



Dressage Masters Top 10 League 2026-2027

This competition is designed to promote dressage competition and participation for Masters Riders. The series provides an opportunity for riders to compete against peers at five different levels at all levels of events and competition regardless of whether riders compete locally, at Premier League events or nationally. The competition will be open to riders 50 years and over (see condition 5) and is run in five national divisions plus special awards. Entry conditions align with the Gold Silver & Bronze Classifications at each level. Please refer to more information about these divisions on pages 3.

Eligibility

1. **ESNZ Rider Membership Requirements for Series:** Entries will not be accepted without registration as follows
 - **Preliminary:** Riders must have an ESNZ Introductory, Child or Full Competitive membership.
 - **Novice and Above:** Riders must have an ESNZ Full Competitive membership.
2. **ESNZ Horse Registration Requirements for Series**
 - All participating horses must be registered and have an Annual Dressage Start (purchased on Horse Reg) for graded competitions.
3. Downgraded horses are eligible.
4. Bronze, Silver or Gold classification is at the date the entry is made on EvoEvents.
5. For Riders 50yrs & over (age from the beginning of the calendar year that the rider turns 50)

Conditions

1. Enter online at www.evoevents.co.nz no later than 1st December 2026
2. Horses may be entered in any level for which they are eligible as per the grading rules, but if a horse for instance is entered in Section 3, no points from any classes below Elementary will be accrued.
3. Competition runs from 1 August 2026 until 30th April 2027
4. Maximum of 10 scores to count from graded events on the official DNZ Calendar.
5. Riders may contest the league on more than one horse
6. Riders may only contest one National section per horse
7. Downgraded horses are eligible.
8. Participants must be annual competitive members of the ESNZ
9. Combo award eligibility: Rider date of birth must be recorded on the ESNZ database

National Sections

1: Preliminary and Novice	Combination Classification Preliminary Bronze or Novice Bronze
2: Preliminary and Novice	Combination Classification Preliminary Silver, Preliminary Gold, Novice Silver or Novice Gold
3: Elementary to Advanced Medium	Combination Classification Elementary Bronze, Medium Bronze or Advanced Medium Bronze
4: Elementary to Advanced Medium	Combination Classification Elementary Silver, Medium Silver or Advanced Medium Silver
5: Elementary to Advanced Medium	Combination Classification Elementary Gold, Medium Gold or Advanced Medium Gold
6: Advanced and above	No classification

Special Awards

Newcomer (First year member)

Open to new ESNZ graded Dressage rider with no grading points in Dressage prior to 1st April 2026

Owner /Horse Combo Award

Highest age horse/rider combined.

Partnership Award

Horse may not have earned grading points with any other rider at any time.

Scoring

1. Awards points can be earned in graded competitions only
2. Points are accrued as a combination
3. Maximum of 10 scores to count from Graded events on the official DNZ Calendar
4. In the event of a tie, the combination with the highest average percentage from the top ten scores will be deemed the winner.
5. Points are awarded as follows

Percentage	Points			
	Preliminary-Elementary	Medium-Advanced	Medium	Advanced-Grand Prix
Less than 57%	4	5		6
57 – 59.99%	5	6		7
60 – 64.999%	6	7		8
65 to 69.999%	7	8		9
70% plus	8	9		10

Presentations

Area Prizes:

Rosettes will be awarded to the highest scoring horse in each ESNZ area. A rider's Area is determined by the ESNZ Area Boundaries, and not necessarily the Area Group to which they belong.

National Prizes

To be awarded at The Dressage NZ Annual Awards Dinner 2027

- Section Champions receive presentation Rug and Sash
- Section Reserve Champion receives Sash
- Partnership Award Sash
- First year member Sash
- Combo Award Sash

Gold Silver Bronze Categories 2023-24

- **Bronze eligibility % is 64% ALL LEVELS, Silver eligibility is 67% ALL LEVELS.**
- Riders may compete in their category when GSB is used, or ride in Gold (Open)
- Eight years eligibility calculated from 1st August annually
- Eligibility at the evening prior to the event
- Graded competition scores only to count - Freestyle scores are included .
- Small Tour and above is defined as Prix St Georges to Grand Prix Levels incl FEI Young Rider tests

Preliminary Gold(open): For riders who are open, or those Bronze/ Silver riders wanting to ride Open.

To compete Preliminary Bronze you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete Preliminary Silver you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Elementary or above at any time			As a rider on any horse competed at Medium level or above in the last eight years		
As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 64% or above at any level			As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 67% or above at any level		

Novice Gold (Open): For riders who are open, or those Bronze/Silver riders wanting to ride Open

To compete Novice Bronze you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete Novice Silver you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Medium level or above at any time			As a rider on any horse competed at Advanced Medium level or above in the last eight years		
As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 64% or above at any level Novice and above			As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 67% or above at any level Novice and above		

Elementary Gold (Open): For riders that are open, or those Bronze/ Silver riders wanting to ride Open

To compete Elementary Bronze you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete Elementary Silver you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Advanced Medium level or above at any time			As a rider on any horse competed at Advanced in the last eight years		
As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 64% or above at any level Elementary and above			As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 67% or above at any level Elementary and above		

Medium Gold (Open) For riders that are open, or those Bronze or Silver riders wanting to ride Open .

To compete Medium Bronze you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete Medium Silver you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Advanced or above at any time			As a rider on any horse competed at Small Tour or above in the last eight years		
As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 64% or above at any level Medium and above			As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 67% or above at any level Medium and above		

Advanced Medium Gold (open): For riders that are open, or those Bronze/Silver riders wanting to ride Open.

To compete Advanced Medium Bronze you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete Advanced Medium Silver you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Small Tour or above at any time			As a rider on any horse competed at Medium Tour or above in the last eight years		
As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 64% or above at any level Advanced Medium and above			As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 67% or above at any level Advanced Medium and above		