



Have A Go Freestyle Musical Dressage.

Rangiora Showgrounds

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2025

Entries close Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September

**Event is 100% smoke and vape free. No dogs permitted - no exceptions.  
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**Have A Go Dressage Freestyle** WRC are excited to announce our second Dressage Freestyle event. If you haven't ridden to music before then this is your opportunity to put together a floorplan and your favourite music and come and have some fun. Or if you have already compiled a freestyle then come out and show off your floorplan by riding in our Novice or Elementary sections.

**Freestyle Tests** compiled by **Waimakariri Riding Club** will run from Intro (walk/trot) to Elementary Level. Each section is open to riders of different levels with the Elementary being open to all riders. Numbers will be strictly limited to a total of 48 riders across the whole event with fabulous 3 tier rosettes, sashes and a beautiful annual trophy for the highest artistic marks of the day in each level. Yes Andrea and Chris Marsden have donated a beautiful trophy for each level.

So embrace your artistic side and come and have a go at dancing with your horse. They will love it too!

### **Rules and Conditions of Entry**

For your safety and enjoyment, please read the following and ensure all occupants of your vehicle are familiar with the Health and Safety regulations (H&S) and hazards. A copy of the H&S policy is at the Secretary's office. All competitors and visitors enter at their own risk.

Rangiora Showgrounds are a public facility. At any time, members of the public may come through the grounds. It is your responsibility to always keep yourself and your horse under control please.

To be held wet or fine. Cancellation of competition will only happen if weather is deemed to be unsafe to horse and rider. We will contact you the night before if this is the case, and refund you accordingly.

Have a Go Dressage Freestyle – withdrawal or scratchings received prior to close of entries will receive full refund (less Evo non-refundable booking fee). After closing, refund of 50% will be given on the production of a vet or medical certificate no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> October, emailed through to the event secretary.

Riders who are competing in both Dressage Quest and Have a Go Dressage Freestyle may ride these at different levels.

1. Plaiting optional.
2. Ridden horse/pony minimum 5 years of age as at 1<sup>st</sup> August.
3. Maximum of 24 riders.
4. Adults may ride ponies.
5. Entry fees **MUST** accompany entries and be paid in full. Failure to do this will result in no entry.
6. **Have a Go Dressage Freestyle – Rosettes, Sashes and Trophy sponsored by Andrea and Chris Marsden**
  - Rosettes 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Place for each section
  - Sash for the winner of each section
  - Trophy will be awarded to the highest artistic score across the day, if there is a tie for highest Artistic Score, the highest score for Choice and Interpretation of Music from the riders who have tied will be used.
  - Winners please be ready for Mounted Prizegiving at the conclusion of the afternoon classes.
  - Ribbons for Junior Riders (17 and under) – top six marks across all levels. Ribbons sponsored by NZ Riding Club. Small trophy awarded for overall Junior winner – trophy sponsored by Andrea & Chris Martin.
  - Please supply music on USB or by email, in MP3 format.

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7. **Top six Waimakariri Riding Club combinations** eligible for NZ Riding Club ribbons.
8. Eligibility Criteria for Horse and Rider
  - Introductory horse and rider combination not ridden Level 2 or higher
  - Preliminary horse and rider combination not ridden Level 3 or higher
  - Novice horse and rider combination not ridden Level 4 or higher
  - Elementary is open to all
9. Schedule times will be adhered to.
10. Run under NZ Riding Club Rules, where there isn't a specific rule in this schedule.

#### **Waimakariri Riding Club information (WRC):**

11. Waimakariri Riding Club will not be held accountable for any accidents, loss, theft, or damage to any property.
12. WRC expects ponies and horses to be treated with kindness and respect. WRC will **NOT** tolerate any mistreatment of ponies or horses with whips or other forms of abuse and abusive manner towards any livestock. WRC will not tolerate any abuse or rudeness to volunteers/officials. Failure to comply with this will result in immediate removal from the showgrounds.

#### **Entry Fees:**

13. \$40 per WRC or NZ Riding Club member  
\$50 per NON WRC/NZRC member  
(includes all admin fees except the non-refundable Evo Entries booking fees)

#### **Rider Notes**

14. You must have an approved Yellow Tagged helmet to ride for compliance with insurance rules.
15. The schedule will come out via email in advance including back numbers and times.
16. Back numbers will be provided at the secretary's office. Please remember to hand these back in. You may supply your own numbers - back, bridle or saddle cloth numbers are fine.
17. **ENTRIES ARE LIMITED TO 48!** Get your entries in quick.
18. Entries close: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September or earlier if classes are full. A wait list may be started.
19. Details of the freestyle test will be available on the website and on our FB pages or we can email these to you.
20. Please use Evo (evoevents.co.nz) to enter or contact [waimakridingclub@gmail.com](mailto:waimakridingclub@gmail.com) for help.

#### **Tack and Attire:**

21. Jackets are compulsory.
22. Snaffle or bitless bridles (including hackamore) only for all classes. No rope halters.
23. A yellow tagged safety helmet must be worn while mounted along with suitable, closed toe footwear.

#### **Payments**

Providing visible and clear information in paying your entry will help our secretary and treasurer in organising! Thanks in advance. Please make Internet bank transfer payable to 'Waimakariri Riding Club' to bank account no: 02-0876-0313132-00 (**Team or Individual name in particulars and Freestyle in reference or code please**)

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## HEALTH & SAFETY

Waimakariri Riding Club (WRC) is committed to providing a safe and healthy approach to the events we run.

All coaches, members, officials, volunteers, competitors, and spectators are expected to take all practical steps to ensure the health and safety of themselves and others.

Any persons or animals deemed to be unruly by the judge or stewards may be excluded and asked to leave the ring or the grounds for Health and Safety reasons..

A horse or rider may also be excluded if deemed unfit to continue by way of injury, impairment, or health condition.

If concussion is suspected:

- (a) A rider must not compete or participate in mounted WRC events or activities for a minimum of twenty-one (21) days following a concussion, without a doctor's written clearance.
- (b) Should the rider compete without the required doctor's clearance, they do so at their own risk and take full responsibility. WRC holds no liability for injury caused to a rider or horse/mount.

All falls and accidents must be recorded in a WRC accident record book. A written record will be kept, and any serious injuries will be properly investigated.

Any events, activities or competitions organised by WRC where a comprehensive set of rules is not available, will be run under ESNZ rules.

A first aid kit is available on site located at the Secretary's office and we have a First Aid Officer on site all day who can be located through the Secretary.

WRC, its organisers, agents, committee members, and volunteers will not be liable for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, riders, owners, drivers, spectators, land or any other personal property whatsoever and howsoever that loss, injury or illness may be caused.

## DRESS CODE

Helmets: At all times when mounted a properly fitting, securely fastened, correctly maintained helmet meeting the latest ESNZ standards (tagged accordingly) must be worn.

The use of cameras affixed to helmets is prohibited.

Any rider who fails to wear an approved helmet at any rally or event run by WRC will be issued with a warning. A second warning may result in that rider being asked to step down as a member.

Body Protectors: Wearing a body protector for jumping is strongly recommended. Wearing a body protector is compulsory when practicing cross country jumping during rallies and other activities e.g., lessons or at any competitions involving cross country jumping. The body protector standards accepted as of the 1st of August 2020 are BETA EN13158 2009 (or newer) or Level 3 ASTM F1937.

## CODE OF CONDUCT & DISPUTES

Children under the age of 18 and all animals including dogs where permitted must be supervised at all times.

All events will adhere to ESNZ's Rules, Article 152, Anti-Doping policy.  
[www.nzequestrian.org.nz/programmes/about-clean-sport/www.freesport.org.nz](http://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/programmes/about-clean-sport/www.freesport.org.nz)

WRC has a zero tolerance to under-age drinking, illicit drugs, bullying and any actions which give rise for concern where animal welfare is concerned.

Any person considered to be abusing their horse at any WRC events will be required to leave immediately and their membership will be suspended pending investigation.

Any person abusing a volunteer or official will be required to leave immediately.

Any formal complaint should be in writing to the Secretary at WRC stating date, time and a brief description of the incident accompanied by a \$10 levy.

A decision and notification will be made within 14 days of the decision.

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