



NORTH EASTERN ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES 2026

DRESSAGE, SHOW JUMPING, HORSE TRIALS AND SHOWING

PURPOSE

These rules have been developed to allow eligible members of our North Eastern Zone (NEZ) the opportunity to compete in a fair and equitable way, while increasing participation at our club run events.

The NEZ Championship Series (historically known as NEDSS) provides NEZ riders the opportunity to participate in our local NEZ events and receive a prize for their combined success within the zone. It also serves as a qualifying series for state representation at Pony Club Victoria (PCV) State Dressage (D) and Show Jumping (SJ) Championships.

State Horse Trails (HT) qualification is as per PCV Horse Trials Section D – Horse Trials State Championships.

Currently there is no such event for Showing (S).

DEFINITIONS

Championship Is the combined results of the two tests/classes in the same grade in the one event.

Classes Any of the seven dressage grades or seven show jumping grades offered in the PCV section at any event within NEZ.

Event Each of the competition days.

D Dressage

SJ Show Jumping

HT Horse Trials

S Showing

NEZCS North Eastern Zone Championship Series

NEZ North Eastern Zone

PCV Pony Club Victoria

NEZCS COMMITTEE

The NEZCS Committee is appointed by the NEZ Executive. As a subcommittee of the zone the NEZCS Committee is bound by the constitutions, rules and policies of the NEZ and PCV.



RULES

1. All NEZ Showjumping, Dressage, Horse Trials and Showing (see additional Show Rules Supplement page 4) events shall be conducted under PCV Rules.
2. The NEZCS period will be 1 January to 31 December each year, any events that fall outside this time will be clearly advertised.
3. NEZCS is open to all graded PC Riders. PCV Combinations in these sections can only compete in their graded level (age groups for Showing), according to their PCV cards. All PC members will be awarded points; however, non-NEZ riders will not be eligible for NEZCS overall championship prizes.
4. To be eligible for NEZCS prizes, the combination must ride in both dressage tests and/or showjumping classes or each phase in the same grade, at each competition. Riders must complete 51% of events run in the series. (example)
 - 5 events riders must compete at 3 to be eligible
 - 6 events riders must compete at 4 to be eligible
 - 7 events riders must compete at 4 to be eligible
 - Exceptions for A and B Grade per rule no.5.
5. A and B grade showjumping competitors will be eligible for NEZCS points and prizes with 3 qualifying rides. All 3 of which can be in NEZ or 2 within NEZ and 1 outside of NEZ in a pony club class at a pony club event. A and B grade riders using an outside event for the purposes of NEZCS will be obligated to provide a copy of the full scores including all riders in the class to neztreasurer51@gmail.com, so that scoring system can be applied as per NEZCS scoring.
6. To be eligible for NEZCS points the combination must ride both tests/all classes/phases at the same grade at any event.
7. NEZCS 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
 - 4th place 12 points
 - 5th place 11 points
 - 6th place 10 points and so on to 1 point, in showing all riders below 4th receive 6 points each.
 - If a class is greater than 15 riders all remaining riders will receive 1 point (except showing).
8. The NEZCS champion and subsequent placings are determined by joining the combinations best placings over the championship series for 51% of the events i.e. If 6/7 events, top 4 scores will be used.
9. If a combination upgrades, they will take their best NEZCS score (1 result) from the lower grade to the higher grade and are eligible for the NEZCS Championship at the higher grade only.
10. In the event of equal NEZCS points after the best 4 championship scores, equality will be determined using a count back:
 - the combination with the most points (i.e. more 15's than 14's and so on) 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.
11. At no stage can NEZCS points be taken down a grade.
12. Points are not transferrable between combinations. If a rider changes horses during the NEZCS series, the new combination starts afresh.



13. Riders may ride more than one horse in a grade or multiple grades and each combination is awarded points separately for NEZCS .
14. Across the series, all DCs are asked to monitor their members results and take appropriate action as per PCV Bylaw 33.5 (Upgrading). The Zone Representative will look at the results and may discuss with the appropriate DC any grading concerns.
15. A combination who wins a NEZCS Champion in a grade will be ineligible to win future NEZCS prizes in that grade (Note: they will still however be eligible for state team selection)
16. If a club has made a scoring error, the prize awarded by the club will not be revoked, however overall NEZCS scores will be correctly adjusted. Affected riders will be notified prior to posting of the NEZCS results.
17. NEZCS Progressive scores will be posted within 14 days of an event on the NEZ website and/or Facebook page or emailed to members via their club Secretary. Any queries regarding NEZCS scores should be sent to neztreasurer51@gmail.com for clarification.
18. The NEZCS presentations will be held annually after the 31st of December, typically in February, arrangements and dates may vary.
19. Clubs or club members (individual clubs discretion) will be required to pay a \$3 NEZCS levy for each NEZ Pony Club combination for each discipline, which will be included in the qualifying events' entry fee. The club is responsible for forwarding this levy to NEZ. E.g. A rider who has one horse in both the Dressage and the Showjumping will pay \$6.
20. The NEZCS current series' levy will be utilized to subsidise partial costing of the awards night and recognition for the NEZCS place getters in each NEZCS disciplines.
 - The following Zone Awards may also be presented:
 - i. Sportsmanship Award
 - ii. Higher certificate achievements as per DCI
 - iii. Club Certificates for riders in attendance over the series.
21. Clubs will be required to forward full results to neztreasurer51@gmail.com within 7 days from completion of the event. Failure to do so will delay the posting of results. Full results should include:
 - Final results for each grade.
 - Top 6 dressage tests from each division.
 - Copies of the original SJ scoresheets for each division and grade.
 - All riders in the class and places to 6th in Showing, including Fancy Dress, Bareback and Pairs classes.
22. 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 and Advanced in the absence of multiple qualifying riders, it is the Zone Representatives discretion to allow additional qualified combinations.
23. Final Selection for State Dressage and Showjumping Teams and State Horse Trials Teams is at the discretion of the Zone Representative in accordance with PCV Bylaw 37 (State Level Pony Club Competitions).
24. The NEZCS 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 ASAP and will only be made in the spirit of being fair and equitable to all competitors.

The NEZCS Committee, the NEZ Executive and the North Eastern Zone Representative are always available to assist with clarification of any queries.



SHOWING RULES SUPPLEMENT

- All Pony Club members on lead or needing adult assistance must enter open age classes, all other classes are for members that are unassisted and independent in their riding and horse handling skills.
- All riders and handlers (including adults assisting, this can be in a club supporter capacity) must be a current member of PCV
- Plaiting up and clipping is optional, and riders/handlers will not be penalized either way.
- Only snaffle bits may be used as per the Pony Club Victoria Showing Guidelines
- Rings will not have more than 8 riders/handlers at any one time. Rings that have more than 8 will be split into smaller heats, then place getters will complete for overall places.
- All riders must have attended 2 rallies within 12 months to be eligible to compete in the NEZCS Showing, cards must be presented and checked at the shows.
- Riders compete at their real age on the 1st of July 2026. For example, if you are 7yo on the 1st of July you will ride in the under 8yo classes for the 2026 series even if your age changes during the series period.
- Placings are from 1st to 4th at shows, placings are from 1st to 6th for the overall championship