



# THE JUMPING SEASON MEMBER CONSULTATION

In looking to the future we want our members to enjoy participation at any level they choose. What is possible and how could the future look? What is the Jumping season, should there be a winter and a summer season? Is the Series calendar the right duration or should it be extended? We need your input and would like to hear from you by 12th February.

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## INTRODUCTION

This consultation process is looking for your feedback and input regarding the Jumping season.

At the AGM in July, Article 200.10 was modified to add *the Season runs from 1 August to 31 July*, bringing it into line with the Series Conditions, and prompting the question “**What is the jumping season and what should it look like in the future?**”

We need your views on:

- definition of the jumping season,
- definition of events,
- what the future should look like, and
- what is fairness and equity in funding our sport.

**It is not the aim of this discussion to restrict events or to make it more expensive for events to happen. It is about a clear and fair system that is consistently applied across the country 12 months of the year.**

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## BACKGROUND

Currently the Jumping show season is defined by the show dates card which is the official calendar (Art 200.10). This covers the period from the first carded show in August through to the Series Finals in early April.

Each year in March, area and show committees submit preferred dates for the next season, and discussions are held with stakeholders with the draft show dates card being presented and ratified at the AGM in June. This becomes the official calendar and neither the show rating nor series competitions can be amended without good reason and approval from the Jumping Board.

Many events are run outside the period of the show dates card, by area groups, pony clubs and private organisations. These include training shows, winter jumping events and winter jumping series, which are all well supported indicating a 12-month jumping season is in place in most areas.

Levies are collected at shows during the season August – April, but not at events outside this period.

Annually, Jumping spends \$24,000 on officials training, and considerable time in maintaining the Jumping rules. These resources are funded from discipline starts, levies and sponsorship gathered during the season.

Jumping officials and rules are being used at events 12 months of the year. Many events run outside of the period of the show dates card and are not making any contribution for the use of ESNZ officials and rules, which gives a perception that carded shows are subsidising the others. It is not the aim of this discussion to restrict events or to make it more expensive for events to happen. It is about a clear and fair system that is consistently applied across the country, 12 months of the year.

Jumping is the only ESNZ discipline that is not receiving income from levies for 12 months of the year. Dressage, Eventing and Endurance all gather levies over the entire 12 months and have scales of fees based on the level of the competition.

Shows that are not run by an area, Pony Club or A&P are required to become either a Member Organisation if they run a number of events or an Associated Event if they just run one or two days a year- to use ESNZ officials and rules. Affiliation is also required for ESNZ officials to be covered by insurance. Affiliation fees range from \$60 - \$500 with additional insurance options available for Public Liability and Statutory Liability.

## INFORMATION AND STATISTICS

Information is provided below to inform your considerations.

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### Carded season: 17 August 2019 – 5 April 2020:

#### a. Carded Shows during 2019 – 2020

113 shows are affiliated to ESNZ and collected \$5 jumping levy per equine

- 1 HoY
- 17 Private (Woodhill Sands, Equitana, Takapoto)
- 60 Area Shows
- 27 A&P
- 8 Sports and PC

#### b. Non-Carded Shows during 2019 -2020

Using the online entry systems as a data source, 33 shows have been identified during the same period that were not carded, not affiliated, and did not collect levies.

- 31 Sports and PC shows
- 2 A&P

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### WINTER EVENTS: 13 APRIL-17 AUGUST 2019

Using the online entry systems as a data source, 45 shows have been identified during the winter months of 2019. A number of these were not affiliated, none collected levies.

- 26 PC
- 9 Area Groups
- 10 Private equestrian centres

#### 2. Winter Events: 2020

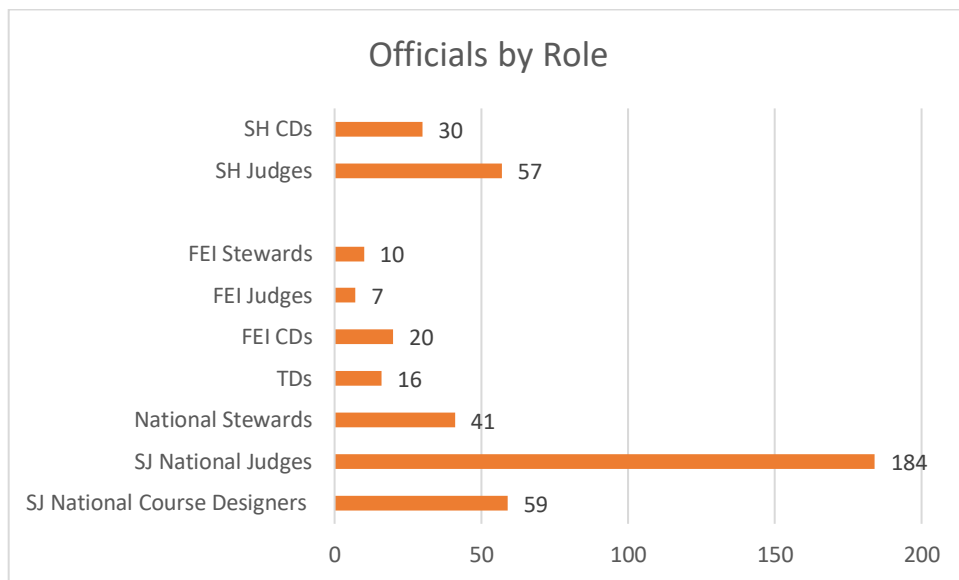
Using the online entry systems as a data source, 53 shows were advertised by areas, private equestrian facilities, and Pony Clubs. COVID restrictions resulted in many of these being cancelled.

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### OFFICIALS

- Jumping currently has 424 active officials.
- These officials must complete a refresher seminar at least every three years, however, are encouraged to attend every year where possible to stay current with rule changes and discuss issues.
- There are 10 - 12 national seminars held annually across New Zealand for Jumping and Show Hunter officials. These are delivered by volunteers who invest many unpaid hours into preparation and delivery.
- Jumping covers venue costs and course directors travel for seminars. Nationally this is approximately \$12,000 per annum. The remainder of the cost for travel and time falls on the officials and volunteers, who donate this to our sport.

- Show Hunter uses private venues (homes) and contributes towards officials travel as well as funding course directors’ travel. Annual spend is \$4,000.
- Approximately \$8000 is spent annually on training of FEI level officials. This is a small contribution only and officials contribute significant funds of their own to complete their training, usually at international locations. FEI officials are mandatory for World Cup and CSI 1\* events.



FEI OFFICIALS

FEI officials are required for FEI competitions, and there are eleven World Cup and CSI 1\* competitions on the calendar this season. FEI Officials are developed from experienced National Officials who have the desire, aptitude, and time to commit to the sport at this level. FEI events form part of our Jumping pathway for riders and are also an aspirational pathway for jumping officials.

Our FEI Official numbers are small, and investment is urgently needed to grow these numbers in all roles. Due to the small number of current FEI officials they are required to travel extensively within New Zealand. And they must go overseas to further their training, this is tough on the individuals and expensive for Jumping to cover travel costs. Several of these officials are also looking towards retirement, adding to the urgency to address the development of FEI officials.

World Cup Requirements (all must be FEI Officials)

- Judges: total 4: 1 x Chief Judge / POGJ (L3), and 3 judges
- Course Designers: total 3: 1 x Course Designer (L3) and 2 assistants (L2 & L1/2)
- Stewards: total 5: 1 x Chief Steward, 4 x assistant stewards

CSI 1\* Requirements (all must be FEI Officials)

- Judges: total 4: 1 x Chief Judge / POGJ (L3), and 3 judges
- Course Designers: total 2: 1 x Course Designer (L2/3) and 1 assistant (L2/1)

Stewards: total 5: 1 x Chief Steward, 4 x assistant stewards

**Current FEI Officials**

	FEI L1	FEI L2	FEI L3	FEI L4
Course Designers	10	6	4	-
Judges	1	3	3	-
Stewards	3	6	1	-

**MEMBERSHIP AND LEVY FEES 2020-2021**

**LEVY 2020-2021**

\$5 ESNZ Jumping Levy is payable by all horses/ponies competing in Jumping and/or Show Hunter during the season.

**ESNZ Membership**

- 12-month full membership and registration**

Full Membership: \$140 / Child 14 and under \$90

ESNZ Equine Registration: \$90

Jumping Discipline Start: Horse \$90 / Pony \$60

- Introductory Membership \$50 annually, or \$15 Casual Membership Day Start**

Riders may compete in **Introductory classes** (must be 80cm and under for ponies and 90cm and under for Horses). No equine registration required, must pay \$5 levy.

- \$20 Casual Jumping Levy (per show)**

The rider must be a full member with ESNZ. Horse/Pony not registered for ESNZ J/SH can compete using this levy. Can jump up to 1.00m on a pony and up to 1.10m on a horse. Cannot compete in series classes and will not be eligible for HOYQ points in SH.

**AFFILIATION FEES 2020-2021**

There are two options for affiliation - by event or annually.

a) Affiliated Events paying on a per event basis:

One day \$60 or two days \$100

b) Annual Affiliation known as Member Organisation

Annual Fee \$500

Insurance cover may be purchased for an additional \$200.

Public Liability \$5m and Statutory Liability \$2m.

## KEY ISSUES

- What does a clear and fair system that is consistently applied across the country 12 months of the year look like?
- The jumping season is defined by the show dates card/official calendar.
- Jumping events are held 12-months of the year and the show dates card is not aligned with this.
- The show dates card is crowded, and it is becoming more difficult to accommodate all requested events.
- Shows are closing entries early when they become “full” and riders are missing out.
- Jumping officials and rules are being used at many events outside the official calendar without any contribution by the events to their training.
- Levies are not gathered at all events using Jumping rules and officials.
- Shows collecting levies are subsidising those that use Jumping officials and rules without paying levies.
- Funding officials training and development of more officials – how to ensure fair contributions.
- Shows do not always affiliate with ESNZ, and therefore are not entitled to use ESNZ rules and officials.
- Jumping officials working at non-affiliated shows are not covered by ESNZ insurance.
- Definitions of events – what is a show, training day, and training event.
- FEI Officials pathway. More FEI Officials are needed to continue to run FEI events such as World Cup and CSI 1\*.

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## OPPORTUNITIES

What is possible and how could the future look.

- What is the jumping season?
- Should there be a summer season and a winter season?
- Series calendar – is this the right duration. Should it be extended?
- Should there be two seasons for series - a winter series as well as the National Series?
- If there were series through the winter season what would this look like. National? Regional? What levels?
- Training shows and training days – what do these look like?
- Should there be a tiered system for events in the winter or those below a certain height, or those without prize money? How do all of these scenarios work in a 12-month season?
- What else is possible?

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## CONSULTATION OUTLINE: WHAT DO WE WANT TO KNOW

In looking to the future, we want members to enjoy participation at any level they choose.

We want you to tell us definitions of events and what the future could look like.

- Is there a “season”? What does this look like?
- Could we run a National Series as we do now, and a National Winter Series?
- What is a training day? Does it have prizemoney? Ribbons? Is it restricted by heights? Are the rounds judged? What officials are required?
- What is a winter training series? What period would this cover? Does it have prizes?

- What collects levies, what does not?
- If the levy system is applied across the year for more events, what does that look like? If we collected levies fairly across the year should we reduce the levy amount or use the extra to invest in the sport's priority areas such as NECs and officials training?
- What do you consider is fair and equitable in contributions for using officials and rules?
- How do you feel about the current affiliation fee for non-affiliated shows and sports days so they can use our rules and officials?
- Should we introduce a 12-month dates calendar?
- What do you think of a one-off Jumping levy for small events, instead of gathering \$5 per rider?
- Any other suggestions?

## TIMELINE

We wish to consult with everyone and understand all the issues proactively before addressing any changes at an AGM.

The proposed timeline is:

Dec - Feb 2021	Issue Discussion Document to Stakeholder groups, and member survey.
Feb - Mar 2021	Analyse data provided and develop proposal document with options.
Mar - April 2021	Issue proposal document to stakeholders and publish on website. Gather feedback on options and determine solution.
May 2021	Jumping Board approve solution.
June 2021	Present to AGM along with any required rule changes.
1 August 2021	Target implementation of solution

We need your information back to us **by 12 February 2021**. From this we will analyse all the material and provide a further options paper for your discussion during March – April 2021.

Feedback is invited from Area Groups, Organising Committees, Officials, and members.

Please complete our online survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WFVRWHN>

Or detail your feedback in a document outlining your views and suggestions and send to Marilyn Thompson, Jumping Sport Manager, [marilyn@nzequestrian.org.nz](mailto:marilyn@nzequestrian.org.nz)

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