

FULL EXPLANATION OF OUR COMPETITION SCHEDULES

Here you'll find an explanation as to what classes you can or can't enter on our competition days.

THE RIDER CATEGORIES EXPLAINED

This categorising of riders has nothing to do with the level or grading points of the horse, but just the points gained in a particular level by the rider.

Why did we do this? Well it gives the committee a chance to have separate classes defined by rider experience. For example we will be able to run a Level 1 (old name preliminary) class restricted to CN, C1 riders, and then another class Level 1 for riders C2 and above , so that an experienced rider doesn't compete on a lower graded horse against an inexperienced rider on a lower graded horse.

You will see too that there is a Master category and we can use that and combine with a level of class. For example we can have a class Level 2 for CM masters who are CN, C1 and C2 category, and maybe a CM Masters who are C3 and above.

This may be confusing but take time to see which category of rider you are and remember it doesn't affect the grading of the horse.

This system applies nationally so if you compete in other areas the category definitions will be the same. Also there may be opportunities to have restricted classes at the major championships like the North Islands and the Nationals so lower level less experienced riders can take part in those exciting events, but not have to compete against higher level riders in the same class.

Essentially this system talks over from our "Amateur" competition, which we will continue but with these categories as the main guide.

Category N (CN) Newcomers. For riders who have never earned grading points at any Level

Category 1 (C1) For riders who have never earned grading points at any level above Level 1

Category 2(C2) For riders who have never earned grading points at any level above Level 2 and riders who have ridden at ESNZ Novice Horse Trials

Category 3(C3) For riders who have never earned grading points at any level above Level 3 (and riders who have ridden at ESNZ Intermediate Horse Trials)

Category 4 (C4) For riders who have never earned grading points at any level above Level 4

Category 5 (C5) For riders who have never earned grading points at any level above Level 5 (and riders who have ridden at ESNZ Advanced Horse Trials)

Category 6 (C6) For riders who have never earned grading points at any level above Level 6

Category 7 (C7) For riders who have never earned grading points at any level above Level 7

Category 8 (C8) For riders who have never earned grading points at any level above Level 8

Category 9 (C9) For riders who have earned grading points at Level 9

Category M (CM) Masters. For Riders 55yrs & over (age from the beginning of the calendar year that they turn 55)

If you're in doubt as to what category you are, please email us at dressagewaitemata@hotmail.com and have a chat to us.

INTRODUCTORY CLASSES

Also new are the "Intro" Non Grading Classes. These are only for riders who are not members of ESNZ who ride an unregistered horse, or a horse that has been unregistered for three years, or a horse that is currently registered but with less than 30 points at Level 2. A relaxed dress code applies for Intro riders.

To enter our Introductory Classes please use the "Introductory Entry Form" which is online on the Calender page of the website. Please see the "Dress Code" document as well on this page of the website.