



Pony, Young Rider & U25 Performance League Conditions 2026-2027

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 Child or Full Competitive membership.
2. **ESNZ Horse Registration Requirements for Series**
 - Participating horses and ponies must be ESNZ registered and have an Annual Dressage Start (purchased on Horse Reg).
3. Downgraded horses/ponies may only compete in their original grade (refer DG rules eff 1 August 2026).
4. Horses/ponies may be entered in any level for which they are eligible as per the grading rules.
5. Riders who are not eligible to compete in any pony division may compete in the Young Rider or Youth section on a pony.
6. Riders may only enter one National section on the same mount but can contest more than one level within that section. A rider 16yrs or under may enter a horse in the horse division and a pony in the pony division

Entries & Conditions

1. Riders must nominate which levels they wish to enter on www.evoevents.co.nz by 1 December 2026.
2. Combinations may contest more than one level at an event.
3. Riders may contest the league on more than one mount.

National Sections – you may only enter one section but can contest more than one level within that section.

1: Pony Rider Levels - 16 years or under at 31 July 2026

1. Preliminary
2. Novice
3. Elementary
4. Medium and above combined

National Pony League Champion – all combinations entered in Pony Rider Section

2: Young Rider Levels - 20 years or under at 31 July 2026

1. Preliminary
2. Novice
3. Elementary
4. Medium
5. Advanced Medium
6. Advanced
7. Small Tour

National Young Rider League Champion – all combinations entered in Young Rider Section

3: Youth Rider Levels

1. Preliminary to Small Tour Riders must be 21 to 25yrs at 31 July 2026
2. Medium Tour & Grand Prix Riders must be 16 to 25yrs at 31 July 2026

National Youth Rider League Champion – all combinations entered in Youth Rider Section

Scoring

Points will be allocated from all graded classes at Premier League Events and the NZ Under 25 Championships /Youth Festival

1. Maximum 10 best combination scores will count for the final league points.
2. Combinations competing in more than one level will have their top 10 scores across all levels carried forward for final points classification for determining the National winner. Eg if a combination scores 16 pts in Preliminary and 16 pts in Novice their total score of 32 will determine the national winner. The points will remain at 16 in each grade for the purpose of determining the level winner.
3. In the event of a tie at any level, the combination with the highest average percentage from the top ten scores will be deemed the winner.
4. In the event of a tie for the national awards the highest level will be deemed the winner.
5. League Points will be allocated 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

PRIZES:

Pony Riders

1. Preliminary, Novice, Elementary, Medium and above combined Winners - Winner's sash and \$100 AMS Saddlery Voucher for every level.
2. National Winner - The combination with the highest points wins a \$150 AMS Voucher, Trophy and Sash.

Young Riders

1. Preliminary, Novice, Elementary, Medium, Advanced Medium, Advanced, Small Tour Winners - Winner's sash and \$100 AMS Saddlery Voucher for every level
2. National Winner - The combination with the highest points wins a \$150 AMS Saddlery Voucher, Trophy and Sash.

Youth Riders

1. Preliminary to Small Tour combined and Medium Tour & Grand Prix combined Winners - Winner's sash and \$100 AMS Saddlery Voucher for every level
2. National Winner - The combination with the highest points wins a \$150 AMS Saddlery Voucher, Trophy and Sash.

Presentations

The National Pony, Young Rider and Youth Rider presentations will be made at the Dressage NZ Awards Dinner 2027. Date and venue to be confirmed.