

Area Dressage Championship 'MARLBOROUGH TROPHY'

The Form of the Competition:

This is an Annual Branch or Clubs without branches Team and individual Dressage Championship competition. Open to all Pony Club riders within the Marlborough Nelson West Coast Area.

The Aim of the competition

The "Marlborough Trophy" Team Competition is to encourage a higher standard of riding throughout Pony Club, by stimulating interest and enjoyment of Dressage as a sport. To encourage comradery within a team and individual competition. The competition will abide by the NZPCA fair play charter.

Any situation not covered in these General Rules will be referred to Current ESNZ Dressage Rules and NZPCA General Regulations

Non Championship Classes (For adults and non PC members)

It is at the discretion of the organising committee if they wish to run a non-championship competition in conjunction with this event.

(This is entirely a numbers game for the benefit of the financial viability of the competition).

ENTRY INFORMATION

Entry Criteria:

- Riders must be financial members of the NZPCA
- Rider/mount combinations must have fulfilled the minimum working rally as per NZPCA General Regulations 15.4 Working Rally Rules.
- Riders may ride more than one horse
- A rider's second mount goes into a pool and the OC will draft a rider into an appropriate team. Name of rider and second mount to be on a nomination form.
- Draft riders can wear own club uniform if they wish.

Teams:

To be made of 6 riders of ANY AGE, 25 years and under. If a rider turns 25 on or after 1st August, they may continue to participate in Pony Club activities until 31st July of the following calendar year.

Class 1: 2 Riders to ride Novice Tests (L2) or Elementary (L3)

Class 2: 2 Riders to ride Preliminary Tests (L1)

Class 3: 2 Riders to ride Introductory Test (L0)

(Riders are encouraged to ride within the original age brackets – but not essential)

Individuals:

Please note all individual Pony Club riders must be available to ride in a team.

Class 1: Riders to ride Novice Tests (L2) or Elementary (L3)

Class 2: Riders to ride Preliminary Tests (L1)

Class 3: Riders to ride Introductory Test (L0)

As many as possible individual riders will be placed into teams made up by the organising committee. Some riders with more than one mount may end up riding in two different teams to compliment the competition.

Lead rein pony (Individual riders) – NZPCA BG1 and NZPCA BG2 Arena size – either 40x20m or 60x20m at OC's discretion.

Note: The individual Lead Rein classes are intended for children under the age of 10 who are not yet capable of riding independently. They are not allowed to compete in other classes at the event.

How to enter:

- Branch or Clubs without branches submit entries for teams as well as all individual riders.
- As there are no qualifying criteria's all riders must be signed as competent for the level entered by their DC (form attached).

Riders not in teams:

Will be entered by their branch or clubs without branches and new teams formed when and where possible by the organising committee.

Any riders unable to be placed in a team will still compete on a level playing field in the competition.

Mounts:

- The competition will be open to hacks or ponies
- Mounts must be 4 (Four) years of age or over based on the official foaling date of 1st August.
- The same mount must be ridden by the same rider throughout the competition.
- No mount can be ridden twice by different riders at this competition.

SADDLERY & DRESS

Team Uniforms/Colours:

- Each Branch or clubs without branches wear their team uniform and saddle blankets.
- All other riders may wear their club colours unless a common team colour is agreed to.
- NZPCA 'Yellow Tagged' helmets and heeled boots must be worn when mounted.

Gear Inspection

- It is the Team Manager's responsibility to ensure that their riders are aware of the Team Dress/Uniform and Saddlery Rules and Regulations as set out in the NZPCA General Regulations and/or the ESNZ Dressage Rules.

Saddlery

- Whips & spurs are allowed at all levels
- Allowed bits are as per DNZ Art 424

Any penalties or eliminations given will be as per the DNZ rule book and/or the NZPCA General Regs. Where there are contradicting rules, NZPCA General Regs is the dominant rule to apply.

SCORING

All dressage test's ridden will be scored as per the current ESNZ Dressage Rules at the date of the competition

Team scores

The overall team score for each team will be determined by:

For the first test

Highest Level 0 score

Highest Level 1 score

Highest Level 2 or 3 score

Next highest Level 1 or 2/3 score

The same process will be used for the second test

Highest scoring riders of each level in the competition

Level 0 rider

Level 1 rider

Level 2 rider

Level 3 rider

Scores are calculated by combining both scores of tests ridden

Tied Scores:

- In the event of a 'TIE' there shall not be a 'ride off.'
- The team with the highest total collective marks shall be the winner.
- In the event of a 'TIE' on collective marks, the Team or individual with the highest co-efficient marks shall deem to be the winner.
- In the event of a TIE on Co-Efficient marks, the team or individual will stay equal and duplicate awards will be presented.

Eliminations:

- A competitor eliminated in the first test may compete in the second test with their score being eligible for their team score in that round.
- A competitor eliminated in either dressage test will receive no score for that test.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE INFORMATION

When and Where Held:

- At the delegate's meeting at each event, it will be discussed and recommendations made to area (MNWC) for final decision on venue.
- This is a 2-year hosting arrangement.
- If that Branch or clubs without branches cannot host the following year, then any Club can offer to host the event with MNWC approval.
- Direction and support from the MNWC Area committee is available for all host clubs/branches if required.

Team Packs – Armbands/Back Numbers:

A Team Pack for Competitors will be constructed and given to each Team Manager.

The pack is to include:

- Either BACK NUMBERS or ARMBANDS for each team rider
- Event Programme
- Event running order information.
- Any other relevant information regarding the event, sponsors flyers etc.

Team Managers are to ensure that their riders wear their allocated Back Numbers or Armbands as per the Event Programme, always, whilst mounted on their horses.

Event Health & Safety:

- Host/organising committee to refer to the NZPCA's Health & Safety Templates (from the NZPCA Website) and have this in place before commencement of the event.
- The event Technical Delegate is to ensure that this is all in place and adhered too throughout the event. Refer to the following:
- NZPCA's Health & Safety Rulings
- Risk Management Template
- Accident Report Form

Marlborough Trophy Teams Event Newsletters or Information outlets:

- If possible, the host club/committee should notify all Clubs/Branches within the MNWC Area, of the pending MT event, including dates, venues, and other relevant information.
- This information to be sent out 6 months in advance, or as soon as feasibly possible, so all Clubs can prepare teams/riders for the upcoming MT event.
- The OC should also consider a postponement date at this point too.

- Dressage tests to be set and communicated, ideally in a newsletter, 6 weeks prior to intended date

Accommodation Options for Teams and Horses:

- The host club should provide a list and contact details of available accommodation for participating teams/riders and relevant available Horse grazing/yarding options.
- This information is to be send out with any newsletter or event information before close of entries.

Inviting teams from outside of MNWC Area

- It will be at the discretion of the Organising Committee alongside MNWC if they wish to invite teams from outside the MNWC Area to compete at this event.
- But the winner of the Marlborough Trophy, Top of The South or Abel Tasman Shield, it will be the highest placed MNWC Area Team

Delegates Meeting

- The Organising Committee must timetable a delegates meeting for each event.
- The purpose of this meeting to debrief the event and provide feedback and improvements to this event.
- Minutes are to be taken and forwarded to Area, within 30 days of event.
- This will allow any trials to be ratified and discussed at the following Area AGM.

ENTRY FEES

- A Team Nomination form/request with a non-refundable Team Nomination payment of \$50.00 can be requested by the host club, to aid with the event preparation.
- Nominations ideally need to be received by the Host committee by 4 weeks before the event.
- Closing Date for Team Entries and any Individual/Spare riders to be set for no later than 1 weeks prior to the Event date.

Team Entry Fee & Individual/Spare Rider Entry Fee/s:

- Host committees are to set Team and Individual Rider Entry fees at a reasonable rate, this will include medical, judges etc.
- Covered/open yards, ground fees, camping will be additional costs.
- Entry fees will be calculated per combination and the same for individual riders regardless of if they are in a team or not.

EVENT OFFICIALS

Technical Delegate:

- The host Club will appoint a Technical Delegate

- The TD should have a good understanding of dressage and NZPCA rules
- The TD will ensure that the competition complies with current NZPCA & ESNZ processes and rules.
- Ensures that NZPCA Health and Safety requirements under the new HSAW Act 2016 are followed

Gear Checkers

- 1 or 2 should be appointed to perform the pre competition gear checks
- They should be familiar with current dressage saddlery & dress rules

Steward

- A steward can be appointed, they should be familiar with dressage & NZPCA rules
- They should observe all riders and horses in the schooling and warm-up areas.
- Check any suspect dress and saddlery.
- 'Spot check' riders anywhere, anytime during the competition.
- Be available to check gear at a rider's request.

Judges

- 3 or 4 ESNZ Listed judges should be appointed

Ground Jury

The Ground Jury can be selected from

- The more senior Dressage Judges
- A MNWC Area Official
- A GJ member should not have any connection with a rider competing at the event

Appeals Committee

- Members of the Appeal Committee can select and convened if and when needed after the event

Other information:

Any questions regarding teams or how to make them up contact:

- Penny Jones: 0274317093.

Any mitigating circumstances or conflicts or concerns needing resolving prior to the event contact:

- Debra Magner: 0272268806 or
- Collett Barrow: 0275287063

DRESSAGE TEST INFO

Dressage Tests to be ridden: These tests to be set by the Hosting Club committee and communicated 6 weeks before event.

- Elementary (Level 3) Riders – DNZ 2023 Elementary tests. Area Size - 60x20m
- Novice (Level 2) Riders - DNZ 2023 Novice tests. Arena Size - 60x20m
- Preliminary (Level 1) Riders - DNZ 2023 Preliminary tests. Arena Size - 60x20m
- Introductory (Level 0) Riders – DNZ 2023 Introductory tests. Arena Size - either 40x20m or 60x20m, at Organising Committee's discretion.

Riding of the tests:

- Riders to compete 2 tests at their chosen level.
- First Test in the morning and the Second test in the afternoon.
- The first test ***must be ridden from memory***. Penalty of elimination if commanded. As per DNZ Art 452.4
- The second test may be commanded.

Prizegiving and Trophies

- Winning Team to receive the Marlborough Trophy – donated by Sandra Kennington (Wood) (Blenheim)
- Team Prizes will be awarded from 1st – 6th place with either Sashes or Rosettes, at the host's discretion.
- Individual ribbons will be awarded from 1-4th, 5th or 6th depending on the numbers (OC to decide for each individual test per class).
- Individual awards for the highest scoring rider of each level may also be awarded, with either a Sash or Rosette – OC to decide.

“The Sandra Wood Horsemastership Trophy” and team rosettes/sashes will be awarded for Team turnout, sportsmanship, horse welfare and general cleanliness of the Team's parking area, yards etc, over the course of the competition