

NORTH LOBURN EQUESTRIAN CENTRE: DRESSAGE AT RAINGIORA

INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS

DRAW AND START SHEET

1. The draw and start sheet is prepared on the Monday / Tuesday prior to the event. This is emailed to each competitor, and at the same time is put on the website under Events and Results. We also put the final results sheet on the same page after the competition on Sunday night.
2. Let us know on your entry form where you are coming from. We try to schedule those who are travelling with a bit later start time. If you have any particular request for start times put these on your entry form and we will try to accommodate requests - but obviously can't guarantee to do so.
3. The start sheet will allocate a back number, start time and an arena for each test. We try and make start times as convenient as possible so you have time to warm up for your 2nd test but are not hanging about too long.

ARRIVING ON THE DAY

4. It is a good idea to arrive about an hour and a half before your start time, this will give you time to get organised and leave plenty time for your warm up. When you arrive collect and sign for your back number (ungraded competitors) from the office, which is usually the Pony Club building next to the car park.
5. Wear your back number at all times when you are riding, even for warm up. Don't forget to change your back number if you are riding more than one horse.
6. We try very hard to run to time so be ready and warmed up for your start time.
7. Know which arenas your tests are in: these will be marked on a map at the office and each arena has its own number at the C- end.
8. Warm up for grass arenas is between the car park and where the judges cars will be parked - it will all be very obvious when you get there. Warm up for the all weather arenas is in the fenced grass area adjacent to them.
9. If you need to lunge your horse do this only on the area marked on the map at the office, if you are not sure ask – **do not lunge where others are riding.**
10. Ride with consideration for others: we have many novice riders and children and making the day safe and enjoyable depends on everyone riding safely and with consideration.
11. Keep an eye on when the competitor ahead of you begins their test. Once they finish their test you should start riding around the outside of the arena and make sure the judge and writer have seen you and your back number. When the judge rings their bell or toots the horn you are clear to start so enter the arena and start your test without too much

delay (the rules say you have 45 secs to enter the arena after the bell - which is heaps of time).

12. Both graded and ungraded classes are run according to Dressage New Zealand rules.

AFTER YOUR TESTS

13. Don't forget to drop off your back number at the office when you have finished.

14. We try to get results out and on the office notice board as soon as possible after the class has finished. Your individual Test Sheet, and any prizes / ribbons, can be collected once the results are posted. Do join us and other competitors for complementary refreshments and a yarn after your tests – we are all human and most don't even bite!

15. **Don't hassle the back office staff and scorers for test sheets or results - they do a fantastic job, work hard all day and try to get results out as fast as possible and hassling them only slows things up.**

16. Please try and leave the area round your float as tidy as possible when you leave and pick up any muck: the area is used by others and we try and keep it tidy for all showground users.

17. Any questions on the day just ask at the office. We try hard to make our competitions as welcoming as possible and appreciate constructive feedback on how we could improve things.

18. If you would like to help out for a while after you have finished your tests, such as collecting sheets or packing up arenas then please ask at the office. But you are under no obligation or pressure to so.

GET READY FOR YOUR NEXT COMPETITION

19. Try and get your entries in before the deadline. We do accept late entries up to the point when the draw has been made and times are posted on the website. After that it is very difficult to fit in additional riders. Late entries incur a \$5 surcharge per test and, as our competitions are getting more popular, it is not always possible to fit in late entries – so avoid disappointment and extra cost by getting organised and your entries in on time!

20. If you are looking for help to understand your Test Sheet, improve your riding, sharpen up your ringcraft or help with schooling your horse then we may be able to help. We are both Equestrian Sport New Zealand registered riding instructors and have a good understanding of the sport of dressage. See our web site (www.nlec.co.nz) for more details of our riding school and what we offer.

21. Most important of all – make sure you and your horse have a great day and enjoy taking part in the sport of dressage.

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