

NEDSS 2020 RULES

Purpose & Intention

These rules have been formed with the intention of allowing eligible members of the North Eastern Zone the opportunity to compete in a fair and equitable way for the opportunity to qualify for selection to represent the North Eastern Zone at the following Pony Club Victoria State Championships for Dressage and Show Jumping. NEDSS results will be used at the discretion of the Zone Representative in selecting the final teams for State Dressage and Show Jumping Teams.

Definitions

Championship – Is the combined results of the two tests/classes in the same grade in the one event

Classes – Any of the five Dressage grades or six Show Jumping Grades offered in the PCV Section at any event

CTS – Combined Training Series

Event – Each of the seven (or number to be determined) competition days

HTS – Horse Trials Series

NEDSS – North Eastern Dressage & Showjumping Series

NEZ – North Eastern Zone

PCV – Pony Club Victoria

NEDSS Committee

The NEDSS Committee is appointed by the NEZ Executive. As a subcommittee of the zone the NEDSS Committee is bound by the constitutions, rules and policies of the NEZ and PCV.

Rules

1. All Events are to be run under PCV Rules.
2. To be eligible for NEDSS prizes, the combination must ride both dressage tests and/or show jumping classes in the same grade in at least 51% of events run by NEZ clubs in the series, e.g.
 - 4 out of 7 Dressage events
 - 5 out of 8 Show Jumping Events.
 - 3 out of 4 HT Events
 - 4 out of 6 CT Eventswith the exception of A and B Grade Show Jumping as per Rule 3.
3. A and B Grade show jumping competitors will be eligible for NEDSS points and prizes with 3 qualifying rides. All 3 of which can be in the NEZ or 2 within NEZ and 1 outside NEZ in a Pony Club Class at a Pony Club event.

A and B Grade riders using an event outside of NEZ for the purpose of NEDSS will be obligated to provide a copy of the full scores including all riders in the class to the nedsscommittee@gmail.com, so that scoring system can be applied as per NEDSS scoring.

4. NEDSS Points will be awarded on Championship results for each grade at each event as follows 1st Place = 15 points, 2nd Place = 14 points, 3rd Place = 13 points and so on to 1 point. If a class is greater than 15 riders all remaining riders will receive 1 point.
5. To be eligible for NEDSS points the combination must ride both tests/classes at the same grade at any event.
6. The NEDSS Champion is determined by combining the combinations four/five best championship placings. In the event of equal NEDSS points the combination with the higher championship placings at the higher grade over the series takes the higher place. In the event of overall equal scores, world cup scoring system will be applied to separate the scores, in the event of further equalisation the final decision rests with the Zone Representative as per the PCV by-laws.
7. When a combination upgrade, they will take their best NEDSS score (1 result) from the lower grade to the higher grade and are eligible for the NEDSS Championship at the higher grade only.
8. An individual combination competing in a grade in which they have previously won the NEDSS Champion will be ineligible to win in that grade again. They will however still be eligible for state team selection.
9. The NEDSS Series is made up of any number of events in both Dressage and Show Jumping, preferably 7 of each and are hosted by Individual NEZ Clubs.
10. Entry for the NEDSS is \$2.00 and is to be included as part of the entry fee for any of these events. The club is responsible for forwarding this fee to the zone. The fee will be applied per PC combination for each discipline. E.g. a rider who has one horse in both the Dressage and Show Jumping will pay \$4.00. A rider who has two horses in both the Dressage and Show Jumping will pay \$8.00, A rider with one horse in only one discipline will pay \$2.00
11. The fee will be set by the NEDSS Committee in consultation with the NEZ Committee and Zone Representative.
12. If a rider changes horses during the course of the NEDSS, the new combination starts afresh from that point in the NEDSS. If a rider competes on two horses, each combination will be judged separately and points awarded separately.
13. Riders may ride more than one horse in a grade or multiple grades and each combination will be judged and awarded points separately for the NEDSS. For the purpose of state selection, no one rider is able to take more than one horse in any one grade and/or a maximum of 2 horses in multiple grades. Exception to this rule is A Grade or Grade 1 – in the absence of multiple qualifying riders, the Zone Representative call allow additional qualified horse in consultation with the NEZ executive and DCI.
14. NEDSS is open to all graded PC Riders. PCV Combinations in these sections can only compete at their graded level, according to their PCV Cards. However, non NEZ riders will not be eligible for NEDSS overall Championship prizes.
15. If a combination finishes Champion at any four events in either Dressage or Show Jumping, with a field of at least 8 riders, they will be recommended to be upgraded for the next event. The decision will ultimately be made by the Zone Representative in consultation with the

member and their club DC. The horses' welfare and the riders' safety will be paramount in these decisions.

16. From time to time the Zone Representative may look at the results and recommend to the appropriate DC any regrading requirements. All DC's are asked to monitor their members results as per Bylaw 34.10.e
17. At no stage can series points be taken down a grade.
18. NEDSS Progress Scores will be posted within 14 days of an event and on the NEZ Website as soon as possible. Any queries regarding the NEDSS Scores can be directed to the NEDSS Committee via email or phone for clarification.
19. Clubs will be required to forward full results to the nedsscommittee@gmail.com within 72 hours from the completion of the event. Failure to do so may result in a financial penalty of \$50.00 non-refundable being applied to the club. Full results should include:
 - Final results for each grade
 - 6 dressage tests from each division randomly selected
 - Copies of the original SJ judge scoresheets for each division and grade.
20. Once a prize has been awarded at individual club events it will not be revoked in the event of an error being made, however overall NEDSS scores will be correctly adjusted. Each affected rider will be notified by ZR prior to posting of the NEDSS results.
21. The NEDSS Championship presentations will be announced each year, arrangements may vary at times.
22. NEDSS Prizes will be as follows – Rugs for NEDSS Champions in each Dressage & Show Jumping Grade, Saddle Blankets for NEDSS Reserve Champions in each Dressage & Show Jumping Grade, Sashes from 1st – 6th. There will also be the following awards presented:
 - Sportsmanship award
 - Club certificates
 - Upgrading awards, and
 - Higher certificate achievements as per the DCI
23. The NEDSS Committee reserves the right to cancel, alter or delete from the program or these rules at any time with the consultation of the NEZ Executive and the Zone Representative. Any rule changes will be advised in the next event program. Any rule changes will only be made in the spirit of being fair and equitable to all competitors.
24. NEDSS in conjunction with the Zone Executive and Zone Representative adheres to all PCV policies including the Non Smoking and Extreme Weather Policies.

The NEDSS Committee, The NEZ Executive & the NE Zone Representative are always available to assist in the running of the series and for the clarification of any queries.

HTS 2020 RULES

The rules for the NEZ HTS will be the same as per the NEDSS rules with the following exceptions:

- To be eligible for HTS prizes combinations will be required to compete in 2 NEZ events without elimination.
- The best 3 scores will count for HTS championship points.

- HTS series results will have no bearing on State Horse Trials qualification or Interzone team selection, this is a separate process, EOI and state qualification requirement have already been sent out by PCV and the Zone Rep.
- Each NEZ club hosting a horse trails event will be required to pay a fee \$2 per combination fee.

CTS 2020 RULES

The rules for the NEZ CTS will be the same as per the NEDSS rules with the following exceptions:

- To be eligible for CTS prizes combinations will be required to compete in 4 NEZ events without elimination.
- The best 4 scores will count for CTS championship points.
- CTS will be funded by applying the \$80 per event to be funded by the club this will pay for prizes and ribbons.
- Only clubs hosting standalone Combined Training events will be include in the NEZ CTS.