      | Novice                           | 2A                     | 2B                   | 2A                    | 2B                    |
| 202                                                                                                                                                                                      | Novice                           | 2B                     | 2C                   | 2C                    | 2C                    |
| 301                                                                                                                                                                                      | Elementary                       | 3A                     | 3B                   | 3A                    | 3B                    |
| 302                                                                                                                                                                                      | Elementary                       | 3B                     | 3C                   | 3C                    | 3C                    |
| 401                                                                                                                                                                                      | Medium                           | 4A                     | 4B                   | 4A                    | 4B                    |
| 402                                                                                                                                                                                      | Medium                           | 4B                     | 4C                   | 4C                    | 4C                    |
| 501                                                                                                                                                                                      | Advanced Medium                  | 5A                     | 5B                   | 5A                    | 5B                    |
| 502                                                                                                                                                                                      | Advanced Medium                  | 5B*                    | 5C*                  | 5C*                   | 5C*                   |
| 601                                                                                                                                                                                      | Advanced                         | 6A                     | 6B                   | 6A                    | 6B                    |
| 602                                                                                                                                                                                      | Advanced                         | 6B*                    | 6C*                  | 6C*                   | 6C*                   |
| 701                                                                                                                                                                                      | Small Tour                       | PSG                    | PSG                  | PSG                   | PSG                   |
| 801                                                                                                                                                                                      | Medium Tour                      | INT A                  | INT B                | INT A                 | INT B                 |
| 901                                                                                                                                                                                      | Big Tour                         | GP                     | GP                   | GP                    | GP                    |

## Entry & Event Fees

|                                          |                |                                        |                |
|------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Other fees to be paid with entry:</b> |                | <b>Companion Horse (per day)</b>       | <b>\$5</b>     |
| Entry Fee (per class)                    | <b>\$12.50</b> | Dressage Flexi Start L1-L9             | <b>\$5</b>     |
| Ground Fee (Per Horse/Pony)              | <b>\$20.00</b> | ESNZ Casual Day Membership (per event) | <b>\$16.30</b> |
| Yards (per day)                          | <b>\$5</b>     |                                        |                |



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**Make sure your unicorns are happy**

**Give newcomers a leg up**

**Rein in rubbish behaviour**

**Be a good person**

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And remember none of us can do this sport  
without our amazing volunteers and officials  
so smile and wave even when it hurts!

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**EQUESTRIAN SPORTS**  
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# NELSON DRESSAGE OFFICIAL WITHDRAWAL FORM

- Please use this form when applying for refund of entries, no refunds will be considered unless this form is sent in.
- To be eligible for a full refund (excluding online entry fee), notification of withdrawal must be received by 6pm TEN days prior to the event.
- Any withdrawals after this time must be accompanied by a Vet, Doctor or Farriers certificate, or at the OC's discretion. All late scratching will be refund due less 20% (excluding online entry fee)
- Any refund requests must be sent to the Event Secretary (entries@nelsondressage.com) within 14 days of the event
- Please note – all refunds will need to be approved by committee first, so the refund will not be immediate.

Rider: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Event Entered: \_\_\_\_\_

Classes: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Entries Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Equestrian Online Entry Levy: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Yards & Camping Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ground Fees: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Fees Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Account Number for refund: \_\_\_\_\_