

EVENTING SERIES CONDITIONS 2026/2027 SEASON

Effective from **1st June 2026**

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. GOALS

- 1.1 Increase the participation in the Events involved in ESNZ Eventing Series and in the sport of Eventing generally.
- 1.2 Support promotion of Eventing to the media.
- 1.3 Promote excellence in equitation and all other technical aspects of the Eventing.
- 1.4 Provide a competition structure that assists in the development of younger and/or less experienced riders, encourages the continued participation of older and/or more experienced riders, and supports further development of elite and potentially elite riders.

2. PRINCIPLES

- 2.1 The term Series refers to a number of competitions held successively at different Events leading to a final classification, or to qualify horses and/or combinations for a final Event or competition.
- 2.2 A Series cannot commence before 1st June and must conclude at the final event (Final) as defined below.
- 2.3 The Series may be restricted to horses or ponies and/or different categories of competitors. These qualifications will be specified in the particular conditions of each Series.
- 2.4 A final event for each Series competition will be named as the last Series event each season by the ESNZ Eventing Board.
- 2.5 **FOR THE 2026/2027 SEASON THE FINAL EVENT FOR ALL SERIES WILL BE NZ Three-Day Event (NZ3DE) In May 2027**
- 2.6 The Calendar on the ESNZ Website will be the Official Calendar. The Event rating cannot be increased, or competitions added, unless it is amended by the ESNZ Eventing Board and published on the ESNZ Website.
- 2.7 Only in extraordinary circumstances will Events or competitions be added to the Series (other than pursuant to the Series Conditions exception referred to immediately above). Those possible exceptions will only be implemented with the permission of the ESNZ Eventing Board and after publication on the ESNZ Website.
- 2.8 For the purpose of these Conditions, Equestrian Sports NZ (ESNZ) will be referred to as NF.

3. POINTS

- 3.1 Points will be allocated according to Placings and Performance.
- 3.2 Placing points will only be awarded if there is a minimum of 2 starters.

	Placing Points – (ratio rule below)						Performance Points	
Event Rating (Cross Country Level)	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Performance Score	MER Score
CCN4*	26	24	22	18	14	10	6	6
CCN3*	22	19	16	13	10	7	5	5
CCN2*	18	15	12	9	6	5	4	4
CCN105/CCN1*	13	10	8	6	4	3	3	3
CCN95	9	7	5	4	3	2	2	2
CCN80	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	1

- 3.3 The level of the cross country course dictates the level of points awarded.
- 3.4 Multiplications to points will be awarded as follows:

CCN80-L	CCN95-L	CCN105/1*-L	CCI2*-L	CCI3*-L	CCI4*-L	CCI5*-L WEG/OG
CCN80 Pts x 1.5	CCN95 Pts x 1.5	CCN105 Pts x 1.5	CCN2* Pts x 1.5	CCN3* pts x 1.5	CCN4* pts x 1.5	CCN4* pts x 2

- Junior National One Day Championships will have points applied CCN2*
- Young Rider National One Day Championships will have points applied CCN3*
- Senior National One Championships will have CCN points applied.
- Performance Score and MER Score will not be multiplied.

Please note: If Junior and Young Rider Title Competitions are held within another class then there will only be one set of points awarded as per that class.

- National Events will have points earned for 1 in 5 starters.
- FEI Events will earn points at 1 in 4 starters.

3.5 To earn **performance score** points a combination will need:

- 65% or more in the dressage test
- Clear jumping and 18 time penalties or less cross country
- Not more than 4 jump faults show jumping.
- Combinations earning a Performance Score will be awarded their Performance Score points as well as their placing and MER score related points as applicable.

3.6 To earn **MER score** points, a combination will need:

- Not less than 55% in the dressage test
- 0 jump penalties and 30 time penalties or less cross country
- Not more than 16 jump faults show jumping.
- Combinations earning a MER Score will be awarded their MER points score as well as their placing related points.

3.7 In the event of an equality of points, placings will be decided on performance points received at the higher level.

4. PARTICIPATION

4.1 To be eligible for a Series competition Riders must be current, fully paid and correctly registered members of the NF and the Eventing Discipline.

4.2 Series points are accrued on a combination basis. Riders may register and compete more than one horse, but each horse and rider combination will be registered as separate individual combinations.

4.3 Horses:

4.3.1 All horses and ponies that take part in the Series must be currently and correctly registered with the NF and the Eventing Discipline including the **Eventing Annual Discipline Start**.

4.4 Riders:

4.4.1 Riders must nominate themselves into the Rider Series (**Pro-Am, Amateur, Young Rider, Junior Rider, Grassroots**) online via the evo events website, www.evoevents.co.nz, with their full name and ESNZ membership number and the ESNZ registered names and numbers of the horses they are nominating themselves on. They must state the Rider Series they are wishing to be registered for.

4.4.2 Events competed in prior to the ESNZ Eventing Sport Manager receiving notification of nomination to a series will be excluded from series results for that rider/horse combination.

4.4.3 Riders who are eligible for more than one of the Junior, Young Rider, Grassroots, Amateur or Pro-Am Series must nominate themselves for the Series they wish to compete in per 4.4.1.

4.4.4 Each series winner must be available for one day of promotional work or team building for the sponsor of the series won.

5. RESULTS AND PUBLICITY – (ORGANISERS)

5.1 Full results of all Series classes with detailed three-phase scores for all starters must be forwarded by 5pm on the business day immediately following the Event to: ESNZ Eventing – eventing@nzquestrian.org.nz

5.2 Official result sheets for Eventing must be sent to the Equestrian Sports NZ by 5pm on the business day immediately following the Event. **Only results received in official ESNZ results format will be accepted into the series results.**

6. SPONSORSHIP REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Provision must be made to display all sponsor's banners during the Series competition.

6.2 The sponsor's logo can be displayed in the event programme. Logos are available from the NF office (Eventing Sport Manager). These logos can be sent by e-mail.

6.3 The sponsor of a Series may supply a sponsored obstacle which must, if available, be used in the particular sponsor's Series Competition.

6.4 Organising Committees may contract with individual event sponsors for a Series Competition or the entire event. However, the sponsorship must provide for reference to the Series Sponsors, including logos, of each Series Sponsor in the schedule advertised on the ESNZ Eventing website, all event programs and general advertising.

6.5 It is a requirement of ESNZ Eventing that in the first instance a National Sponsor targeting a specific show be offered by the local Eventing group the opportunity of being the main sponsor including naming rights. Should that offer be declined then naming rights can be offered to a competitor company but with the ESNZ Eventing national sponsor still retaining the right to be a trade exhibitor albeit in a lesser capacity.

7. PENALTIES

- 7.1 Any horse/pony or competitor that is in breach of the NF Rules, General Conditions or Series Conditions will automatically lose any points they may have gained and may be need and/or be open to further judicial action.

8. APPEALS

- 8.1 A panel of not fewer than three and not more than five persons (one of whom shall be appointed as Chairperson) shall be appointed by the Board of ESNZ Eventing to an Appeals Committee.
- 8.2 The Appeals Committee shall have the power to enquire into, hear and determine all objections in respect of Series competitions (such objections not being within the jurisdiction of the Ground Jury), disputes over eligibility of horses and/or riders, breaches of these Conditions, and issues arising from interpretation of these Conditions.

YOUNG RIDER SERIES CONDITIONS

1. Name
 - 1.1. The Series will be named **The Young Rider Series**.
 - 1.2. Riders need to be aware of rule 4.0 in the general conditions in order to compete in this Series.
2. Horses
 - 2.1 There are no ownership restrictions on horses in this series.
3. Competitors
 - 3.1. Competitors will be eligible to take part in this Series from the **beginning of the calendar year** when they reach the **age of 18** until the **end of the calendar year** during which they reach the **age of 21**.
Refer to Rule Article 614 ESNZ Eventing Rules for age eligibility for each level.
 - 3.2 Riders who nominate to compete in this Series will not be eligible to be in any other Series
4. Participation
 - 4.1. The competitor may ride more than one horse in the Young Rider Series.
 - 4.2. Series Points are accrued on a combination basis.
5. Competition
 - 5.1. Points will be gained at competitions run under ESNZ Eventing Rules at CCN80 level and above.
6. Points
 - 6.1. Combinations **count their best six scores at events on the Eventing Calander (as per ESNZ website) during the season – see 2.6**
 - 6.2 In addition to the points scale in the General Conditions, points may be gained at Pony Club Championships (AI section at CCN2* and DC section at CCN105), provided that the combination are registered for ESNZ Eventing.

JUNIOR RIDER SERIES CONDITIONS

1. Name
 - 1.1. The Series will be named **The Junior Rider Series**.
 - 1.2. Riders need to be aware of rule 4.0 in the general conditions in order to compete in this Series.
2. Horses
 - 2.1 There are no ownership restrictions on horses in this series.
3. Competitors
 - 3.1. Competitors will be eligible to take part in this Series until the **end of the calendar year** during which they reach the **age of 18**.
Refer to Rule Article 614 ESNZ Eventing Rules for age eligibility for each level.
 - 3.2 Riders who nominate to compete in this Series will not be eligible to be in any other Series
4. Participation
 - 4.1. The competitor may ride more than one horse in the Junior Rider Series.
 - 4.2. Series Points are accrued on a combination basis.
5. Competition
 - 5.1. Points will be gained at competitions run under ESNZ Eventing Rules at CCN80 level and above.
 - 5.2 Combinations **count their best six scores at events on the Eventing Calander (as per ESNZ website) during the season – see 2.6**
 - 5.3 In addition to the points scale in the General Conditions, points may be gained at Pony Club Championships (AI section at CCN2*, DC section at CCN105 and MT Section at CCN95), provided that the combination are registered for ESNZ Eventing.

1. Name
 - 1.1. The Series will be named **The Amateur Rider Series**.
 - 1.2. Riders need to be aware of rule 4.0 in the general conditions in order to compete in this Series.
2. Horses
 - 2.1. Competitors must ride horses that are registered with the NF in their name as owner or part owner or registered lessee.
3. Competitors
 - 3.1. Competitors may take part in this Series from the first day of the eventing season during which they reach the age of 21. The eventing season is from 1 June until 31 May; hence Competitors may not take part in the Young Rider Series at the same time.
 - 3.2. Competitors may not have been part of a Senior Representative Team (Trans Tasman/Oceania, WEG, Olympics)
 - 3.3. Competitors may not have gained a MER at **3* or above** in the previous two seasons
 - 3.4. Eligibility is assessed at the commencement of the season (1st June 2026).
 - 3.5. Riders who nominate to compete in this Series will not be eligible to be in any other Series
4. Participation
 - 4.1. The competitor may ride more than one horse in the Amateur Series.
 - 4.2. Series Points are accrued on a combination basis.
5. Competition
 - 5.1. Points will be gained at competitions run under ESNZ Eventing Rules at **CCN95 level to CCN/CCI2***.
 - 5.2. Combinations **count their best six scores at events on the Eventing Calendar (as per ESNZ website) during the season – see 2.6**



BEYOND THE BIT PRO-AM RIDER SERIES CONDITIONS

1. Name
 - 1.1. The Series will be named **The Pro-Am Series**.
 - 1.2. Riders need to be aware of rule 4.0 in the general conditions in order to compete in this Series.
2. Horses
 - 2.1. There is no ownership restriction on horses in this series.
3. Competitors
 - 3.1. Competitors may take part in this Series from the first day of the eventing season during which they reach the age of 21. The eventing season is from 1 June until 31 May.
 - 3.2. Riders who nominate to compete in this Series will not be eligible to be in any other Series
 - 3.3. Eligibility is assessed at the commencement of the eventing season (1st June 2026).
4. Participation
 - 4.1. The competitor may ride more than one horse in the Pro Am Series.
 - 4.2. Series Points are accrued on a combination basis.
5. Competition
 - 5.1. Competitions in the Series will be **CCN/CCI2*** and above
 - 5.2. Combinations **count their best six scores at events on the Eventing Calendar (as per ESNZ website) during the season – see 2.6**



SYNCRFLEXGRASSROOTS SERIES CONDITIONS

1. Name
 - 1.1 The Series will be named **The Grassroots Series**.
 - 1.2 Riders need to be aware of rule 4.0 in the general conditions in order to compete in this Series.
2. Horses
 - 2.1 Competitors must ride horses that are registered with the NF in their name as owner or part owner or registered lessee.
3. Competitors
 - 3.1 Competitors may take part in this Series from the first day of the eventing season during which they reach the age of 21. The eventing season is from 1 June until 31 May.
 - 3.2 Riders may not have gained a MER at 2* or above in the two seasons immediately preceding the Series competition.
 - 3.3 Riders who nominate to compete in this Series will not be eligible to be in any other Series.
 - 3.4 Eligibility is assessed at the commencement of the eventing season (1st June 2026).
4. Participation
 - 4.1 The competitor may ride more than one horse in the Grassroots Series.
 - 4.2 Series points will be accrued on a combination basis.
5. Competition
 - 5.1 Points will be gained at competitions run under ESNZ Eventing Rules CCN80 level and **CCN95**
 - 5.2 Combinations **count their best six scores at events on the Eventing Calander (as per ESNZ website) during the season – see 2.6**

