

Dressage Technical Committee – Terms of Reference



Purpose

To proactively identify, discuss and present recommendations to the Dressage Board for consideration on technical and sporting matters, always with Dressage & ESNZ's core values to the forefront

Composition of the Dressage Technical Committee

1. The DRESSAGE Technical Committee comprises of:
 - A DRESSAGE Board representative, who will also act as Chair. Will normally be the Dressage Board Technical Office
 - Another Member with Rules Expertise (By EOI)
 - DRESSAGE Steward General
 - DRESSAGE Judges Officer or Member of JSC
 - DRESSAGE Rider Representative (By EOI)
 - DRESSAGE OC Representative (By EOI)

Advisory roles

- ESNZ Veterinarian General – in advisory role
- DRESSAGE Medical Advisor – in advisory role
- DRESSAGE Health & Safety Rep (By EOI)

Ex Officio

- **Dressage Sport Manager**
2. The Committee can co-opt the expertise of specific people from time to time as required, as well as co-opting personnel for a Sub Committee.
 3. The Committee will meet as often as required – usually by Zoom
 4. The committee will report back to the DRESSAGE board following all meetings and will make recommendations for all rule changes and issue management as required.

Responsibilities

The DRESSAGE Technical Committee will be responsible to the Board of Dressage NZ for:

1. Monitoring, recommending amendments to, and methods of enforcement of, the DRESSAGE Rules, General and Veterinary Regulations to the DRESSAGE Board.
2. Consideration of specific requests from the Dressage Rules as required.
3. Recommending a process for the regular review of the DRESSAGE Rules.
4. Analysing and putting forward recommendations to the DRESSAGE Board for consideration on technical and sporting matters
5. Identifying areas of risk within ESNZ Dressage competitive environment which require further consideration by the DRESSAGE Board.

DRESSAGE Technical Committee Code of Conduct

To apply to the proceedings of all meetings concerning the affairs of DRESSAGE or any of its Disciplines.

Members are expected to act in good faith and in the best interests of ESNZ. Committee members will:

- Act in compliance with the law.
- Maintain high ethical standards and observe the principals of fairness and impartiality in all dealings concerning DRESSAGE and its members. They must act in the interests of the members as a whole and not individual constituencies.
- Ensure that the confidentiality of the meeting room is maintained at all times. Minutes or summaries of proceedings may be published by agreement but details of discussions or other information remain confidential.
- Declare any conflicts of interest they may have in relation to matters being discussed. Such members may be asked to withdraw from discussion and/or abstain from voting.
- Take collective responsibility for decisions of the Committee. If they lose confidence in any significant decisions this should immediately be raised for debate. It is not acceptable for any Committee member to take such issue directly to the membership while they remain in office unless the Technical Committee has so agreed.