



Join us for the third event of the DRNZ's Waiuku Series of Three!

It's time to wrap up the 2026 Series of Three, and we'd love to have you join us for the third event on **3 & 4 October 2026**.

Set in the beautiful North Forest of Waiuku, enjoy the scenic sand based forestry trails with distances to suit everyone. Whether you're completing your Series of Three journey or simply joining us for a great day out with your horse, there's something for everyone.

Members, non members and lead rein riders are all welcome, so come along, get involved and enjoy one of DRNZ's most popular events.

And of course, stick around for our **Series of Three prizegiving on Sunday at 3pm!** We have some amazing sponsors on board and plenty of awesome prizes, spot prizes and awards to celebrate those who have completed the series.

Key Event Information:

Ride Base

- Location: North Forest, Wilson Road.
- Base opens (Sat & Sun): 7:30am
- Vet ring opens: From 8:00am Sat & Sun
- Enter via the Fire Station entrance and follow event signage.

The Course:

Our course is set entirely within the North Forest of Waiuku Forest, featuring 100% sand-based forestry riding. Please note that there is no beach riding. The course follows a mix of scenic forest trails, tracks and internal forestry roads across predominantly flat to gently rolling terrain. There are a few short sections of metal road; however, these are minimal and most have adjoining grass verges for riding.

Overnight Camping

Camping is available nearby at Waiuku Pony Club:

- \$25 per night (1 horse & 1 rider)
- \$10 per additional person
- Yards, truck & float parking, toilets, clubrooms and kitchen available
- Bookings: waiukuponyclub@gmail.com

Thank you to Waiuku Pony Club for their continued support.

Event Entry: This event requires pre-entry and pre-payment.

Entries and payments close: **Tuesday 29 September 2026**

How to enter:

- Enter here: <https://www.evoevents.co.nz>

Once your entry is complete, it will be confirmed and displayed on EvoEvents

Ride to Time (RTT) Entries: Riders start at 2-5-min intervals (solo, pairs or small groups). Preferred time or ride buddy just note it in the draw selection on the final check out page.

Entry Changes & Refunds: Manage changes and withdrawals through your EvoEvents account.

Rules & Eligibility: Visit

www.distanceridingnewzealand.co.nz for competition rules, class information, membership, refund policy and getting started guides.

Before the Event

- Rider briefing and start times emailed Wednesday 30 September 2026
- Includes directions, track information, your loop details and event contacts

Classes/Distances

Classes	Member Entry Fee	Non-Member Entry Fee	Start Times (Sat & Sun)
Enduro 1 – 40km, Adult & Youth (Series Category 4)	\$57.50	N/A	8.45am
RTT Intro – 40km, Adult & Youth (Series Category 3)	\$57.50	\$74.75	From 8.50am
RTT Intro – 20km, Adult & Youth (Series Category 2)	\$34.50	\$51.75	From 9.00am
RTT Intro – 10km, Adult & Youth (Series Category 1)	\$23.00	\$40.25	From 9.30am
RTT Intro – 5km, Adult & Youth	\$23.00	\$40.25	From 9.30am

Series of Three

The Waiuku Series of Three is held across three events:

Ride One: 1 & 2 August 2026 | Ride Two: 5 & 6 September 2026 | Ride Three: 3 & 4 October 2026

You can choose to ride a single event or take on the Series of Three challenge. If you're completing the series, the distances are designed to gradually build you and your horse's fitness and experience over the three months. If you're entering an individual event, simply choose the distance that best suits you and your horse.

To be eligible for the Series of Three awards, you must successfully qualify at all three events with the same horse in the same category. Prize giving will be held after all riders are in on Ride Three.

Series Distances Progressions

	Class	1-2 August	5-6 September	3-4 October
Category 1	Intro RTT	10km	15km	20km
Category 2	Intro RTT	20km	30km	40km
Category 3	Intro RTT	40km	40km	40km
Category 4	Enduro	40km	40km	40km

Rules - How it works

- To be eligible for the overall series, you must ride the same horse within the same category and division for all three rides.
- You must successfully qualify at each of the three events
- RTT Scoring – riders RTT score for each of the three events are added together. The winner of the series has the overall lowest total RTT score. In the event of a tie, a count back on the lowest individual score determines the winner.
- Enduro Scoring – riders' best managed score for each of the three events are added together. The winner of the series has the lowest total best managed score in the event of a tie, a count back on the individual lowest best managed score wins.
- To enter Category 4 you must be a member of DRNZ and your horse must be registered. Horses and Riders must go through the Ride to Time system before being eligible to enter Enduro events. DRNZ will recognise horse and rider qualifications from other distance/endurance/CTR organisations upon proof of these qualifications to the DRNZ Committee prior to entering an event.
- You can enter the rides /distances individually if you are not part of the series.

Not sure if your horse is fit enough?

All healthy horses should have no trouble with Category 1. If you are riding 2 -3 times a week for a couple of hours each time, you may prefer the Category 2 ride; you don't have to train excessively for your horse to be capable of a 40km ride. And the weather will be better by October, making it easier to get out riding a little more often and able to do a longer ride.

The Series of Three is a great fitness programme goal for horses usually competing in other disciplines.

Give it a go – it doesn't matter if you can't get to all three rides. There are qualifying certificates for each ride and a prize-giving at the end of the series.

Contact

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Email: events@distanceridingnewzealand.co.nz

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