



Solway College Inter-School Dressage Day

Event Information

Class Levels

Beginner

- Lead rein, learner/green riders etc (riders in this class are not eligible for the overall individual championship trophy, but points do count for team trophies)
- Tests – Dressage NZ Introductory OB & OD

Introductory/Preliminary

- For riders with some dressage experience
- Tests – Dressage NZ Introductory OF & Preliminary 1B

Preliminary/Novice

- For riders competing Novice or above, and experienced Preliminary riders.
- Tests – Dressage NZ Preliminary 1C & Novice 2A

Classes are based on ability rather than age

Riders must adhere to the Fair Play Charter and enter the correct level for their ability. If you are competing regularly at dressage, please do not enter at a level below what you would normally compete at. Organisers reserve the right to refuse entries or move combinations to another level if deemed necessary. The organisers have the right to limit class numbers and split classes.

Lead rein riders must notify judges that they will be competing on the lead. No canter on the lead rein.

Beginner riders may opt out of canter movements in tests. Please advise the judge prior to beginning the test. Marking will reflect that the movement was not cantered.

Class 1 - Beginner and lead rein riders must not wear spurs.

Class 2 & 3 - Simple spurs are accepted in these classes.

Snaffle bits only and whip length must not exceed 1m for ponies and 1.10m for hacks (As per Dressage NZ rules)

All tests may be called.

Teams

Junior Teams - Primary/Intermediate (school years 1-8) compete for Junior Trophy

Senior Teams - College/High School (school years 9-13) compete for Senior Trophy

Note - A college which incorporates a junior school may have a team compete in the junior category provided all team members are year 7 and 8 students.

If a college team includes both senior and junior riders, the team will be included in the senior category for the team points competition.

Teams consist of three or four riders. Each rider rides two tests, the three riders with the most points counting towards the overall team score. Riders may ride more than one horse in a team (subject to any restrictions on overall numbers), but riders cannot share horses.

Riders on a team compete in the class appropriate to their individual ability level.

Teams can have mixed abilities with riders in classes 1, 2, or 3.



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Individual Riders

Riders may compete in any class as individuals. Individual riders from different schools are welcome to create a composite team, provided organisers are advised in advance.

General Rules

All riders must wear helmets when mounted. Helmets must be red tagged and meet current ESNZ safety standards.

Accidents or falls should be reported to the show office, and riders assessed by the on-site medic.

Horses and ponies may only be warmed up and ridden by their entered rider.

No lunging of horses and ponies in the warm-up areas.

Protests must be lodged within 15 minutes of class closing, accompanied by a \$50 fee. Judge's decision is final. Riders, parents, and team managers must not approach judges to discuss markings.

The committee and judges reserve the right to eliminate any rider or school who in their opinion does not ride or act in a safe or sportsmanlike manner.

Solway College accepts no responsibility for loss, damage or injury to spectators, competitors, horses, ponies, or property.

Grounds, Yarding and Arenas

Parking - Please park with consideration to the ground conditions. If wet, parking may be restricted to designated areas.

Yarding – all horses/ponies must be yarded. No tying horses to trucks and floats. A day open yard is included in the entry fee (covered yards available by payment with entry). Yarded horses must have ID tags on halter or cover. Blocks of yards will be allocated to a school.

It is the school's responsibility to ensure yards are left tidy and mucked out, a \$30 penalty fee will be applied if yards are left dirty.

Overnight yarding is available when entering at an additional cost.

Arena entry & Warm-up – Entry to arenas is through a manned gate. To keep order, prevent chaos and give everyone an equal opportunity, the gate stewards will restrict entry to a few riders at a time. It is the rider's responsibility to present at the gate for their test.

Please be nice to the gate stewards.

Dogs must be on a lead.

Prize Giving

Prize giving will be conducted unmounted outside the Pony Club Shed at the conclusion of the competition and scoring. We appreciate that everyone wants to leave as soon as possible but collating scores and calculating team points does take time. Our senior riders will be organising some novelty events and spot prizes. If you need to leave before prize giving and would like ribbons/tests sent out, please let us know. Product prizes are forfeited if winners do not attend prizegiving.

Good Luck & Have Fun!