



Pony Rider Rising Star Top Ten League 2026 - 2027

The Tackshop.co.nz Pony Rider Rising Star Top Ten League is set to encourage and inspire our riders of the future. This is an opportunity for riders to compete in a national series against riders of similar age, experience and grade of 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.

Eligibility

- 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 registration.
 - Novice and Above:** Riders must have an ESNZ Full Competitive registration.
- ESNZ Horse Registration Requirements for Series**
 - Participating ponies must be ESNZ registered and have an Annual Dressage Start (purchased on Horse Reg).
- Bronze or Silver classification is at the date the entry is made on EvoEvents.
- Downgraded ponies are eligible
- Ponies:** Riders must be 16yrs or under at 1st August 2026.
- Riders who are not eligible to compete in any pony division because they are 17yrs or older as at 1st August 2026 may compete in the Tackshop.co.nz U25 Rider section on a pony.

Conditions

- The competition runs from 1st August 2026 until 30th April 2027
- Riders must nominate on www.evoevents.co.nz by 1st December 2026
- Ponies may be entered for only one National section and may enter any level for which they are eligible under the dressage grading system. *eg A pony graded Preliminary may enter Novice but only scores from Novice and above tests will be accrued. If a pony is graded Preliminary but competes in a higher level during the season, the higher-level points will be counted.*

National Pony Section: Riders 16yrs and under at 1st August 2026

Pony Preliminary	Combination Classification Preliminary Bronze or Preliminary Silver
Pony Novice	Combination Classification Novice Bronze or Novice Silver
Pony Elementary to Advanced Medium	Combination Classification Elementary to Advanced Medium Bronze or Advanced Medium Silver

Special Awards – for anyone eligible

Top Score Rider North Island	12yrs & under at 1 August 2026
Top Score Rider South Island	12yrs & under at 1 August 2026
Newcomer ESNZ graded Dressage rider.	Must have not earned any dressage grading points on any horse or pony prior to 1/4/2026

Scoring

- Maximum of 10 scores to count from Graded events on the official DNZ Calendar.
- In the event of a tie, the combination with the highest average percentage from the top ten scores will be deemed the winner.
- League Points will be allocated as follows:

Percentage	Points	
	Preliminary-Elementary	Medium-Advanced Medium
Less than 57%	4	5
57 - 59.99%	5	6
60 - 64.99%	6	7
65 - 69.99%	7	8
70% plus	8	9

Prizes & Presentations

Area Prizes

Rosettes will be awarded to the highest scoring pony 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: Date & Venue TBC

- Section Champions receive presentation Rug, Sash and \$50 Tackshop.co.nz voucher
- Section Reserve Champion receives a sash.
- Top Score Rider North Island 12yrs & under receives a winner's sash and \$50 Tackshop.co.nz voucher
- Top Score Rider South Island 12yrs & under receives a winner's sash and \$50 Tackshop.co.nz voucher
- Newcomer ESNZ graded Dressage rider receives a winner's sash and \$50 Tackshop.co.nz voucher

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		