



Dressage Challenge Series Rebranded as Dressage Super 5 League

The evergreen National Challenge Series has undergone a makeover and a change to the points system to give the series (league) competition a focus on performance and be more equitable for all competitors.

The format for the Super 5 League across the 20 regional events will be similar to the previous Challenge Accumulators but Super 5 rosettes provided for 1st – 5th place in all levels (previously 1st – 4th).

The winners and placegetters of the National League Finals will be determined by scores gained at both the South Festival of Dressage and the Bates National Championships. This will be achieved by using the same judges to officiate the semi-finals at both the South Island Festival and the Bates National Championships a week later, with the exception of Level 9 which will remain a North & South Island final with different judges. This is based on the World Dressage Challenge judging format and will give all competitors a crack at the Super League Final title from their home turf and without having to cross the strait.

Combinations must qualify to enter the Island Semi Finals at a regional event.

Levels 1 - 2:	One total score of 63% and over
Levels 3 - 5:	One total score of 60% and over
Levels 6 - 9:	One total score of 57% and over

Changes to points system for the league as follows and will be allocated to the top five placed riders in each qualifying class:

1. Scores of 70 plus % - gain 10 points
2. Scores of 65 to 69.99% gain 7 points
3. Scores of 60 – 64.99% gain 5 points
4. Scores of 57 – 59.99% gain 3 points.
5. Scores less than 57% gain 1 point.

Full qualification criteria and conditions will be printed in the Dressage NZ Year book (available mid-September) and at www.nzequestrian.co.nz/dressage.

The Super 5 League Sponsors confirmed to date:

Level 1: Vetpro Equine Health & Performance Specialists

Level 2: Matthews Hanoverians

Level 3 (TBC)

Level 4: Dunstan Horse Feeds

Level 5: Fiber-Fresh Feeds

Advanced 6/7: Hobson Horsecorches

Intermediate Tour (Level 8) AR Dressage

Grand Prix: Super Rubber Surfaces

