

MARLBOROUGH NELSON WEST COAST AREA PONY CLUB

TEAMS DRESSAGE COMPETITION

MARLBOROUGH TROPHY

Hosted by **Blenheim Pony Club** at **Marlborough Equestrian Park**
on **Saturday 22 August 2026**

Marlborough Trophy Competition

This is an Annual Club/Branch Team Dressage Championship competition for all Clubs/Branches 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, and as recreation, abiding by the principles of the NZPCA Fair Play Charter.

To follow the event online [MNWC Area Pony Club Area Teams Dressage Competition - Marlborough Trophy](#)
This will be where the most up to date information is released.

The postponement date is Saturday September 5th, 2026. Team entry fees, minus nomination costs will be refunded if the event is cancelled.

Please see the full Marlborough Trophy Rules for full details of competition requirements

Dressage Tests

Dressage Tests to be ridden for the team's competition: Tests to be set by the Hosting Club committee.

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

Riding of the tests:

- Riders compete in two 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.

Dressage Tests to be ridden for the individual competition: These tests will be offered at the discretion of the Hosting Club committee.

RIDER POOL AND COMPOSITE TEAMS

- Where a Club/Branch cannot form a team of four riders from its own members, they may submit rider/s to the RIDER POOL held by the hosting committee –Blenheim Pony Club. The hosting committee will endeavor to place riders in a composite team of six, within their own district – where possible.
- Clubs/ Branches who can field a team of three riders may request one from the rider pool held by the Hosting Committee and enter under their Club/ Branch name and colours.
- Riders who cannot be placed into a team will be able to ride in individual classes.

Scoring

All dressage test's ridden will be scored as per the current ESNZ Dressage Rules at the date of the competition. Please see the full Marlborough Trophy Rules for further detail.

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 2/3 score

Next highest Level 1 or 2/3score

The same process will be used for the second test

Level 0 rider

Level 1 rider

level 2/3 rider

Next highest Level 1 or 2/3score

Scores are calculated by combining both scores of tests ridden

Change the Rein and NZPCA Fair Play Charter

We would like to encourage new or younger riders to be able to have the opportunity to be part of an NZPCA team's event. To support this, we highly recommend that Clubs and Team Managers enter riders at the current level they are competing at, or the next level up. For example, if a rider is competing at Level 1 (or equivalent for Eventing), then they should compete at Marlborough Trophy at level 1 or strive for level 2 or 3.

Change the Rein is a campaign in association with the NZ Pony Clubs Association to drive a conscious change in direction in equestrian sport in New Zealand. It is a quest for a positive, welcoming, encouraging and supportive culture in our sport. The main objective is to create a safe and supportive culture fostered by leaders, management, members, volunteers, parents – anyone involved in equestrian sports.

It is clear – unsupportive or inappropriate behaviour is not normal and not accepted.

Awards and Prizes

- Ribbons for all classes placing 1st – 4th
- Sashes for Winning Teams 1st – 4th place
- Sashes for the Sandra Wood Horse Mastership Award

- **Sandra Wood Trophy** for turnout/Horse Mastership - to be judged on rider/mount turnout, conduct and horsemanship around floats, yards etc.
- **Marlborough Trophy** awarded to top scoring team
- Nominated awards for individuals and between teams on the day, Judges Awards, spot prizes.

Uniform

Individual riders - Pony Club / branch uniform to be worn, or if not a member of a club, then tidy dress. For full details for acceptable gear, refer to current NZPCA general regulations and ESNZ dressage rules

Please see the full Marlborough Trophy Rules

Team Nominations

Please nominate teams to Blenheim Pony Club by 5pm Monday 27th July 2026 by email to:
blenheimpc@outlook.com

All riders must be signed off by the DC as having met the required criteria.

Team information to include in Nomination email:

1. Name of the Team - Teams are up to six riders, two in each level/grade for Level 0, Level 1 and Level 2/3. All teams have a minimum of four riders. Scores from each Level is counted.
2. \$50 nomination fee (non-refundable) for each team is to be paid by 5pm Monday 27th July 2026. The balance of the entry fee of \$220 to be paid with team entry. The total entry fee for a team is \$270.00 (Entry fee is \$45 per rider). Ground fees, Camping and Yarding are additional.
 - Camping - \$20 per float/truck
 - Covered Yards - \$30
 - Open Yards - \$15
 - Ground fee - \$15
3. Please pay via internet transfer or poli at time of entry to Blenheim Pony Club our account number is: 03 0599 0254209 00 Please include team name or individual name as a reference.

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Entries

Entries to be completed via EVO – www.evoevents.co.nz we will post on Facebook when entries open. Closing date for entries is **8pm Wednesday 12th August 2026.**

Riders wishing to change mounts may request this of the Organising Committee up to 48 hours prior to the event. It will be at the Organising Committees discretion to make these changes.

Marlborough Trophy Team Classes

TOTAL TEAM ENTRY FEE - \$270

Class	Category	
Class 1	Team - 0:A	
Class 2	Team - 0:C	
Class 3	Team - 1:A	
Class 4	Team - 1:C	
Class 5	Team - 2:A	
Class 6	Team - 2:C	
Class 7	Team - 3:A	
Class 8	Team - 3:C	

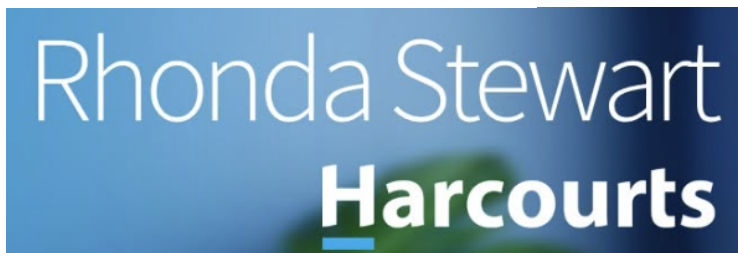
Individual Classes

Class	Category	Entry Fee
Class 12	Individual - 0:A	\$10
Class 13	Individual - 0:C	\$10
Class 14	Individual - 1:A	\$10
Class 15	Individual - 1:C	\$10
Class 16	Individual - 2:A	\$10
Class 17	Individual - 2:C	\$10
Class 18	Individual - 3:A	\$10
Class 19	Individual - 3:C	\$10

Useful Information

Vet on call	Vet Marlborough	Ph 03 577 9822
Farrier (on call)	Vaughn Cameron	Ph 027 444 0550
Urgent Care - Medical	Wairau Hospital. Hospital Road Blenheim 7201	Ph 03 520 6377
PGG Wrightson	20 Westwood Avenue, Springlands Blenheim 7201	Ph 03 579 3733
OsFeed	3 Manchester Street, Riverlands Estate, Blenheim 7274,	Ph 03 577 8323

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Code of Conduct

The New Zealand Pony Clubs Association Code of Conduct outlines behaviours that are expected of every person involved in our organisation, as well as identifying the types of behaviours that will not be tolerated.

- It applies to members, officials, adult supporters, coaches, instructors, spectators, family, friends, administrators, and other members of our diverse pony club community.
- It applies to all NZPCA, National, Area, Club and Branch events and activities.

The New Zealand Pony Clubs Association Code of Conduct supports everyone to have fun in a friendly and inclusive environment.



Our Values and Behaviours

Respect and Recognition

- I treat others as I would like to be treated.
- I treat everyone with dignity, courtesy, and respect.
- I appreciate performances by all participants.
- I value and recognise good behaviours and the contribution of all.
- I communicate openly and provide constructive supportive feedback.

Caring

- I believe welfare of the horse is paramount.
- I am considerate of others.
- I encourage others to participate but I don't force the issue.
- I never resort to verbal abuse, harassing behaviour, hostility, or aggression.

Integrity

- I am open, honest, and trustworthy.
- I do what I say.
- I am a Good Sport and encourage others to be the same.
- I do not make any disparaging or belittling remarks about others.
- I abide by the Code of Conduct.



Inclusion

- I support and help others.
- I am flexible and responsive to people's needs.
- I work collaboratively to achieve the best outcomes.
- I encourage the participation of all regardless of ability, age, gender, sexual orientation, race, culture or religion.
- I contribute towards an enjoyable and safe environment for all.

Our Responsibilities

Club Members

- Embrace and act in accordance with the Code of Conduct.
- Role model and share your knowledge of this Code.
- Consider and uphold the welfare of the horse in any activity in which you participate.
- Raise situations that you think might be a breach of this Code with your Branch, Club or Area's officials.
- Encourage others to raise their concerns.

Officials, Parents, Guardians, Coaches, Instructors, Administrators, Observers and Supporters

- Keep the Code of Conduct accessible for future reference.
- Embrace and act in accordance with the Code of Conduct.
- Raise situations that you think might be a breach of this Code with your Branch and / or Club or Area's officials.
 - Encourage an environment where others can raise their concerns.
 - Manage behaviour that is inconsistent with this Code.
 - Encourage others to raise their concerns.
 - Role model and share your knowledge of the Code.
 - Lead by Example.

Getting Advice

- Your Club's officials are your most direct source of information and action.

Fair Play Sports Charter

ALL MEMBERS:

Riding, non-riding, coaches, officials and parents belonging to the New Zealand Pony Clubs Association undertake to uphold the principles of good sportsmanship and fair play:

- To act within the spirit and intention of the rules
- Respect coaches, judges and officials
- Respect other riders and their supporters
- Respect their horses and care for their welfare
- Be gracious winners and dignified losers
- Play hard but Play fair. Play to enjoy our sport

Play Hard - Play Fair
Te Tutohinga Takaro
Wairua Tokeke O
Aotearoa





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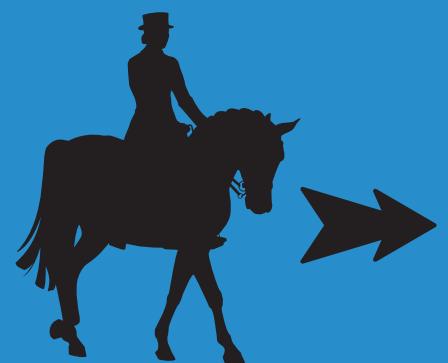
Warm-up Etiquette



Be friendly and
check in with the
gate steward



Pass left hand
to left



Keep moving
forward on
the track



Walk and Halt
on the inside
track



Stop if there is a
loose horse or
rider fall



Be courteous
to others and
have fun!

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