



NSEA Additional Rules 2017-2018

The Additional Rules apply to membership, all competitions and include specific rules applying to particular events including the following: -

Dressage, Show Jumping & Arena Eventing qualifiers for the National Championships & Championships Plate 2018 as well as the Championships themselves.

(See also NSEA General Rules which apply to every competition. An abbreviated version of the General Rules (Appendix A) can be found at the back of this document.)

Please READ THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT, as a number of rules have been added/amended for 2017/2018.

NSEA Qualifiers (CHQ) for the NSEA Championships

www.nsea.org.uk/competitiondates/qualifiersforNSEAChamps2018

NSEA Championships @ Keysoe 19-22nd October 2018

Dressage, Arena Eventing (Jumping with Style) & Show Jumping
also NSEA Nations Cup competitions

NSEA Championship Plate @ Keysoe 17th-18th November 2018 (for teams & individuals placed 3rd-8th at CHQ)

The definition of the word "Championship" as used in this document refers to the National Championships (October) and the Championship Plate (November).
(Dressage tests may differ at the two events)

RULES THAT APPLY TO ALL DISCIPLINES

Show Jumping, Dressage and Arena Eventing (JwS), for the qualifying rounds and at the Championships

AR1) Balloting If entries at Qualifiers are over-subscribed, balloting out will take place in the following order:

- 1)** Entries that are received after the 'entries closure' date and any entry without the current NSEA Membership number correctly quoted.
- 2)** Third teams per school per class, and those from the same school who are entered only as individuals in that class.
- 3)** Second teams per school per class.
- 4)** First teams per school per class, and remaining individuals who are not part of a team.
- 5)** Organisers may retain £5 of the entry fee to cover admin costs if you are balloted out.
- 6) In exceptional circumstances a competition may need to close entries before the closing date (ie when entries are full) This will be clearly stated on the front of the schedule. (This is usually at venues where there are large numbers of different schools entering few teams and therefore the balloting process above does not work)**

In the event that any one of the above exclusions reduces eligible entries to the class to below the number of maximum entries allowed, the Show Organiser will draw names out of a hat from those who were previously ineligible, to fill the class.

AR2) The highest placed **2 teams and 2 individuals**, in each class, will qualify for the October Championships (see AR3). If they are unable to go to the Championships or have already qualified, the qualification will be passed down the line on the day (this can be offered down as far as 6th place at the judges' discretion). Qualification applies to horse/rider combination.

AR3) A school may compete at as many qualifying competitions as they wish but, may only qualify a maximum total of 3 teams per class for the Championships. **If a school finishes 1st and 2nd in the same class at a qualifier, both individuals and or teams, (providing they have no more than one rider common to each team), will qualify for the Championships.** No school sashes to be worn at prize giving (sponsor's request) as they may wish to present sashes of their own.

AR4) 1st & 2nd placed teams & individuals in each qualifying class, will qualify for the NSEA Championships in October. The 3rd to 8th placed teams & individuals in each qualifying class will qualify for the NSEA Championship Plate in November. If any on the top 8 teams has already qualified for either Championship or cannot compete at the Championships, the qualification can be passed down on the day of the qualifier.

AR5) Each team of four at the Championships must include two out of the original qualified four horse/rider combinations. However, if, in exceptional circumstances, a previously qualified team has only one of the original horse/rider combinations remaining, the School may be permitted, at the discretion of the NSEA, to substitute two new horse/rider combinations to make up a team of three. A Team Manager may have up to two wild card substitutions providing they fulfil the following criteria and all other restrictions listed in these rules:

a) The substitute horse/rider combination, should have successfully completed a NSEA Competition in the same year or a B.E, BS or Pony Club competition, at the same level or above, or may, in some cases, be included at the discretion of the Team Manager providing the circumstances have been discussed with and agreed by the NSEA.

b) A team may qualify with a team of only three riders, then take a fourth as one wild card, providing they fulfil the above criteria (see 'a')

c) If a team rider is eliminated at a qualifier and their team goes on to qualify, that rider may not compete at the Championships unless they successfully complete at another competition, at the same level or above and their entry is sent with an authorising letter from their Team Manager.

d) **A school, having qualified a team, may not qualify the same team of horse/rider combinations again, in the same class (same discipline, same height) and then split that team, to create two teams comprising two of the original horse/rider combinations in each team and drafting in two wild card substitute combinations into each, in order to turn the original qualified team of four horse/rider combinations into two teams for the Championships.**

AR6) Individual qualification refers to the horse/rider combination and therefore, neither the horse nor rider may be substituted at the Championships.

AR7) Objections must be made by the Team Manager only, within 5 minutes of the end of the class, in writing, with a £20 deposit. Video/photographic evidence should not be included in these objections but may be looked at if the organiser deems it necessary.

AR8) Only the Team Manager (Team Trainer, Supporting Teacher, Riding Captain or the appointed responsible adult for that school) of each school is to deal with the Secretary for declarations, enquiries, objections etc.

AR9) Declarations are to be made 10 minutes before the start of each class, by the Team Manager. No changes may be made after the start of the class. The end of the show shall be deemed as one hour after the last horse has competed.

AR10) For confirmation of entries at qualifiers and Championships, please check the NSEA website. **If you do not wish for your child's name to be posted on the website**, please note this on your entry form and confirm with the secretary.

AR11) At the Championships, the height of the fences shall be raised 5cms from the qualifying height in each round, at the course builder's discretion.

AR12) RIDERS & HORSES

i) All riders must be in full time education at the school or college they represent in 2018 (age U19. IE 18 and under on 1st Jan 2018) with the following exceptions, for those who have qualified to compete at a "Championships".

The definition of the word "Championship" as used in this document refers to the National Championships (October) and the Championship Plate (November).

a) A rider who changes schools in 2018 can only then compete for their new school, unless they have qualified with their previous school, for the 2018 Championships, prior to moving schools, in which case, they can represent their previous school, but only at the Championships, with the Head Teacher of the previous School's permission.

b) If a rider qualifies for one school, then changes school, they may ride at the Championships for the original school (see "a" above). However, if they also qualify, in the same class, for their new school, they may compete for either school but not for both in the same class.

c) If a rider has changed schools since originally qualifying, they may compete for their old school at the Championships (see "a" above) and also qualify in other classes for their new school. However, a rider may only compete for one school per class at the Championships. Riders may, therefore, represent more than one School at the Championships if the qualifications are in different classes, and the necessary permission is obtained from each school.

d) Once a rider leaves a school, they may no longer compete for that school (except at the Championships as detailed above). They may not, therefore, be used as a team "Wild Card" substitution for the Championships, unless they have previously qualified, as detailed above. A rider may not compete for their new school until they are enrolled at that school and the School Year has started.

ii) A **rider** who competes at 1.00m on any horse, at any competition, may not compete at 70cm at any NSEA competition. A rider who competes at 1.30m on any horse may only compete in 1m team & 1.10 team & individual classes upwards.

iii) A rider may only compete once in any team, therefore cannot compete two horses in the same team. A rider may ride a maximum of three horses per class.

iv) A horse/rider combination may only compete in 2 teams per discipline per qualifier but not in 2 teams in the same class. The horse/rider combination may also compete as an individual in a third class, if space allows. **No horse may be ridden twice in the same class.**

v) If a horse/rider combination wins an individual class at the Championship, they may compete in a team at a lower height the following year, but are unable to qualify individually for any height lower than the one at which they won.

vi) The scores of all team competitors, obtained whilst riding as a team member, will automatically also count as their individual score when determining the individual placings. (Top 2 teams & individuals to qualify for the National Championships). If classes are deemed too large, the Show Organiser may split the class into two sections. The first placed team & individual ONLY will then qualify, from each section, for the National Championships and the second and third placed teams & individuals, from each section, will qualify for the Championship Plate. At both the NSEA National Championship and the Championship Plate, where all individuals must have pre-qualified to compete as individuals, the dressage team & individual competitions will be run as separate classes. In the jumping classes, if riders have qualified as both a team member and as an individual for the Championships (in the same class), their team score will count as their individual score and they will jump only once.

vii) The minimum age for a child to compete in any NSEA Championship qualifier is 8 yrs of age on JAN 1st 2018. They must have successfully completed an NSEA competition (CC / RPL / CchQ) or similar prior to entry for a Qualifier.

AR13)

a) A horse may only compete once in each class and therefore, no horse may be ridden by two different riders in the same class. Warm up classes are not included.

b) A horse may compete in a maximum of **three** classes per discipline, at each qualifier. **(2 x team & 1 x individual)**

c) Horses to be plaited at the Championships.

AR14) The Show Organisers and judges reserve the right to penalise, including by elimination, any of the following:

a) Any rider they feel to be unsafe or using unnecessary force.

b) Any horse that looks unsound or unduly distressed or poses a danger to anyone.

c) Outside assistance which may benefit the rider unfairly.

d) Any rider or parent or team manager who is rude or abusive to any Competition Official or helper.

AR15) Serious cases of misconduct will be reported to the NSEA directly, where further action may be taken.

AR16) Any horse/rider combination in any Show Jumping or Arena Eventing class, which has represented their country in an International Competition, may only compete as an Individual in Advanced Open Classes and will forfeit any previously held Individual Championship qualifications which are not Advanced Open Classes. However, they may still compete as a part of a Team at 90cm (or above) providing they comply with the "30cm rule".

Any horse and rider combination in any Dressage class, which has represented their country in an International Competition, may only compete at Novice, Elementary or Medium level.

The above does not apply to any combination which has represented their country in an NSEA Nations Cup Jumping or Dressage Competition.

AR17) Advertising and Logos

School logos may be placed (in moderation) up to the maximum dimensions as follows:-

Saddlecloths – 200 sq cm

Hat covers – 3cm x 3cm

Jackets – 3cm x 3cm on the breast pocket

XC tops – 200sq cm (or 100 sq cm per arm)

Breeches (left leg only) – 20cm long, 4 cm wide

Sponsors logos may only appear once on either the horse or rider but not both and must be smaller than the school logo dimensions above.

AR18) NSEA Hat Rules 2018

For Dressage & Show Jumping:

British- All PAS 015, VG1 Provided they are BSI Kite Marked

European -VG1 Provided they are BSI Kite Marked

American – All SEI ASTM F1163 04a onwards and SNELL E2001

Australian & New Zealand – AS/NZS 3838 2003 onwards

Competitors are strongly advised to check their hats regularly, or take them to a reputable hat supplier to be checked. We recommend that hats are replaced following a fall or checked after any impact.

For Cross Country, Arena Eventing, JwS, Eventers Challenge:

Only a “Jockey’s Skull” may be worn, this must have no peak, peak type extensions or noticeable protuberances above the eyes. A removable hat cover with a light flexible peak may be used if required. Cameras may not be worn on any hat while riding.

SPECIFIC DISCIPLINES

NSEA DRESSAGE RULES

British Dressage Rules 2018 for (tests, tack etc) and NSEA Rules 2017/18

Dressage tests may be called at qualifiers, however, **not at the Championships.**

Headphones may be used in the warm up area but not during any test at any competition.

Criteria for Qualifying Classes

Preliminary (prelim) (Team & Individual)

DQ1) Prelim CHQ (team & individual) is open to horse & rider combinations that have not competed at British Dressage Elementary level or above and is open to horse & rider combinations with 21 BD points or less, gained together at novice level or above. Therefore, for those horse & rider combinations that compete at BD bronze prelim and silver prelim level, any prelim points gained are excluded from the 21 BD point limit. If you gain additional BD points after qualifying for the championships, which exceed the maximum allowed, you will forfeit your qualification.

Novice (Team & Individual)

DQ2) There are no restrictions on horse or rider in Novice classes.

Elementary (Individual)

DQ3) No restrictions on horse or rider

Medium (Individual)

DQ4) There will be a Medium competition at the Championships.

Only combinations who have qualified for the Championships in Novice (team or individual) or Elementary classes are eligible to enter.

Horse/rider combinations competing at Medium level may not compete in Prelim classes

Tests at Championship Qualifiers 2018 (Team & Individual) all in 20x40m arenas as follows..

Prelim= P 18 (2002)

Novice = N 28 (2008)

Elementary = E 42 (2008) Individual Only

Tests at the Championships

Championship Individual Tests 2018 all ridden in 20x60m arenas

Prelim 19 (2008), Novice 38 (2005) (Elementary 59 (2010), Medium 77 (2007)

Championship Team Tests 2018, all ridden in 20x40m arenas

Team Tests = Prelim 13 (2006) (up to two riders), Novice 34 (2009) (up to two riders)

NOTE : Championship Plate dressage tests may differ from the NSEA Championships

At qualifiers for individual classes, if there are fewer than 5 riders then the first placed rider only will qualify unless the second placed rider achieves a score of 65% or above, in which case they will also qualify. If there are 6 competitors or more, two riders will qualify per section.

Criteria for Team classes

DQ5) Teams shall be made up of 3 or 4 riders, best 3 scores to count. Riders may compete in either or both tests (Prelim & Novice) providing they are in different teams. Prelim riders must fulfil the prelim criteria in rule DQ1.) Novice test riders have no restrictions. The top two teams will qualify for the Championships and the 3rd to 8th placed teams will qualify for the Championship Plate.

NSEA SHOW JUMPING RULES

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS / CHAMPIONSHIPS

NSEA Rules 2017-18 see also British Show Jumping Rules 2017-18

JQ1) Mini (70-75cm) Riders to be Under 14 on 1st January 2018.

JQ2) The 30cm Rule - A combination of horse/pony & rider cannot qualify at a height which is 30cm lower than that at which they have previously competed (1st round height) in **any competition (not just NSEA competitions)**. Any combination of horse and rider that qualifies at one height, and then competes at a height 30cm higher than that qualification height in **any competition (not just NSEA competitions)**, will forfeit their qualification. **This rule does apply across disciplines.** That is, if you jump at 1.10m, in any jumping discipline, you cannot jump at 80cm on the same horse/pony, in any NSEA jumping discipline. This restriction does not apply to Open or Advanced Open qualifications. (If you jump 1.30m you wouldn't forfeit a 1m qualification).

JQ3) Qualifiers shall be run as single phase competitions. Heights in the first part of the round shall be as follows, and can be raised by 5cm in the jump off phase:

Mini – 70cm (team & individual)

Novice – 80cm (team & individual)

Intermediate – 90cm (team & individual)

Open – 1m (team & individual)

Advanced Open – 1.10m (individual) (split into horse & pony sections)

JQ4) There will be a 1.10m team competition at the Championships for riders who have qualified in 1m & 1.10 classes. These qualifications may be gained in either Show Jumping or Arena Eventing classes. The team must be made up of riders from the same school.

JQ5) Heights will be raised a further 5cm in each round at the Championships.

Show Jumping Rules at a glance...

Mini	70 – 75cm single phase	Riders minimum age 8yrs on 1 st Jan 2018, maximum U14 on 1 st Jan 2018. A rider who competes at 1.00m on any horse, at any competition, may not compete at 70cm at any NSEA competition. 30cm Rule applies. Horse/Rider combination not to have jumped in ANY affiliated or unaffiliated 1.00m jumping discipline Top 2 teams & individuals to qualify
Novice	80 – 85cm single phase	Age – U19 on 1 st Jan 2018. 30cm Rule applies. Horse/ Rider combination not to compete in 1.10m classes, but riders may compete in 1.10m classes on a different horse. Top 2 teams & individuals to qualify

Intermediate	90 – 95cm single phase	Age – U19 on 1 st Jan 2018. 30cm Rule applies. Top 2 teams & individuals to qualify
Open	1m-1.05m	Age – U19 on 1 st Jan 2018. Top 2 teams & individuals to qualify
Advanced Open	1.10m-1.15	Age- U 19 on 1 st Jan 2018 Top 2 horses & top 2 ponies to qualify.

ARENA EVENTING RULES - (Jumping with Style)

(note these rules are different to the NSEA Eventers Challenge Rules (see NSEA General Rules 17-18)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS / CHAMPIONSHIPS
NSEA JwS Rules (as follows) plus British Eventing Rules 2018

EQ1) Mini (70-75cm) Riders to be Under 14 on 1st January 2018.

EQ2) This competition is run on the lines of B.E. JAS competitions. The main difference is that the emphasis is more on the rider's **style and effectiveness**, and the **harmony between horse and rider** at school level. The style mark for the horse does not apply in Schools' Competitions, so the horse's ability has less influence in the marks.

EQ3 The 30cm Rule - A combination of horse/pony & rider cannot qualify at a height which is 30cm lower than that at which they have previously competed (1st round height) in **any competition (not just NSEA competitions)**. Any combination of horse and rider that qualifies at one height, and then competes at a height 30cm higher than that qualification height in **any competition (not just NSEA competitions)**, will forfeit their qualification. **This rule does apply across disciplines.** That is, if you jump at 1.10m, in any jumping discipline, you cannot jump at 80cm on the same horse/pony, in any NSEA jumping discipline. This restriction does not apply to Open or Advanced Open qualifications. (If you jump 1.30m you wouldn't forfeit a 1m qualification).

EQ4) Dress

XC colours to be worn – including body protector & skull cap to comply with BE Rules. (See rule AR18)

BETA Level 3 body protector 2009 standard

Hats may be tagged by either BE or Pony Club. **No fixed peak hats.**

Hair to be worn above the collar.

Gloves should be worn.

No earrings or other visible piercings.

EQ5) Team & Individual

Mini	70-75cm	Riders minimum age 8yrs on 1 st Jan 2018, maximum U14 on 1 st Jan 2018. A rider who competes at 1.00m on any horse, at any competition, may not compete at 70cm at any NSEA competition. 30cm Rule applies Horse/Rider combination not to have jumped in ANY affiliated or unaffiliated 1m Show Jumping discipline. Top 2 teams & individuals to qualify
Novice	80-85cm	Age – U19 on 1 st Jan 2018. Open to combinations of horses and riders who have not completed at BE pre-novice or higher or Badminton Grass Roots 90 Final. Top 30cm Rule applies. 2 teams & individuals to qualify

Intermediate	90-95cm	Age – U19 on 1 st Jan 2018. Open to all except horse/rider combinations that have completed at BE JRN Champs, Junior or Pony Final Trials & Champs or Badminton Grass Roots 100 Final. 30cm Rule applies. Top 2 teams & individuals to qualify
Open	1m-1.05m	Age – U19 on 1 st Jan 2018. Open to all. Top 2 teams & individuals to qualify
Advanced Open	1.10m	Age – U19 on 1 st Jan 2018. Open to all. Top 2 horses & top 2 ponies to qualify.

Championships – all courses will be raised a further 5cm at the Championships.

EQ6) All team members are automatically eligible for individual placings, except at the NSEA Championships where Individuals must have pre-qualified.

EQ7) The competition begins with a show jumping round started by a bell. The rider completes the show jumping section, then passes through a timing beam into the XC phase (which has an optimum time) and completes the XC phase, which will include angled rails, arrowheads and other simulated XC fences. This all takes place in one arena.

EQ8) Style mark – for horse/rider combination, including the position and effectiveness of the rider, with the ability to show a difference between the SJ and XC phase, through their style of riding. This will be judged by an accredited trainer or an elite rider.

EQ9) The aim of the competition is to achieve the fewest penalties from the total of the four components – SJ penalties, XC penalties, Style penalties and XC time penalties. Some XC fences have a knock down top rail. If this is knocked down, 4 penalties will be added to the penalty score.

EQ10) Arena Eventing is an Eventing Competition The winner will be the individual/team with the combination of the fewest penalties once the following four components have been added together:

- SJ jumping penalties
- XC jumping penalties
- XC time penalties
- overall style penalties (awarded for both SJ & XC phases combined)

THEREFORE – a team or individual having had fences down, can be placed ahead of a team or individual which has jumped clear rounds. As this is an Eventing competition, much more is taken into consideration than simply jumping clear.

EQ11) In the event of a tie, the competitor with the highest style mark (fewest style penalties) will be the winner. If still equal, the one closest to the optimum time will be the winner.

EQ12) PENALTIES FOR S.J AND X.C PHASES (combined) OF ARENA EVENTING

Knockdown	4 penalties
1st Refusal	4 penalties
2nd Refusal	8 penalties
3rd Refusal	Elimination
Rider Fall	Elimination
Horse Fall	Compulsory Retirement
Starting before the bell /Retaking an obstacle already jumped/ Error of course	Elimination

Every commenced second over the optimum time	1 penalty
Exceeding time limit (3 times the time allowed)	Elimination

Please Note – A horse which crosses its tracks in Show Jumping will be awarded penalties. In the Cross Country phase, a horse will only be penalised if it has been presented at a fence, except when going through a combination marked A,B,C.

EQ13) SPEED FOR SJ PHASE OF ARENA EVENTING

MINI – 300 m/m

NOVICE – OPEN = 325 m/m

EQ14) SPEED FOR X.C. PHASE OF ARENA EVENTING

Mini = 325m/m

Novice Intermediate & Open = 325 – 375 m/m **(at the judge’s discretion, depending on the size & shape of the arena)**

A rider will not receive time penalties for going too fast- but may lose style marks if they look untidy/unsafe

NOTE – NO STOP WATCHES ALLOWED. The OPTIMUM TIME is not published before the start of the class as it may give competitors who compete towards the end of the section an unfair advantage.

EQ15) There will be a 2 minute warning given to riders not ready to jump, before elimination.

Other classes at the NSEA Championships

NSEA Nations Cup 2018

For 2018 , two competitors per nation shall qualify at each height for the NSEA Nations Cup Team Show Jumping and Team Eventers Challenge Classes at the NSEA Championships. (70, 80, 90cm & 1m) Each nation will have a team of up to 8 riders. Horses and riders may only compete once in a team.

Riders must be current NSEA members to qualify and need to compete for the country they were born in.

Qualifying Event	Show Jumping	Dressage	Eventers Challenge
England	NSEA County Championships @ Bury Farm in April 20-22 nd April 2018	NSEA County Championships @ Bury Farm in April 20-22 nd April 2018	NSEA Eventers Challenge Champs @ Hickstead in 27/28 th May 2018
Scotland	NSEA SJ CHQ @ ISEC 1 & 2nd September 2018	NSEA DR CHQ @ ISEC 15 th September 2018	NSEA NC EC CHQ @ ISEC 1 & 2nd September 2018
Wales	NSEA SJ CHQ @ Hartpury 9 th June 2018	NSEA DR CHQ @ Hartpury 9 th June 2018	NSEA NC EC @ Hartpury 29 th September 2018

See the following page for a copy of an Arena Eventing judges score sheet

JUDGES SHEET

Appendix A

NSEA General Rules that apply to all NSEA competitions including NCHQ

Note For details of...

1) Grass Roots, 2) Regional Points Leagues, 3) NSEA BE National Eventing ODE Points Leagues, 4) County Challenge Show Jumping & Dressage Qualifiers & Championships, 5) NSEA Winter Eventers Challenge Series, 6) Royal Windsor Show Jumping Qualifiers, 7) NSEA Pop-Up Dressage Points League

See full General Rules on the NSEA Website

Competition Codes

The meaning of the competition codes, used in the rules and on the website, are as follows:-

GR – Grass Roots Competition

GRQ – Grass Roots Qualifier. Top 6 placed teams and individuals will qualify for the Grass Roots Regional Final.

RPL – Regional Points League Competition

Cchq SJ – County Show Jumping Qualifier

Cchq DR– County Dressage Qualifier. The top placed team and individual will qualify to represent their County and school at the County Challenge Championships.

Q – Qualifier for a National Final which is NOT included at the NSEA National Schools Championships. Eg Hickstead Elite qualifiers, Eventers Challenge qualifiers etc

NCHQ – National Championships Qualifier. The top two placed teams and individuals will qualify to represent their school at the annual National Championships.

Ascending levels of dressage in NSEA competitions...

Introductory- Walk & trot (Grass Roots level)

Preliminary (prelim) , Novice,

Elementary (Ele), Medium

A) Eligibility and Membership

A1) All Competing Schools must be current members of the NSEA.

A2) Membership runs from September 1st to August 31st inclusive each year, and must be renewed before competing at NSEA competitions held after August 31st.

A3) To be eligible to compete at NSEA competitions, riders must be in full time education at the school they represent (see Competition Rules D2 for more information).
A member school must have registered the rider's name with the NSEA, as part of their riding squad. New riders coming into the school must be added to the affiliated list before they compete. Once a rider has been named as a member of the riding squad and a membership number has been given, they cannot be swapped for another, within the current membership year.

A4) Riders who are Home Schooled may compete as individuals and the Home School is registered in the usual way; a Home Schooled group may compete as a team provided this is agreed with the NSEA Membership Office

A5) Each School must obtain the consent of the Head Teacher in order to compete on behalf of their school; this consent should take the form of a signature on the Membership Application form.

B) Team Managers

B1) Each School must nominate a Team Manager. More than one may be nominated if necessary and can be a parent. If the Team Manager changes, please inform the NSEA promptly.

B2) The Team Manager will be expected to know these general rules, and the rules of the competition at which their School is competing. We understand that many Schools' Team Managers are volunteer parents rather than professionals, so please note that, although these vary between competitions, the rules are kept as clear, easy to understand and concise as possible. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that the team manager enters their son/daughter in competitions at an appropriate level commensurate with the child's ability and experience.

B3) ONLY the Team Manager is to deal with the Secretary and/or officials of an event.
Changes to team members / individuals must be made before the day of the competition and preferably before start times have been published. Changes on the day may only be made if there is an injury or incident which prevents a horse or rider from competing and will be at the discretion of the Competition Secretary. The NSEA will generally handle communications through the Team Manager.

B4) In the event of an objection, the Team Manager must lodge a written objection with the Secretary within five minutes of the end of the class. This must be accompanied by a £20 deposit, which may be forfeited in the event of an unsuccessful appeal.

B5) The Team Manager is responsible for the conduct of all riders, parents and persons associated with their School, which includes the use of social media (See C4).

C) Codes of Conduct

C1) Team Managers

The Team Manager is the school representative on the day. They need to ensure that riders and parents from their school display good sportsmanship, horsemanship and equine welfare at all times and adhere to the NSEA rules.

C2) Competitor's Code of Conduct

- Competitors need to be aware of and abide by the rules of competition.
- Competitors need to be correctly turned out, according to the rules.
- Competitors must be aware that they are representing their school at all times and they need to be polite and considerate to all officials and fellow competitors.
- The welfare of their horse/ pony is of paramount importance.
- **Competitors are expected to attend official Prize Giving's, dressed in appropriate competition dress ie show jackets for show jumping and dressage and XC kit for arena eventing. If a competitor is unable to attend, they will need to send a representative to attend for them. Competitors will forfeit any prizes / rosettes not collected at the prize giving.**
- Competitors are encouraged to thank the show organiser's of the competition, before they leave. It is much appreciated.

C3) Parent's Code of Conduct

- Parents need to be aware of the NSEA competition rules and abide by them.
- There should be no outside assistance, except in Grass Roots classes (40 & 50cm) and in Dressage. See specific Grass Roots and Dressage Rules for guidance.
- The Team Manager acts for the school. Parents must defer to the Team Manager at all times, including when making enquiries.
- Parents should be reminded that whilst NSEA events are competitive, it is the rider and not the parent who is competing.
- Sportsmanship and respect for officials, Team Managers, other competitors and fellow Parents is of utmost importance.
- The welfare of the horse/pony and child is of paramount importance.
- All siblings need to be under the guidance of their parents at all times and may not ride if they are not competing.

C4) Social Media

Whilst the NSEA recognises the need for communication through social media it must not be used as a medium to undermine the NSEA's reputation in any way nor to compromise the NSEA's confidentiality and child safeguarding policies.

For those competing in NSEA National Championship Qualifiers (where the Championships are to be held in 2018) and at the NSEA Championships in October 2018, please also see 'The Additional Rules'

All NSEA competitions will be run under the NSEA General Rules A to F

In addition, the following will also apply to the relevant discipline :

Show Jumping – British Show Jumping Rules 2017-18

Dressage – British Dressage Rules 2017-18

Eventing – British Eventing Rules 2017-18

Jumping with Style – NSEA JwS Rules 2017-18 for scoring, British Eventing Rules 2017-18 for tack etc

D) Horses and Riders

D1) The 30cm Rule (General)

Any combination of horse and rider cannot compete in a jumping class at an NSEA competition, except hors concors, where the height is 30cm lower than that at which they have previously competed, (1st round height) in **any** competition (not just NSEA competitions). This restriction does not apply to Open or Advanced Open classes. Therefore, Horse/Rider combinations jumping 1.30m or over may compete in NSEA Open or Advanced Open classes. If competing in a County Challenge Competition, please also see rule CchJQ1

D2) Changing Schools

The definition of the word "Championship" as used in sub paragraphs a), b), c) & d) below includes Grass Roots Regional Finals, County Challenge Championships (April) and the National Championships (October).

a) A rider who changes schools in 2017/18 can only then compete for their new school, unless they qualified with their previous school, for the 2017 Championships, prior to moving schools, in which case, they can represent their previous school, but only at the Championships, with the Head Teacher of the previous School's permission.

b) If a rider qualifies for one school, then changes school, they may ride at the Championships for the original school (see "a" above). However, if they also qualify, in the same class, for their new school, they may compete for either school but not for both in the same class.

c) If a rider has changed schools since originally qualifying, they may compete for their old school at the Championships (see "a" above) and also qualify for other classes for their new school. However, a rider may only compete for one school per class at the Championships. Riders may, therefore, represent more than one School at the Championships if the qualifications are in different classes, and the necessary permission is obtained from each School.

d) Once a rider leaves a school, they may no longer compete for that school (except at the Championships and providing they have qualified to do so, as detailed above). They may not, therefore, be used as a team "Wild Card" substitute for the Championships

without prior qualification, as detailed above. A rider may not compete for their new school until they are enrolled at that school, and the School Year has started.

- D3) School logos** may be placed (in moderation) up to the maximum dimensions as follows:-
Saddlecloths – 200 sq cm
Hat covers – 3cm x 3cm
Jackets – 3cm x 3cm on the breast pocket
XC tops – 200sq cm (or 100 sq cm per arm)
Breeches (left leg only) – 20cm long, 4 cm wide
Sponsors logos may only appear once on either the horse or rider but not both and must be smaller than the school logo dimensions above.
- D4)** Horses must be entered in NSEA classes under their BD/ BE/ BS registered name. In most cases this will be the name shown in their Equine Passport and not their stable name and may only compete once per class.
- D5) Stallions may only compete in NSEA competitions with prior written permission of the competition organiser and should be identified on the competition entry form.** This must be sought in advance of the entry closure date. The stallion must then wear a stallion disc. Please also be mindful that not all competitors will realize that the horse is a stallion.
- D6)** All competitors and horses should look clean, neat and tidy. Long hair should be put in a hairnet for Dressage, One Day Events, Arena Eventing and Show Jumping. Hair should not be worn below collar length in any NSEA competitions.
- D7) Hat Rules**
For Dressage & Show Jumping:
British- All PAS 015, VG1 - Provided they are BSI Kite Marked
European -VG1 - Provided they are BSI Kite Marked
American – All SEI ASTM F1163 04a onwards and SNELL E2001
Australian & New Zealand – AS/NZS 3838 2003 onwards
- For Cross Country, Arena Eventing, JWS, Eventers Challenge:**
Only a “Jockey’s Skull” may be worn, this must have **no peak**, peak type extensions or noticeable protuberances above the eyes. A removable hat cover with a light flexible peak may be used if required. Cameras may not be worn on any hat while riding.
- All Competitors are strongly advised to check their hats regularly, or take them to a reputable hat supplier to be checked. We recommend that hats are replaced following a fall and checked after any impact.
- D8)** Tack should fit correctly and all safety equipment should be of working standard and worn at all necessary times.
- D9)** The NSEA recommends that any competitor who falls off during any sort of warm up should always find a Medic and be checked over before they compete. Any official attending will be able to advise of the location of the Medical Team.
- D10)** Boys and girls will compete in the same classes.
- D11)** All competitors attending prize givings must be correctly dressed. An Organiser reserves the right to withhold rosettes and prizes if they see fit.
- D12)** Horses may only be ridden by NSEA competitors at an NSEA competition. A horse is not to be ridden or warmed up by anyone other than the rider who is competing that horse at that competition. Horses may only be lunged in designated lunging areas, by prior permission of the Show Organiser.
- E) Teams/Individuals**
- E1)** Teams to consist of at least three, and at most four, riders, unless the rules that are specific to a particular competition state otherwise.
- E2)** At competitions where both teams & individuals are taking part, the scores of all team competitors obtained whilst riding as a team member, will automatically also count as their individual score when determining the individual placings. This also applies to team riders competing at the NSEA Championships, who have also qualified to compete as individuals. Please note that all horse/rider combinations must have pre-qualified to compete as individuals at the Championships.
- E3)** The best three scores count in a team competition. A team which does not register at least three valid scores will be eliminated. Any individual scores registered as part of an eliminated team will still be counted in individual competitions, where applicable.
- E4)** All riders must be from the same Member School, and be registered with the NSEA in the riding squad of that School. (see Competition Rules D2 for more information)

- E5)** Riders may only compete once in a team, so may not ride two horses in the same team, except in Grass Roots competitions – see specific Grass Roots rules.
- E6)** At local level (GR & RPL) jumping, an individual may ride 3 different horses in any one class, and those horses may be ridden in up to 3 classes. Therefore, a horse/rider combination may compete in 3 teams at different heights – see specific Grass Roots and RPL rules.
- E7)** In County qualifying Competitions (Cchq), an individual may ride a maximum of three different horses in any one class and a horse/rider combination may compete in 2 teams at the same competition, providing that they are at 2 different adjacent heights. (ie 70cm & 80cm, 80cm & 90cm, 90cm & 1m but not 70cm & 90cm or 80 & 1m see rule CCJ1)
No rider may compete in 70cm & 1m classes.

E8) Each team of four at a Championships must include two out of the original qualified four horse/rider combinations. **However, if, in exceptional circumstances, a previously qualified team has only one of the original horse/rider combinations remaining, the School may be permitted, at the discretion of the NSEA, to substitute two new horse/rider combinations to make up a team of three.**

A Team Manager may have up to two wild card substitutions providing they fulfil the following criteria and all other restrictions listed in these rules:

- a)** The substitute horse/rider combination, should have successfully completed a NSEA Competition in the same year or a B.E, BS or Pony Club competition, at the same level or above, or may, in some cases, be included at the discretion of the Team Manager providing the circumstances have been discussed with and agreed by the NSEA.
- b)** A team may qualify with a team of only three riders, then take a fourth as one wild card, providing they fulfil the above criteria (see 'a')
- c)** If a team rider is eliminated at a qualifier and their team goes on to qualify, that rider may not compete at the Championships unless they successfully complete at another competition, at the same level or above and their entry is sent with an authorising letter from their Team Manager.
- d)** A school, having qualified a team, may not qualify the same team of horse/rider combinations again, in the same class (same discipline, same height) and then split that team, to create two teams comprising two of the original horse/rider combinations in each team and drafting in two wild card substitute combinations into each, in order to turn the original qualified team of four horse/rider combinations into two teams for the Championships.

E9) Individual qualification refers to the horse/rider combination and therefore, neither the horse nor rider may be substituted at a Championships.

F) Powers of Judges/Show Organisers

F1) The Judges and Show Organisers have the right to stop any competitor during their round and/or subsequently eliminate them if they deem the following:

- That a rider, horse or combination is unsafe or poses an unacceptable risk to themselves, their horse or others.
- That a rider is unfit to compete.
- That a horse is unsound or distressed
- That a rider or person associated with the rider, has used any unacceptable force on a horse, anywhere at an event.
- That a person has, in the opinion of the Organiser or Judges, forced a child to compete against their express wishes – this is not to discourage encouraging the child to challenge their abilities.
- Any rider who has benefited unfairly from outside assistance. This is not to discourage support and encouragement.
- Any rider, or Team Manager, supporter or other associated person who is abusive, uncooperative, or rude to any Official.

In the event of a dispute, the NSEA will act as the final arbiter.

F2) The Judges and Show Organisers' have the right to require any competitor to satisfactorily complete the following before they are permitted to compete:

- An examination of the rider by a member of medical staff.
- An examination of the horse by a vet.
- An examination by an official of any item of equipment or tack.
- An examination of evidence of their Membership of their School's Riding Squad.

F3) The end of the show will be deemed to be one hour after the last horse competes.

F4) The NSEA Knockdown/Late Drop Rule

The 'knockdown rule' is to be applied in all NSEA Jumping competitions. It is to be used over the British Eventing and British Show Jumping rules covering knockdowns and 'late drops'. The rule is designed to bring clarity and uniformity to NSEA jumping competitions.

A 'knockdown' is interpreted as the lowering of the height of a fence caused by the competitor. The lowering of the fence must have occurred before the competitor crosses the finish line.

The pole does not need to actually strike the ground, merely come to a position lower than its starting place.

Knocking down lower poles or planks will not count as a penalty- only the upper pole.

The below examples are hoped to provide some 'practical application' of the rule - all are taken from real scenarios.

Example 1 - the pole falls onto a filler, not the floor.

4 faults as the fence's height was lowered by the competitor.

Example 2 - the pole does not leave the cup, but the retractable wing/stand's height is reduced by an impact.

4 faults as the fence's height was lowered by the competitor.

Example 3 - planks begin swinging in the cup due to an impact from a competitor, but actually leave the cup and fall AFTER the competitor has crossed the finish line.

No faults. The alteration in the height of the fence occurred after the competitor had crossed the line, even if the cause of that alteration occurred prior to the finish.

F5) Balloting If entries at Qualifiers are over-subscribed, balloting out will take place in the following order:

- 1) Entries that are received after the 'entries closure' date and any entry without the current NSEA Membership number correctly quoted.
- 2) Third teams per school per class, and those from the same school who are entered only as individuals in that class.
- 3) Second teams per school per class.
- 4) First teams per school per class, and remaining individuals who are not part of a team.

In the event that any one of the above exclusions reduces eligible entries to the class to below the number of maximum entries allowed, the Show Organiser will draw names out of a hat from those who were previously ineligible, to fill the class

F6) The end of the show is deemed to be when the show is cleared down ie approximately half an hour after the last horse has jumped.