



Dressage Wairarapa Spring Series – Day One 6 September 2026

Kindly sponsored by Horse and Cat Vet Wairarapa

Rider Information

(Please refer to the Show Schedule on Evo Events for full Event Conditions)

Access – Access to the grounds is via the Fleet Street entrance from midday Saturday.

Arena Familiarisation/Warm Up – Arena set up for the six arenas is from 1.00pm Saturday - your assistance will be most appreciated. If set up is completed earlier, arena familiarisation may commence earlier (or later if there are not enough helpers – so please come and help!).

On Saturday, horses may only be ridden between 2.45pm and 5.00pm to adhere to first aid and steward cover requirements.

Arena familiarisation is 3.00pm – 5.00pm on Saturday. Horses may be led in-hand or ridden at **walk only** around the outside of the arena and be ridden in trot and canter in the all-weather warm up area during these times.

All riders, and any person leading a horse in an arena familiarisation, must be wearing a correctly fitted, current ESNZ approved tagged helmet. All horses must wear a bridle with a permitted bit. Horses competing in graded classes must have a bridle number displayed on both sides. All non-graded riders, and handlers leading horses, must be wearing a back number. A Newmarket lead may replace the reins for leading purposes.

Riders competing on the all-weather surface on Sunday may enter the all-weather warm up area 15 minutes prior to their test time. Riders competing on the grass surface (Arena 5 & 6) may enter the President's Oval 15 minutes prior to their test time. Otherwise, warm up is in the Judds Road paddock. Riders in Arena 4 will start their test inside the arena. All arenas are 60 x 20m.

Back Numbers – Riders competing in non-graded classes must wear back numbers when working their horse/pony. Please collect these from the office and ensure you return them before you leave. If your horse is registered and competing in non-graded classes you must wear a back number, not your ESNZ bridle numbers.

Camping – you must have booked and paid camping fees with your entry if you are staying on the grounds Saturday night. This is a requirement of the A&P.

Contact Details

- **Emergency - Dial 111**
- **24 Hour Medical** – Masterton Hospital, Te Ore Ore Road, Masterton Ph (06) 946 9800
- **Entry Secretary and Yarding Manager** – Ann Webster Ph 021 172 2740
- **On Call Vet** – Horse and Cat Vet Wairarapa 027 599 0045

Dogs – Dogs must be always kept on a lead. Dogs are not permitted in any stable or yarding area, warm up, competition areas or buildings. Any dog causing disruption must be removed from the grounds if requested by the OC.

Draw Times - The OC reserves the right to amend the programme and draw times as required to ensure the smooth running of the event. Draw times will be moved up where possible. Riders are to check EvoEvents and the noticeboard for any changes.

First Aid & Emergencies - In an emergency dial 111. Masterton Hospital is the nearest hospital and is 10 minutes from the grounds in Te Ore Ore Road. A defibrillator is available outside the A&P office near the Fleet Street entrance. A first aider is available on the grounds during arena family Saturday and competition times on Sunday. Outside of these times first aiders can be contacted via the office.

Food - A selection of hot and cold food, coffee and other drinks will be available for purchase from Dovecote House on the grounds during the day on Sunday.

Officials – Ground Jury - Mary Craine (Head), Robin Friend and Ian Childs. Technical Delegate - Robin Friend. Chief Steward – Jos Gresham. Steward – Ian Childs.

Photographer – Corina Belliss Photography is the official show photographer. You can PM her to book a time in advance.

Prizes – Ribbons will be awarded for 1st – 4th place and can be collected from the office once official results are available.

Scratchings – Scratchings after 10am Saturday 5 September are to be phoned or text directly to Ann Webster on 021 172 2740 as she will not have access to Evo Events after this time. Please refer to the schedule for refund conditions.

Showers and Toilets - Showers and toilets are located at the rear of the Main Oval Grandstand. Toilets are also available near the judges' entrance to the large sand arena, Judds Road entrance and near the Fleet St entrance.

Sponsor Recognition – Please take the time to thank our sponsor Horse & Cat Vet Wairarapa as we cannot run these events without our wonderful sponsors! Please sign the thank you card in the office during the show, beautifully made by Marg Robinson.

Yard Allocations - Riders must use allocated yards. The A&P does not allow horses and ponies to be tied to floats or trucks during the show due to health and safety. ID tags to be worn when in yards showing horse name, ESNZ#, person responsible and mobile phone contact number. Please direct yard requests or changes to the office secretary.

Have a great show everyone 😊