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WORKING EQUITATION COMPETITION AT EQUIFEST

Run by Working Equitation NZ (WENZ), under WENZ Rulebook V1.1 (August 2024) - <https://wenz.nz/competing-in-working-equitation/>

Class 1 – Preliminary Level

Class 2 – Novice Level

Class 3 – Elementary Level

Class 4 – Medium Level

Competitors must be current financial members of WENZ – membership information is available at <https://wenz.nz/membership-information/>

Entry Fee & Prize Money / Packs

With the help of our amazing sponsor family if your finished place has a + coloured prize you will receive the below prize pack on top of the above advertised prize money:

<p style="text-align: center;">Entry Fee</p> <p>\$50 per entry for all Classes plus assoc fees</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A \$20 non-refundable admin and medic fee applies per horse2. A \$48 ground fee per horse applies3. Open yards \$45, covered yards \$100 or Stables \$120 for the duration of the event4. Non-powered camp sites \$50 per site up to 5 people	<p>1st place in Class 1, 2, 3 & 4</p> <p>Prize Money \$100 + (blue pack) Valued @ \$375</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSC Leather Care Kit• \$100 Brave Pants Voucher• 1kg Seahorse Supplements Maxia Digest• 300ml Equine Super Goo Tropical Cream
<p>2nd place in Class 1, 2 & 3</p> <p>Prize Money \$75 + (yellow pack) Valued @ \$160</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$50 CopRice Voucher• 1kg Seahorse Supplements Maxia Digest• 300ml Equine Super Goo Tropical Cream	<p>3rd place in Class 1, 2 & 3</p> <p>Prize Money \$50 + (green pack) Valued @ \$110</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1kg Seahorse Supplements Maxia Digest• 300ml Equine Super Goo Tropical Cream

WORKING EQUITATION PHASES

There are three phases or tests at each Level that make up this Working Equitation competition - Flatwork, Ease of Handling, and Speed.

FLATWORK

Prescribed tests are ridden at each level (<https://wenz.nz/competing-in-working-equitation/>) and are designed to evaluate the horse and rider and to be an assistance in training. The movements at each level build upon movements of the previous level and coincide with the type and difficulty of movements expected in the Ease of Handling and Speed phases at the corresponding levels.

Each movement of the test is given a numerical score between 0-10, and collective marks are given at the end for paces, impulsion, willing cooperation, the rider's position and effectiveness of aids, and a mark is also given for overall presentation.

EASE OF HANDLING

Obstacles are set up to simulate the difficulties encountered by a horse and rider in the field. The goal of this phase is to negotiate the obstacles with accuracy, ease, smoothness and balance.

Each obstacle is given a numerical score, and collective marks are given for transitions/navigation, paces, impulsion, willing cooperation, and the rider's position and effectiveness of aids. Obstacles are numbered and are ridden in order.

SPEED

The obstacles as used in the Ease of Handling phase are ridden at speed with no evaluation of style or movement.

Individual scores are based on elapsed time through the obstacles with time penalties added for mishandled obstacles.

COMPETITION INFORMATION

Competitors will be emailed the EOH course one week prior to the event.

EOH course walk will take place at least 45 minutes before the commencement of the Flat Work phase for the first level. Riders complete the Flat Work test, then immediately proceed to the EOH course, followed by the Speed Round.