



NELSON DRESSAGE EYE OPENER TOURNAMENT

Rough Island Equestrian Park
12th and 13th September 2026

Important Information

1. ESNZ Registration for Graded Classes: Entries will not be accepted without ESNZ rider and horse registrations current to 14th September 2026.
2. ESNZ Registration for Non-Graded Classes: All Riders must be Full or Introductory ESNZ members current to the 14th September 2026 or pay Casual membership fee of \$16.30 per event. Horses and Ponies maybe registered or non-registered.

Rules of the Event

Nelson Dressage competitions will be run under the current (2026) ESNZ GR's, VR's & ESNZ Rules for Dressage.

- 1. Official start time:** The official event start time is 12.00 pm Friday 11th September 2026. 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 \$50.00.
- 4. Dressage Top Ten Leagues:** Horses/Ponies must have an annual start for Dressage to gain points in any Dressage NZ Top 10 League. Riders must have registered online at www.evoevents.co.nz prior to 1st November 2026 for the 2026/2027 season.
- 5. Dressage National Leagues & Series:** No points will be accrued for the Super 5 League, Zilco Musical Freestyle Series, Prestige Futures Prize or AMS Pony, Young & Youth Rider Performance Leagues at local events.
- 6. Tests:** All tests from DNZ Test book version 2023 or FEI Website.

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. Presentation of Special Awards Prizes: See DNZ Rule article 456.

a. Please note - Ribbons to 4th for all classes only for the September Eye Opener 2026 and the January Championship show 2027.

b. All riders must attend advertised presentations.

c. Prize Giving's: There will be an unmounted prize giving at the completion of tests both days.

Correct attire is expected

3. Scratchings: Must be notified by text/email to the Event Manager/Secretary (before 9pm)

4. Equal Placings: In the case of equality in any qualifying class, the higher collective marks will determine the higher placing. If the competitors are still equal, then the higher co-efficient marks will determine the placings. If there is still an equality of points, the competitors are given the same placing.

5. 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.

6. Tests per day: Riders may not ride more than 3 tests per day per combination, or cannot ride more than 6 tests per day in total.

7. Hats: Yellow tagged ESNZ approved riding helmets must be worn at all times when mounted.

8. 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.

9. Musical Freestyles: All discs/USB (MP3 file) need to be at the office before 12 lunchtime on the Saturday for testing

10. Stallions must comply with ESNZ GR Article 133 and must be housed in the stallion yards at all times.

11. 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 nor 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.

12. 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 a risk by their actions.

13. 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.

14. 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/>

Entry Conditions

1. Entries Close 8pm Thursday 28th August 2025
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. If payment is not showing in the Nelson Dressage bank account by 8pm Friday 29th August 2025, your entry will be removed.
3. Enter online at www.evoevents.co.nz. Fax, emailed or phone entries will not be accepted.
4. **Late Entries will not be accepted**. For changes - Please contact Leigh Rodd with enquiries. Email: nelsondressageentries@gmail.com. Changes will not be accepted via Facebook or text.
5. Direct credit payments, in full, must be made by close of entry for entry to be accepted.
6. Direct Credit account number 03 0751 0211300 00 with name & rider ESNZ Registration number as reference.
7. Draw will be available at www.evoevents.co.nz



NON GRADED CLASSES				
LEAD REIN - RIBBONS TO 4TH PLACE				
Sun AM	1	BG1	Guthrie Bowron Motueka	\$12
Sun PM	2	BG2	Guthrie Bowron Motueka	\$12
INTRO STARTER - RIBBONS TO 4TH PLACE				
Sat AM	3	0A	Guthrie Bowron Motueka	\$12
Sat PM	4	0B*	Guthrie Bowron Motueka	\$12
Sun AM	5	0B	Guthrie Bowron Motueka	\$12
Sun PM	6	0A	Guthrie Bowron Motueka	\$12
INTO STARTER IS FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT READY FOR CANTER WORK				

YOU CAN NOT ENTER BOTH INTRO STARTER AND INTRO MEDIUM				
INTRO MEDIUM - RIBBONS TO 4TH PLACE				
Sat AM	7	0D	Guthrie Bowron Motueka	\$12
Sat PM	8	0C**	Guthrie Bowron Motueka	\$12
Sun AM	9	0D	Guthrie Bowron Motueka	\$12
Sun PM	10	0C	Guthrie Bowron Motueka	\$12
NON GRADED PRELIMINARY - RIBBONS TO 4TH PLACE				
Sat AM	11	1A	Guthrie Bowron Motueka	\$12
Sat PM	12	1B**	Guthrie Bowron Motueka	\$12
Sun AM	13	1D	Guthrie Bowron Motueka	\$12
Sun PM	14	1C	Guthrie Bowron Motueka	\$12
NON GRADED NOVICE - RIBBONS TO 4TH PLACE				
Sat AM	20	2A	Guthrie Bowron Motueka	\$12
Sat PM	21	2B**	Guthrie Bowron Motueka	\$12
Sun AM	22	2A	Guthrie Bowron Motueka	\$12
Sun PM	23	2C	Guthrie Bowron Motueka	\$12



GRADED CLASSES				
PRELIMINARY PONIES - RIBBONS TO 4TH PLACE				
Sat AM	101	1A		\$17
Sat PM	102	1B**		\$17
Sun AM	103	1D		\$17
Sun PM	104	1C		\$17
IF LESS THAN 4 PONIES, THEY WILL BE COMBINED WITH HORSES				
PRELIMINARY - RIBBONS TO 4TH PLACE				
Sat AM	105	1A		\$17
Sat PM	106	1B**	Southcote Performance Horses	\$17

Sun AM	107	1D	Bella Grove Equine	\$17
Sun PM	108	1C	Syncroflex	\$17
All classes count towards Champion Level 1 - Trillion Trophy				
NOVICE - RIBBONS TO 4TH PLACE				
Sat AM	201	2A		\$17
Sat PM	202	2B*	Southcote Performance Horses	\$17
Sun AM	203	2B	Bella Grove Equine	\$17
Sun AM	204	MFS	BetaVet	\$17
Sun PM	205	2C	Syncroflex	\$17
CANNOT ENTER BOTH CLASSES 203 & 204				
Classes 201/202/204/205 count towards Champion Level 2 - NA Chang Trophy				
ELEMENTARY - RIBBONS TO 4TH PLACE				
Sat AM	301	3A	Equus Elite	\$17
Sat PM	302	3B*	Dunstan Feeds	\$17
Sun AM	302	MFS	The Tasman Cloud	\$17
Sun PM	303	3C		\$17
All classes count towards Champion Level 3 - Nelson Riding Centre Trophy				
MEDIUM - RIBBONS TO 4TH PLACE				
Sat AM	401	4A	Equus Elite	\$17
Sat PM	402	MFS	Dunstan Feeds	\$17
Sun AM	403	4B*	The Tasman Cloud	\$17
Sun PM	404	4C		\$17
All classes count towards Champion Level 4 - Lance Muir Trophy				
ADVANCED MEDIUM - RIBBONS TO 4TH PLACE				
Sat AM	501	5A	Bella Grove Equine	\$17
Sat PM	502	MFS	BetaVet	\$17
Sun AM	503	5B*		\$17
Sun PM	504	5C	The Tasman Cloud	\$17
All classes count towards Champion Level 5 - El Contessa Trophy				
ADVANCED - RIBBONS TO 4TH PLACE				
Sat AM	601	6A	Hippo Health	\$19
Sat PM	602	MFS	BetaVet	\$19
Sun AM	603	6B*	Equus Elite	\$19
Sun PM	604	6C	Southcote Performance Horses	\$19
Classes 602 & 603 count towards Champion Level 6/7 - Simple Change Equestrian Trophy				
SMALL TOUR - RIBBONS TO 4TH PLACE				
Sat AM	701	FEI INT 1*	Hippo Health	\$19
Sun AM	702	FEI PSG	Equus Elite	\$19
Sun PM	703	FEI INT1 MFS	Dunstan Feeds	\$19
Classes 701 & 703 count towards Champion Level 6/7 - Simple Change Equestrian Trophy				
MEDIUM TOUR - RIBBONS TO 4TH PLACE				
Sat	801	FEI INT A/B MFS	Hippo Health	\$19
Sun	802	FEI INT B*	BetaVet	\$19
All classes count towards Champion Level 8/9 - Gameson & Hamer Trophy				
BIG TOUR - RIBBONS TO 4TH PLACE				
Sat	801	FEI GP MFS	Hippo Health	\$19
Sun	802	FEI GP*	BetaVet	\$19
All classes count towards Champion Level 8/9 - Gameson & Hamer Trophy				

Extra Classes

Pamela Reid YDC – class 905 – to be ridden in conjunction with your C test

Young Rider Series - class 906 – if you want to be included in the YR series, please enter this class

Springston Trophy tests - \$12 per test – no prizes awarded

Class 910 - Eventing A5 (2018)

Class 911 – Eventing A3 (2009)

Class 912 – Eventing L5 (2018)

World Challenge Tests - \$12 per test – no prizes awarded

Class 913 - Youth – FEI Childrens Team Competition Test 2022

Class 914 – Senior I – FEI Childrens Individual Competition Test 2022

Class 915 – Senior II – FEI Junior Team Competition Test 2022

Entry & Event Fees

Other fees to be paid with entry:

Ground Fee (per day, per horse)	\$30	Yards (per day)	\$5
Dressage Flexi Start L1-L9	\$5	Companion Horse (per day)	\$5
ESNZ Casual Day Membership (per event)	\$18.00		

Special Championship/Awards Points

Team Toby Randall Harcourts' Rural - Summer Series Graded Accumulator:

- Points from all three summer shows will be totalled for the Summer Graded Champions. Allocation of points in each grade 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.
- Must have gained championship points at two of the three shows to be eligible for overall champions.
- 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 September show.
- Points 1st = 10, 2nd = 9, 3rd = 8 etc down to 10th = 1 *Points will be worth 1.5
- Sash & dress rug will be awarded to Champion & Sash to Reserve in each grade (L1, L2, L3, L4, L5, L6/7, L8/9)



Guthrie Bowron Motueka - Non-Graded Summer Series:

- Open to riders in Non-Graded classes Lead Rein & Level 0, 1 & 2
- Points from all three summer shows will be totalled for the Summer Non-Graded Champions. Allocation of points in each grade will be decided by placings, and on scores from tests 57% or higher. In the event of equal points, the champion will be decided by the highest average percentage.
- Must gain points championship points at two of the three shows to be eligible for overall champions.
- Points 1st = 10, 2nd = 9, 3rd = 8 etc down to 10th = 1 *Points will be worth 1.5
- You can ride in more than one level but you can only receive championship points for one level

- You have to nominate which Non-graded you wish to receive points in by close of entries of September show.
- Sash will be awarded to Champion & Sash to Reserve in each category level: Lead Rein, Introductory Starter, Introductory Medium, Preliminary and Novice (Non-Graded).



Pamela Reid Young Dressage Horse Accumulator Series (PRYDH) To be run concurrently with your C test, if you have not already entered please nominate on your entry form.

Richmond Saddlery 2024/25 Nelson Young Rider Series - riders under 21 years of age as at 1 August 2026 will be automatically entered in the Richmond Saddlery 2026/27 Young Rider Series, however if you are riding in more than one level you must nominate before completion of first competition.

General Conditions

At Nelson Dressage we try to minimise the occurrences of any safety issues, we are also mindful that we want to be able to provide a show where you as the competitor have equal opportunity to show your horse to the judges without too much external interference. With these factors in mind, we have the following rules in place:

1. Approved Dressage NZ identification numbers must be worn on both sides at all times when warming up, competing and when being ridden or lead in Arena Familiarisation
2. At all other times, when not being ridden, it is compulsory that horses/ponies are identified with ID tags that include person responsible name and mobile phone number.
3. No smoking in any buildings or stable areas.
4. Damage to Rough Island Equestrian Park facilities to be reported to the Event Office
5. Always stay at least 10 metres back from all sides of the arenas.
6. Lunging Area is located on the northern side of the pine trees past the pony/riding club building.
7. Dogs are welcome, but please keep dogs on leads at all times - THEY MUST NOT BE around the arenas or club rooms during the competition.
8. During the competition please do not have any horses being led or grazed around the arenas.
9. Please do not enter the warmup arena on foot.
10. Young children to be always supervised, do not allow children to play in the arenas at any time.

11. The area between the warmup 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.
12. Please do not use picnic tables to mount, a mounting block is provided next to the warmup arena.
13. 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. If you have any queries, please ask in the office or a member of the committee.

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.

Parking, Yarding and Camping

1. Please book a day yard with your entries
2. Day competitors please do not park in front of the yards, if you do not have yards booked
3. Please be tidy and take all rubbish away with you
4. Please use the bins provided for horse waste not rubbish
5. All yards are to be left properly mucked out. If not a fee of \$50 will be charged.
6. We are unable to offer onsite overnight camping at this event, however for out of town competitors, we have several places you and your horses can be safely housed for the duration of the event. Stabling and camping is available at the Richmond Racecourse (approx. 10min drive from equestrian park).
7. Stallions must comply with ESNZ GR Article 133 and must be housed in the stallion yards at all times.
8. Stallion yards are for use by STALLIONS ONLY.
9. Please keep wash down bays clean at all times.
10. Moving horses to unallocated yards is prohibited without permission of the Yarding Manager.
11. Truck & Float parking is not permitted adjacent to the arenas, from the roading that goes behind the main building vehicles may park to the left in front of the trees but not to the right of the road by the arenas, and no parking past the pony/riding club building.

Vehicles & Access

1. Access to the park is via Tick Tock Road, the gates at the entrance of the park are locked overnight.
2. Speed limit for all vehicles 15 kph.
3. The gates into the park must have shut and latched at all times.

Nelson Rider Assistance

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 and by not fulfilling your obligation you are letting down your fellow riders and your sport.

Main tasks we need help with: Writers, arena grading, tow vehicle for arena pack up, sweep & mop kitchen at end of final day, manure patrol, collecting sheets, checking yards.

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
 4. At all times show respect and be courteous to all members of committee and to other competitors and spectators.
 5. 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.
 6. 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.

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

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 Concussion Policy <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/safety/concussion/>

Dressage NZ Rules <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/esnz/rules-regulations/dressage-rules/> Young and

Links to DNZ National League & Series Conditions

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

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

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

Withdrawals and Refunds

Please use the official withdrawal form attached to the schedule and send to Leigh Rodd – email to nelsondressageentries@gmail.com

All refunds are subject to committee approval, so all relevant paperwork must be submitted to the event secretary, and you will be notified after the next committee meeting.

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 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.

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 (nelsondressageentries@gmail.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: _____

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: _____