



Dressage Rising Stars Top 10 League 2026 - 2027

The Jump 4 Joy Rising Stars Top Ten League aims to encourage and inspire new and returning adult riders.

This is an opportunity for riders to compete in a national series against riders of similar age, experience and grade of horse or pony at local, regional, and national shows.

Entry conditions align with the Gold Silver & Bronze Classifications at each level.

Please refer to more information about these divisions on pages 3.

The competition is open to riders 26yrs and over at 1/8/2026 and over and is run in four National sections plus special awards.

National Sections

Preliminary	Combination Classification Preliminary Bronze or Silver
Novice	Combination Classification Novice Bronze or Novice Silver
Elementary	Combination Classification Elementary Bronze or Elementary Silver
Medium and Advanced Medium	Combination Classification Medium and Advanced Medium Bronze or Medium and Advanced Medium Silver

Special Awards – for anyone eligible that are entered in one of the above sections

Newcomer (First year member)	Open to new ESNZ graded Dressage rider with no grading points in Dressage prior to 1 st April 2026
Partnership Award	Horse may not have earned grading points with any other rider at any time.

Eligibility

1. All Riders must be 26yrs and over at 1st August 2026
2. **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.
3. **ESNZ Horse Registration Requirements for Series**
 - All participating horses/ponies must be registered and have an Annual Dressage Start (purchased on Horse Reg) for graded competitions.
4. Downgraded horses are eligible.
5. Bronze, Silver or Gold classification is at the date the entry is made on EvoEvents.

Conditions

1. Riders must nominate on www.evoevents.co.nz by 1 December 2026.
2. Competition runs from 1 August 2026 to 30th April 2027.
3. A separate entry for each horse must be made.
4. Rider may only enter one national section per horse/pony.
5. Horses may be entered in any level for which they are eligible as per the grading rules. Eg below
 - If a horse is entered in Novice, but is still eligible for Preliminary Level 1 and competes in any Preliminary tests, the Preliminary scores /points will not count
 - If a horse is eligible and entered in Section 1, (Preliminary and also competes at Novice or above, the Novice or above scores/points will be recorded and may count toward the final accumulated score

Scoring

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

Percentage	Points			
	Preliminary-Elementary	Medium-Advanced	Medium	Advanced & above
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 combination 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 TBC

- National presentations are made annually at the Dressage Awards Dinner. Date and venue TBC
- Overall National winner receives the Pot Black trophy and Champion sash
- Section Champions receive presentation Rug, Sash
- Section Reserve Champion receive a Sash
- Newcomer Award (First year member), Sash
- Partnership Award, Sash to winner

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		