

Young Horse - Eventing and Jumping Classes

The aim of these classes is to encourage trainers and breeders to produce and present the correct type of young horse which is considered to be the best material to make either a world class three day event horse or jumping horse. Young horse classes are being held for both eventing and jumping.

There will be 4yo (born between Aug 2005 & 2006), 5yo (born between Aug 2004 & 2005 and 6yo (born between Aug 2003 & 2004) classes for both eventing and jumping.

The Young Eventing Horse classes will be judged by top NZ Eventer Vaughn Jefferis and Expert Breeder Genevieve Ross from the Gwaihir Stud. When judging they will be looking for an athletic, loose moving horse with a promising jumping technique who with correct training, will develop physically and mentally into a strong three day eventer.

In the eventing classes each horse will be judged over 3 sections - Dressage, Conformation & Type (as part of dressage phase) and jumping.

In the dressage phase each horse will perform a simple work out as directed by the judges to show their horse's paces, obedience, suppleness and quality of the three gaits. Each gait (i.e the walk, trot, canter, gallop) and submissiveness are marked individually out of 10 and then averaged. Maximum points possible are 10.

While the horse is being presented for dressage the judges will assess the horse's conformation and type under saddle. Each horse is marked individually out of 10 on their conformation. Maximum points possible are 10.

The final section is jumping, which follows immediately after the dressage. Each horse will jump a short course of up to a total of 8 show jumping fences and cross country

jumps. The obstacles will be straight forward, inviting and age-appropriate (4 yo – 80 cm, 5 yo – 95 cm, 6 yo – 1.05 m). The judges will be looking at the athleticism of the horse, its jumping technique and ability to learn from its mistakes. Once again each horse will be marked individually on their jumping ability and learning ability out of 10 and then averaged. Maximum points possible are 10. The winner will be the horse with the highest overall marks

The Young Jumping Horse classes are part of a new and exciting series the ESP Young Jumping Horse Mini series where young horses compete at a number of events up until 31st July.

The Mini Series is held over the first part of the year with the winner decided over a point score system based on clear round jumping. The winner of each age group will automatically qualify for the Oaks Medallion final to be held at the ISS Jumping Classic 9th December 2010 at SIEC, this is then a judged event.

The Oaks Medallion Major Young Horse Series qualifying events will start from 1st August till December and horses qualifying from this series also go on to compete at the Final at the ISS Summer Showjumping Classic.

In the Young Jumping Horse classes the horses will be awarded points for clear jumping rounds. The 4yo (90cm) and 5yo (1.0m) classes will be a Table A 238 with one jump off round run under optimum time rules. The 6yo class (1.10cm) will be an AM 5 (238 2.2) with the jump off against the clock.

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