

NEDSS 2021 RULES

Purpose & Intention

These rules have been developed to allow eligible members of the North Eastern Zone (NEZ) the opportunity to compete in a fair and equitable way. The series provides riders the opportunity to represent the North Eastern Zone at the following Pony Club Victoria (PCV) State Dressage and Show Jumping Championships.

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

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 NEZ Showjumping and Dressage events shall be conducted under PCV Rules.
2. 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. All PC members will be awarded points, however, non NEZ riders will not be eligible for NEDSS overall Championship prizes.
3. To be eligible for NEDSS prizes, the combination must ride in both dressage tests and/or showjumping classes in the same grade, riders must complete at least 51% of events run in the series. Example: if 7 NEZ events are held, a rider must complete 4 events to be eligible, with the exception of A and B Grade Showjumping as per Rule 4.
4. A and B Grade showjumping 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 nedsscommittee@gmail.com, so that scoring system can be applied as per NEDSS scoring.
5. NEDSS Points will be awarded on the Championship results for each grade 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.

6. To be eligible for NEDSS points the combination must ride both tests/all classes at the same grade at any event.
7. If a combination upgrades, 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. At no stage can NEDSS points be taken down a grade.
9. Points are not transferrable between combinations. If a rider changes horses during the course of the NEDSS, the new combination starts afresh.
10. Riders may ride more than one horse in a grade or multiple grades and each combination awarded points separately for NEDSS. For the purpose of state selection, no 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, it is the Zone Representative's discretion to allow additional qualified combinations.
11. 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.
12. The NEDSS Champion is determined by combining the combinations best championship placings over the series for 51% of events i.e. if 6 events then top 4 scores will be used. In the event of equal NEDSS points, the combination with the higher championship placings at the higher grade over the series takes the championship. 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 Executive.
13. In the event that a club has made a scoring error, the prize awarded by the club will not be revoked, however overall NEDSS scores will be correctly adjusted. Affected, riders will be notified prior to posting of the NEDSS results.
14. NEDSS Progressive Scores will be posted within 14 days of an event on the NEZ Website or as soon as practical. Any queries regarding NEDSS Scores should be directed to nedsscommittee@gmail.com for clarification.
15. 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
16. The NEDSS presentations will be held annually, arrangements dates may vary at times. (Subject to COVID restrictions)
17. 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. A combination who win's NEDSS Champion in a grade will be ineligible to win future NEDSS prizes in that grade. (Note: They will still however be eligible for state team selection.) There will also be the following other awards presented:
 - Sportsmanship award
 - Upgrading awards,
 - Higher certificate achievements as per the DCI
 - Club certificates - # of riders in attendance over the series

18. Final selection of State Dressage and Show Jumping Teams is at the discretion of the Zone Representative in accordance with Bylaw 37.4.
19. Clubs will be required to pay NEZ \$2.00 per PC combination for each discipline, this fee is to be included as part of the event entry fee. The club is responsible for forwarding this fee to the zone. 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
20. Clubs will be required to forward full results to the nedsscommittee@gmail.com within 7 days 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
 - Top 6 dressage tests from each division
 - Copies of the original SJ judge scoresheets for each division and grade.

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.

The NEDSS Committee, The NEZ Executive & the NE Zone Representative are always available to assist with clarification of any queries.