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WORKING EQUITATION COMPETITION AT EQUIFEST

Held in the Taupo Equestrian Supplies Arena
Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 October

Run by Working Equitation NZ (WENZ), under WENZ Rulebook V1.2 (July 2025) - [WENZ Rules V 1.2 - July 2025.pdf](#)

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>Entry Fee \$50 per entry for all Classes, plus assoc fees</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A \$25 non-refundable admin and medic fee applies per horse2. For those attending ONE day only, a \$48 combined ground/open yard fee per horse applies.3. Multi days - \$48 Ground Fee4. Multi days - Open yards \$45, covered yards \$100 or Stables \$120 for the duration of the event.5. Non-powered camp sites \$50 per site up to 5 people	<p>1st place in Class 1, 2, 3 & 4 Prize Money \$100 + (blue pack) Valued @ \$390</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSC Leather Care Kit• \$150 Brave Pants Voucher• 1kg Seahorse Supplements Maxia Digest
<p>2nd place in Class 1, 2, 3 & 4 Prize Money \$75 + (yellow pack) Valued @ \$175</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSC Leather Care Product• Hippo Health 90ml Bottle• 1kg Seahorse Supplements Maxia Digest	<p>3rd place in Class 1, 2, 3 & 4 Prize Money \$50 + (green pack) Valued @ \$95</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSC Leather Care Product• teQ Belt• Kirkpatrick Feed Good to Go Supreme Bale
<p>Please note - Prizemoney and Prize packs will be pro-rata'd if entries are insufficient.</p>	

Entries Open: Monday 18 August 2025

Entries Close: Friday 10 October 2025 (5pm)

WENZ Event Secretary: Janine Van der Horst

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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 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.

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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.

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, and a mark is also given for overall presentation.

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

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.

Entries will be accepted in order of receipt (and confirmed payment).

Ponies may compete against horses in all classes.

Only one class may be entered per combination.

The EOH course map & event time table will be sent to competitors the week prior to the show.

TEAMS COMPETITION – Enter a Team of 3 riders from your club/area. Riders must be entered in at least 2 different levels (eg you may have 2 Prelim & 1 Novice, or 1 Prelim, 1 Novice & 1 Elementary etc). Scores for the 3 riders will be averaged and placings calculated. Special awards will be given for Team Presentation; Team Spirit; and Best Team Name. Note Team name on your individual entry forms.

WENZ Rules can be found here: [WENZ Rules V 1.2 - July 2025.pdf](#)

This includes definitions of the requirements for each level.

Flatwork tests can be found at: [WENZ FW TESTS AUG 2025](#)

Results from this event are eligible for the 2025-26 Veterinary Behaviour Services WENZ High Points Series.

