



Demo, Dabble & Do-it

Dressage & Jumping

North Island 2026

Saturday 7 November

Entries Open: 28 September

**Entries Close: 7 days prior event date or when
spaces are full**

Enter Online: www.evoevents.co.nz

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Welcome to the North Island Demo & Dabble 2026 – proudly brought to you by Equestrian Sports New Zealand!

This year, we're taking things up a notch with **Demo, Dabble & Do-it** Dressage & Jumping – a fun, non-competitive day created especially for recreational riders who want to enjoy low-pressure, multi-disciplinary learning.

Choose your pathway – Dressage or Jumping OR we have very LIMITED spaces for riders who want to do both – the choice is yours!

Whether you're here to learn something new, build confidence, or simply have a great day out with your horse, there's something for everyone.

Thanks to our amazing sponsors (to be revealed on the Facebook Event) there are **style prizes and spot prizes** to be won – awarded by our organisers and ambassadors for outstanding **horsemanship and sportsmanship**. Come along, get involved, learn or try something new and have a whole lot of fun.

Provisional Timetable - Sat 7 November Abderry Equestrian, Kingseat

Coffee & Chat Dressage	Off-horse Dressage Education - Coffee & Live Chat. Ambassadors present top tips for enjoying a Dressage event. Opportunities for questions.
AMBASSADORS: Chelsea Burns 2 nd TBC	DEMO Dressage demonstration including a demo rider - ambassadors present and explain / educate participants around arena craft for introductory level dressage.
Coffee & Chat Jumping	Off-horse Dressage Education - Coffee & Live Chat. Ambassadors present top tips for enjoying a Dressage event. Opportunities for questions.
AMBASSADORS: Rosanna Dickson 2 nd TBC	DEMO Jumping demonstration including a demo rider - ambassadors present and explain / educate participants around the basics of jumping 65 - 95cm.
	DABBLE Group coaching session in Dressage / Jumping with ambassador, putting the learning into practice
	DO-IT Try a Dressage test of choice or a round of 65-95cm jumping with support / guidance from an ambassador (Dressage times scheduled / Jumping - pick your height / whiteboard order)
COSTS	\$50 entry fee including ground fee – single discipline (Dressage OR Jumping) \$80 entry fee including ground fee – both Dressage &

	Jumping (limited spaces) ESNZ Introductory membership \$18.00 (if required)
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Want to find out more about our ambassadors? Pop over to the Demo, Dabble & Do-it Facebook Event on ESNZ Facebook page for lots of information, updates and fun.

Refunds / Scratchings : Entry free refunded if notified before 8am Monday week before the event date with doctor/vet certificate. All other refunds at OC discretion.





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Starting out?

What you get

You can choose to compete in one event held by ESNZ for a Casual Fee of \$18 incl GST. Or our Introductory Membership gives you annual multi-disciplinary access for only \$60 incl GST.

Dressage

Non Graded

**Jumping
& Show
Hunter**

Introductory
Ponies up to 80cm
Horses up to 90cm

Eventing

Arena & Express
Eventing
CCN65cm

Para

Non Graded
all levels

Endurance

Endurance & CTR
0-40km

These fees cover you for Public Liability Insurance. Competition fees still apply.

Starting Out – if you are thinking of riding at 3 or more **introductory level** events in one year? You might like to consider an Introductory Membership (as described above) for \$60 per annum.

Find out more on our website under – members – get involved, or use the link below:

<https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/esnz/membershipregistration/membershipregistration-information/>

Links to dressage tests...

<https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/disciplines/dressage/resources/dressage-tests/>

✿ Choose your DDD adventure!

The Triple D is all about giving things a go, learning something new and having fun — and you can choose how much you want to get involved!

Dressage only?

Easy! Your day will be scheduled so you can attend the live chat + demonstration, then have your own Dressage Dabble followed by your Dressage Do It ride, all supported by our friendly and supportive ambassadors.

Jumping only?

Same deal! You'll get to join the live chat + demonstration, then have your Jumping Dabble and finish with your Jumping Do It, again supported by the knowledgeable and passionate ambassadors.

👤 Want to do BOTH?

Even better! We'll build the schedule so a limited number of riders who choose both disciplines have the opportunity to experience the full DDD adventure — attending both the Dressage and Jumping live chats + demonstrations, plus having a Dressage Dabble & Do It AND a Jumping Dabble & Do It.

We'll carefully schedule the day so there's time to enjoy each part without having to choose between the chats, demos and your rides.

So whether you're a dressage devotee, jumping junkie, or keen to have a crack at both, there's a DDD option for you!

Come along, get inspired, try something different and DO IT!



Some information about the disciplines for first timers...more can be found on ESNZ website

What is Dressage?

Think of dressage as *horse dancing* – it's all about harmony, precision, and correct training so that any well-prepared horse can shine. Riders follow a set "test" at each level, performing specific movements that judges score for accuracy, suppleness, and partnership. In New Zealand, there are ten progressive levels, from beginner to advanced, with special classes like Musical Freestyle (dressage to music), young horse tests (ages 4–7), and even Prix Caprilli (dressage with small jumps!). At the top are the FEI international tests, used all over the world.

Events take place in standard-size arenas (40m x 20m or 60m x 20m), with clear rules on dress, tack, and equipment – all overseen by ESNZ Dressage.

What is Show Jumping?

Show jumping is like an equestrian obstacle course – fast, exciting, and precise. Riders must guide their horse over a set of colourful jumps in the right order and inside a set time.

Knocking a rail, refusing a jump, or going too slow earns penalties. The winner? The one with the least faults and the fastest time (or the most points in certain formats).

It's a brilliant showcase of a horse's power, agility, and carefulness – and the rider's skill in balancing speed with control.

What is Show Hunter?

Show Hunter is the *art* of jumping – smooth, stylish, and consistent. The aim isn't just to leave the rails up, but to show beautiful technique, an even rhythm, and accurate riding.

Riders work to meet a set number of strides between fences, keeping the round looking effortless. It's fantastic training for building a soft, balanced partnership and has launched many future champions.

It's a sport for all ages – from kids to riders in their 70s – and runs in 20 regions across New Zealand, making it a true grassroots discipline with a warm, welcoming vibe.

What is Eventing?

Eventing is the ultimate equestrian triathlon, testing versatility, endurance, and partnership. It combines dressage, cross-country, and show jumping – all counting towards one final score.

- Day 1 – Dressage: Show off balance, rhythm, and harmony in a set pattern.
- Day 2 – Cross Country: Gallop over solid, natural obstacles within the optimum time – an adrenaline-packed test of bravery and stamina.
- Day 3 – Show Jumping: Finish with a round in the arena, aiming for precision and control after the rigours of the cross country.

Shorter CCN-S (One Day Events) pack all three phases into a single day, while the top-level CCI-L (Three Day Events) are the ultimate challenge for horse and rider.