

## NMZ Examining Secretary's Report –

February 2012.

Last year we organised one large group exam day for the last term and all examiners were asked to attend on 24<sup>th</sup> Sept as arranged at DCI&ZA meeting. The venue was Yarrambat as they had a large group of riders booked in, however we ended up with only 13 riders on the day with 3 examiners.

The Zone Executive asked the DCI&ZA panel to run only 2 C test days for 2012 in NMZ to cut the costs of subsidising C tests, however the examiners were worried that only 2 dates would be too limiting.

As a result of the Executive's request only 4 C test days will be available in NMZ for 2012.

Until clubs request testing for their riders, we will not know how many examiners will be needed for each test date. It is expected that examiners will put aside the dates selected. I have contacted all NMZ examiners and so far have only 4 examiners available for 3 of the proposed dates – some of our examiners work shift work, some are involved with clinics, and others wish to compete so have not committed to fixed dates.

Pony Clubs will not be able to have C tests at their own club venues as in the past. Venues will be determined depending on the number of candidates. Riders may have a venue close by or may have to travel further across our zone. I'm not sure how many riders who do not float will be effected.

### **Clubs must ensure that selected dates will suit their riders.**

There will be no flexibility to allow for riders with sudden problems as we have done in the past. eg we sometimes slotted riders with problems, like a pony suddenly becoming lame, in with a different group to finish off ridden sections; or to fit in with school camps; or Grandmas 80<sup>th</sup> birthday etc.

The 4 dates for the written tests are as follows:

20<sup>th</sup> March.

8<sup>th</sup> May

19<sup>th</sup> June

11<sup>th</sup> August.

The practical riding days will be

March 24<sup>th</sup>

May 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> (TBD)

June 23<sup>rd</sup>

August 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> (TBD)

We have 3 K riders who will be completing K prac riding in April. As the first Sat is Easter we expect the date will possibly be the last Sat of the school holidays. Still waiting for confirmation.

**Please ensure** that all riders, DCs and club personnel who are **involved with all the C training** are aware of the changes and restricted number of available testing dates for this year.

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