



VIRTUAL DRESSAGE NEW ZEALAND

ENTRY FORM – 1 OF 3 ONLINE EVENTS

Welcome to our Autumn training series!

We are a dedicated group of riders, trainers and judges trying to provide an alternative way to compete and train in dressage riding.

To participate in our Autumn training series, you will need the following:

- A horse that is fit, sound and able to complete the tests.
- Access to an arena that is the correct size for the test you are riding and clearly marked.
- A phone with a good camera – or a video camera that can take digital video.
- A willing camera person, pixio or (at a push) a tripod positioned at "C".
- The ability to upload or email your video to our administrators.
- Agreement to our participation terms and conditions and disclosure statement.

Our training series offers riders:

- A unique set of tests to train with
- Rosettes based on your percentage scores
- Coaching and guidance from experienced riders, judges and trainers
- Spot prizes
- In hand and green horse classes
- A good excuse to get together with likeminded riders and support each other to train and record your tests.

Please note once you enter, we will send the VDNZ test. For a guide to the test levels please visit: [VDNZ Levels and class types](#).

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New Zealand



AUTUMN TRAINING SERIES

VDNZ training event #1 Dates			
Tests submitted by	13 March 2022	Results provided	20 March 2022

VDNZ training event Day #2 Dates			
Tests submitted by	8 May 2022	Results provided	15 May 2022

VDNZ training event #3 Dates			
Tests submitted by	12 June 2022	Results provided	17 June 2022

Classes for Training Series #1

Class Number	Description	VDNZ Test Number	Entry Fee	Rosettes
1	Basic	B1	\$20.00	By score
2	Basic green horse	B1	\$20.00	By score
3	Basic In hand	B1	\$20.00	By score
4	Basic	B1	\$20.00	By score
5	Basic green horse	B2	\$20.00	By score
6	Pretraining	P1	\$20.00	By score
7	Pretraining green horse	P1	\$20.00	By score
8	Pretraining	P2	\$20.00	By score
9	Pretraining green horse	P2	\$20.00	By score
10	Training	T1	\$20.00	By score
11	Training	T2	\$20.00	By score
12	Intermediate	I1	\$20.00	By score
13	Intermediate	I2	\$20.00	By score
14	Higher Intermediate	H1	\$20.00	By score
15	Higher Intermediate	H2	\$20.00	By score
16	Advanced	A1	\$20.00	By score
17	Advanced	A2	\$20.00	By score
18	Higher advanced	HA1	\$20.00	By score
19	Higher advanced	HA2	\$20.00	By score
20	Para – please nominate test from VDNZ test book	TBA	\$20.00	By score
21	Bloopers class	N/A	Free	Spot prizes

ENTRY CONDITIONS

Entry Conditions

1. Entry forms to be completed and email to: VirtualdressageNZ@gmail.com.
2. Payments to be deposited into Virtual Dressage NZ Account:
 - VDNZ 02-0772-0065904-001 – using your name as reference
3. If you need to scratch, we will ask you to accept a credit against future entries in the first instance, if no future entries are likely we will happily refund all entry fees (we are just trying to save admin time if you intend to enter future events).
4. Horse welfare is expected and in good faith we expect riders to ensure that horses are pain-free, fit, and healthy enough for the test levels attempted. We expect only competition legal tack will be used.
5. Competition turnout is preferred for all but the “Dressage Bloopers” classes. Riding jackets are requested for all tests, plaiting is optional – it will be on video so you might as well make you and your unicorn look the best you possibly can!
6. Anyone competing in 2 days of the Series will be automatically eligible for sashes if they are on offer.
7. Tests must be recorded specifically for entry of VDNZ competition. Videos that are submitted which are captured as part of an ESNZ affiliated competition or training day CAN NOT be accepted.
8. Green horse classes are honesty-based for horses under saddle 12 months or less, regardless of rider experience.
9. In hand classes should be conducted in a well fitted halter or in hand bridle.
10. Blooper classes are aimed to highlight the beautiful missteps we sometimes have on our journey. No plaiting or braiding required, and you have artistic license to add music, filters etc. These should be light-hearted and be accompanied with an explanation of what you learned from the blooper.

Camera placement

11. Please ensure the camera/camera person is located at “C” and that whole arena can be seen.
12. Please start videoing as the rider enters at A and end the video shortly after the final halt and salute.
13. A camera person can track the rider around the arena but please no excessive zooming in and out, and make sure video is stable – we don’t want to give judges motion sickness!
14. Pixio cameras are allowed to be used.
15. A camera on a tripod is also allowed (just check positioning so as not to lose parts of your test) although this is not as desirable for judging.
16. The volume must be on full, to ensure no outside coaching is being provided. Tests can be called.
17. Please try to video with the least number of distractions as possible.
18. Do not edit the video by applying music, filters etc (unless it is for a bloopers entry)

Arena Requirements

19. You will need access to the appropriately sized arena (determined by the test) with a defined and obvious perimeter and arena markings to ride your test in.
20. Temporary arenas set up at beaches, in a paddock are allowed if they are set up to the correct size and perimeter and letter markings are obvious. These should also provide a flat level surface for your horse to perform on.

Submitting your test

21. Once you are happy with your video and test (yes you can record multiple tests and choose the best one!) you will be provided with instructions of how to upload this video to the VDNZ platform. Alternatively, you may wish to send this in via USB/SD card from uploading (please allow 5 – 10 days delivery).
22. Please make sure you include with your test:
 - Your full name and your horse’s name
 - The class number and test that you are riding
 - If you are okay for your video to be made public
 - Email address for your test sheet to be sent to (these will be digital)

IMPORTANT NOTE – PERMISSION TO SHARE

23. Please make sure that you indicate if you wish for your video to remain private – if this is the case, please let us know. All videos will be uploaded to the VDNZ Platform, and all competitors will be provided a link with password access so they can access all the tests that were submitted. This gives other riders the chance to view tests, and learn through observation, how they might improve their own results.

Judging and Objections

24. Please note that the judges will only watch the test once (as they would at a traditional competition. They will not pause, rewind, or replay videos. They will watch the test once and judge on what they see. This may also mean that they miss something, please consider this before raising any issues you perceive with judging.
25. Objections will be heard within 2 days of receiving results. These must be lodged in writing to the VDNZ email address, with a \$50 fee.

26. Judges' decisions are final.

Code of Conduct

VDNZ competitions are unique due to their online nature. We exist to provide Dressage Riders of all levels an alternative competition and training option. We want to foster an environment that offers encouragement, and opportunities to develop riders on their dressage journey.

To ensure our VDNZ community and competitors feel welcome, supported with the opportunity to grow and learn we expect others to help foster this spirit. Discriminatory or derogatory comments, harassment, or unsolicited comments on a rider's test or performance will not be tolerated. We embrace the following principles:

Excellence in horsemanship: Without our horse's physical and mental needs being met, we will never get the best performance. As a group we all understand that everyone's intention is to care for their horses to the best of their ability. We also need to acknowledge that people have different levels of knowledge, expertise, and approaches to providing for our horses. Don't assume what people know or don't know, and if you feel the urge to offer advice or help, ask the person first if they are open to your receiving your advice or help.

Accountable for safety: Our sport is unique, in that we are in charge of giant, highly coordinated animals with the risk assessment skills of a toddler, which comes with a unique set of responsibilities. Members of the VDNZ, accept responsibility for their own safety and must be responsible for others safety as well (farriers, vets, mum helping out etc). Where you see a risk to others safety you MUST inform them to the best of your ability before it becomes an issue. Knowingly putting yourself, others, or your horse in a situation where he may cause harm to others, or to himself is not acceptable if it was foreseeable.

Embrace diversity: The skills, experiences, and priorities of our VDNZ community are rich and varied. We are a group of decent humans, people's gender (or lack thereof), sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, work experience, body size, race, religion (or lack thereof), medical information (including vaccine status), socioeconomic status or equine partner choice aren't up for criticism, jokes, or comments. If you are acting like an idiot expect to be called out for it.

Respect for privacy: Another VDNZ members tests, photos or comments may not be shared (unless they are in breach of conduct and used as evidence). It is expected that you will only share content if you have permission to do so.

Enjoy the journey that is Dressage: VDNZ members recognize that dressage is a journey. Along with progress there will be frustration, beautiful "missteps", lames horses, bad days, wonderful moments, valuable lessons, and vet bills. We really don't need to make our sport harder by only celebrating the "perfect" test, we embrace the small wins, listen to our horses, and try to make it fun along the way. When we see another rider doing something well, even if it is just rocking a matching saddle blanket, we know that a genuine compliment will always brighten someone's day and journey.

IMPOTANT NOTE:

VDNZ is still in its early stages, we welcome feedback from our riders on what works, what needs improving suggestions and of course ideas! Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you have feedback on any of our events, information, or would like to take advantage of our sponsorship packages. Please email all feedback and enquires to VirtualDressageNZ@gmail.com

Disclosure Statement

By completing this entry, I acknowledge that I am the competitor and, or the person responsible for the competitor set out in this form for this event. I understand that neither the organising committee of the above event, nor Virtual Dressage New Zealand, nor any agent, employee or representative of those bodies, accepts any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horse/pony, owners, riders, spectators, land, vehicles, their contents and accessories or any other personal property whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or in any way whatsoever. I waive any claim I may have against the above people/bodies in respect of the above.

I am the owner of the horse/pony(s) entered or his/her agent and have been authorised by the owner to make this entry. I certify that I have read, and understand and will abide by, the rules and code of conduct for this competition set out by Virtual Dressage New Zealand below.

I consent in terms of the Privacy Act 1993 to the information on this form being used by the organising committee and by Virtual Dressage New Zealand for all purposes connected with the administration of Virtual Dressage New Zealand events and competitions.

I agree to comply with the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and will supervise and control my horse/pony(s) at all times and shall report and be liable for any hazard created, accident, illness or damage in compliance with the venues policies & procedures.

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Total payable to VDNZ 02-0772-0065904-001 by 13 March 2022 Please use rider name as reference.			

Test Results

Email address for tests to be sent to:	
Permission to make test available for viewing by others in competition (yes/No)	