

The Schoolers Series

Class of August 2026 — three rounds over three months.

SCHOOLERS DRESSAGE ONLINE · PROGRESS OVER PERFECTION

CLASS OF AUGUST 2026 — entries close Monday 24 August. A new class opens every month.

The Schoolers Series is online dressage scored on progress, not perfection. You ride one test a month for three months, in a **class that enrolls together and finishes together**. Every round is a full Training Test — scoresheet and audio coaching walkthrough on video — and the Series adds a deadline, a class and a leaderboard. **NZ\$120** covers all three rounds.

Class of August 2026 — key dates

Date	What happens
Mon 24 August	Entries close for the Class of August
by Mon 31 August	Round 1 — submit your test
by Thu 10 September	Round 1 scores published — the board goes live
by Wed 30 September	Round 2 — submit your test
by Sat 10 October	Round 2 scores published — the board refreshes
by Sat 31 October	Round 3 — submit your test
by Tue 10 November	Round 3 & series results — champions, rosettes and prizes out

- **Submitting each round:** once you sign up, we'll email you a link before each round — upload your video through it before that round's deadline shown above.

How to enter

- Enter online and pay NZ\$120 — this covers all three rounds for one rider-and-horse combination.
- Nominate your level (0–7). You can ride any Schoolers test within your level. If you wish, you can choose a different test (within the nominated level) for each round.
- No video today: each round, we send you a form to drop in your video link before the round opens.
- Ride under your own name or an **alias** — your choice at entry. The alias is what appears on the board and in any social post.

How you are scored, and the prizes

- **Series Champion** — your round scores are added together into your **accumulator**; the highest total tops the class leaderboard. Every round counts.
- **Most Improved** — we look at all your scores together and see which way they're heading via trendline. If your trendline is climbing, you're improving, and whoever's climbing fastest takes Most Improved. We use the whole picture, not just two tests.
- **Rosettes by class size:** a class under six entries earns digital rosettes for places 1st–6th; a class of six or more earns physical rosettes by post for places 1st–3rd on the leaderboard (1st is the Series Champion) and for Most Improved, with digital rosettes for 4th–6th.
- Physical rosettes are gifted — winners cover only the courier, settled online. We aim to offer world-wide shipping options. Prizes have no cash value.

August Class rules

- Complete at least two of the three rounds to remain eligible for series awards.
- A missed round is a scratching — no credit or make-up entry is issued. Late submissions cannot be accepted.
- If your horse cannot continue, you may substitute a different horse once per series (a fresh start in its first round).
- Leaderboards and results are shared on Schoolers social feeds; alias riders stay private and prizes still reach them by post.
- All scores are final; the dispute and re-review process applies to Series entries.

GENERAL RULES

By submitting an entry to Schoolers Dressage Online, you agree to these rules and Terms and Conditions in full. These apply to your Series entry, alongside the schedule above.

Entry eligibility

- A Series entry covers three rounds; every round includes a full scored test and an audio coaching walkthrough on video.
- Nominate one level for the series. You may enter at any level — including a level above your current training stage. The test is designed as a feedback and coaching tool.

Video submission

- Film in landscape from the C marker, in good natural light.
- The full test must be visible, from entry at A to the final halt and salute.
- Only one submission per round is accepted.
- Upload to YouTube — do not submit a private video, as private videos cannot be viewed by the judge. Minimum resolution: 720p recommended.

Equipment, dress & arena

- Any style of saddle and bridle is welcome — English, western, baroque, bitless, treeless and more. Bit choice is at the rider's discretion; judges may offer observations on biting as part of training notes.
- No plaiting and no competition dress are required — ride in what you train in.
- Standard dressage arena dimensions are recommended (20×40m or 20×60m); the arena does not need to be formally marked, and improvised markers are acceptable. The space must be a flat, rectangular area large enough to ride the full test — round yards are not suitable.

Judging & feedback

- All tests are reviewed by a qualified dressage judge, using a 0–10 scale consistent with established dressage standards. Feedback is returned within seven working days.
- The judge's score is final on first review. One re-review is available per rider per calendar year, free of charge; the judge's decision is final on second review.

Payments & refunds

- Fees are payable at enrolment, processed securely via Stripe in New Zealand Dollars (NZD). No administration or membership fees apply. NZ\$120 covers all three rounds.
- Once Round 1 opens, Series fees are non-refundable. A missed round is a scratching — no credit or make-up entry is issued (see the class rules above).

- If a submission cannot be judged due to a quality issue outside our minimum video requirements, we will contact you with the option to resubmit at no additional cost.

Privacy & data

- We collect your name, email address and video link to process your entry and return results. Your video link is shared only with the judge for scoring.
- Series riders appear on the public leaderboard under the display name chosen at enrolment — their own name or an alias. Real names, contact details and postal addresses are held privately. Real names are not published without consent, as riders have the option to provide an alias name for leaderboards.

Browse tests & levels and enter: dressage-online.com/schedule.html